

Scottie Barner. Breast cancer.

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

**Sibbie Byrd.** Nursing home. Health concerns.

**Brooklyn Carronna.** Grand niece to Kitty & Rita. Autoimmune disorder.

**Drew Clifton.** Need of prayer.

Hester Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Wes Johnson. Friend of Cookie Spencer. Cancer.

Steven Kelly. Cancer.

**Ryan Kendrick.** Special needs.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

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Karen Lovell. Health concerns.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

**Carolyn Roop.** Recovering from a recent stroke.

Joe & Marcia Shulam. Health concerns.

**Kitty Shumate.** Upcoming back surgery.

Virginia "Cookie" Spencer. Health concerns.

Sharon Teschendorf. Dementia.

**Velvet Wyatt.** Recovering from a broken arm.

Wayne Youngblood. Parkinson's & Dementia.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Leaders & Military

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew.

Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received.

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Got Hope?

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"We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You" (Psalm 33:20-22).

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#### Collinsville Church of Christ

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> Times We Meet: Sunday:

**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. **Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday:** 

**Ladies' Class:** 10:00 a.m. **Virtual Psalms Class:** 12:30 p.m. on Facebook.



Along with faith and love, hope is named as one of the gifts that would remain when all lesser ones ceased, were stilled, or passed away. Why is hope so important that God would leave it with us? In addition to him telling us that hope does not disappoint, is an anchor for the soul, and is a certainty about that we must take by faith, God also tells us that we all put our hope in something. "No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance" (Psalm 33:16-17). Let us not be like the world who, to find the joy in living, places its hope in the bottle that suppresses, the pleasure that escapes, or the bling that suffocates. Egoism, hedonism, and materialism are vain hopes. Rather, "the eyes of the Lord are on those who hear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine" (Psalm 33:18-19). What a gift hope is for those trusting in God for eternal life and this one we live.

Got hope?

—Doug Kashorek

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#### The Human Race!

The Christian takes a different view of life and the world, than does the person who lives in and for the world. And that is true with regard to matters of race. There are things that are common to all of mankind. Feeling of joy, sorrow, pain, love of family, and the fear of death. But without doubt the most common human experience is the need for salvation. This is presented in a most wonderful way with Peter's dealing with matters of race. Peter was called upon by the Spirit of God to teach the Gospel to Cornelius, a Gentile. Peter being a Jew was by law forbidden to even go into the house of Cornelius. But a new and Higher law prevailed. The law that brought the Gospel to all mankind.

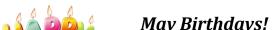
The Gospel is blind to matters of race. It doesn't take into account where one is born. The Gospel has but one aim, the salvation of those who are lost in sin. We should all note Peter's statement in Acts 10:34-35, "Then Peter opened his mouth and said: In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him." We should also note what Paul writes in Gal. 3:27-28, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

The only race that matters to the children of God is the race toward Heaven on that narrow road called life. —Floyd C. Johnson

#### **Atonement**

From the time of the first sin in Genesis 3 when Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit, people have continually separated themselves from God by transgressing His law. God is Holy (1 Peter 1:16), that is, He is separate from sin, so when I defile myself by committing sin I create a barrier between God and myself.

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6TH LORI PALMER
11TH SIMON BEAVERS
22ND ANNIE BEAVERS
23RD LIZ THOMPSON
23RD JAMES PATRICK



#### May Anniversary!

T JAMES & DONNA PATRICK



## Thursday Ladies' Bible Class!

Class starts at: 10:00 a.m. Come early at: 9:30 a.m. for coffee & donuts!



# Thursday Mid-week Virtual Bible Class!

Virtual Class on Psalms, Thursdays around 12:30 p.m. on our Facebook Page.



#### Pizza/Movie Nights!

Our Pizza & Movie Nights will return on May 3rd! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.



#### Men's Breakfast!

Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat May 24th! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.



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#### Potter Children's Home Commodities Drive!

It is once again time to help stock the pantry at Potter Children's Home for the summer. Please bring in the following by Sunday, June 8: Honey Nut Cheerios, Cheez-Its, Chicken Ramen, Brown Rice and Grape Juice. Also, if you would like to donate funds to help buy perishable items, please place your donation in the offering box and mark it for Potter. All items and funds must be in by June 8th as Potter will be picking up that week.



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#### **Solution**

multitude, house; Man, world; devil, harvest, angels; true; righteous, sun



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- **John 14:21,** "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me."
- John 15:10, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love"
- John 15:14, "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."

Note that there is no room for options, opinions, or omissions. That's because Jesus is the One with all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 18:18). Whatever He has commanded, we'd better do. And Jesus commanded baptism as necessary for salvation (Mark 16:16) and declared it as the process for making disciples (Matt. 28:19). The apostles went about baptizing "in the name of" Jesus Christ (i.e. in the manner and for the purpose He authorized, Acts 2:38; 10:48). They knew something we should never forget. If it is a command from Christ it's not an option.

—Selected, via Beech Grove church of Christ, Spring Hill, TN



### On the Lighter Side

As a man is walking down the street with his friend, he says, "Look at me. I'm a walking economy."

His friend replies, "And just how do you figure that?"

"Well, my hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and the combination of these factors is putting me in deep depression.

A man went to work one day with both his ears bandaged. His boss asked what happened and he replied, "I was ironing a shirt when the phone rang and I accidentally answered the iron instead of the phone." "Well," said the boss, "that explains one ear, but what about the other one?'" "They called back."

"Atonement" Continued from Page 2... Sin severs my relationship with God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Each person who has the ability to understand right from wrong at some point chooses to sin, thus creating this barrier (Romans 3:23; 7:9).

The amazing thing about God's love for us is that even though we are responsible for severing the oneness we once had with Him, He is the one who has acted first to restore the relationship (John 3:16; 1 John 4:19). Atonement is when God takes actions to restore His relationship with us. A good way to remember the word is to break it down into the saying "At-one-ment." Atonement is the act that makes me "at one" with God. Though it is my sin that severed the relationship, it is His actions that make oneness possible again. Notice how many times the Lord says "I will" in this great passage introducing atonement in Hebrews 8:10-12. "For this is the covenant that *I will* make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; *I will* put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For *I will* be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will *I* remember no more" (emphasis added).

The actions that God took for atonement involved the sending of His Son Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, to shed His blood for us on the cross (Romans 5:11; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Upon that act of atonement the new covenant, (which the above quotation from Hebrews 8 is describing), is established. Aren't you thankful that God took the necessary steps to make it possible for you to be at one with Him again? Isn't it wonderful that He is willing to be merciful to your unrighteousness and no longer remember your iniquities? Are you willing to take the necessary steps to respond to God's atoning through Jesus by obeying the Gospel? Are you one of His people? Do you have His laws in your heart and mind?

### Commands from Christ are Not Optional

I recently received a daily devotional email sample from a denominational organization hoping I would be interested in signing up.

After the devotional, they answered a question. The question was: "Can you go to heaven if you trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior but you are not yet baptized?"

RIGHT =

← WRONG

They began their answer by saying: "Yes. Baptism has nothing to do with salvation." Later in the answer they stated, "Baptism is an ordinance instituted by Christ until the end of the age." Clearly this command was not only for the apostles who heard it but for His followers throughout the entire age. Finally they concluded with, "One is saved without, apart from and before baptism. Those who are saved should desire baptism as a public profession of faith, but please realize that it is not necessary for salvation. If a person believes in Jesus as Lord and is never baptized, they will still be saved."

I would like to analyze how they answered this most sincere and important question about baptism and see if it really "holds water." I think it is very interesting that they admit that baptism is a command from Christ and then declare that it does not have to be followed. Imagine that! The command from Jesus Christ to be baptized is optional (so they say)! I wonder what other commands from Christ would be optional? I guess all that are not in line with man's teachings.

All facetiousness aside, listen to what Jesus Himself said of what our attitude should be toward every command He gives:

• John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

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#### Matthew 13:36-43



- 1. "Then Jesus sent the \_ away and went into the \_."
- 2. "He who sows the good seed is the Son of \_\_. The field is the \_\_, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one."
- 3. "The enemy who owed them is the \_\_, the \_\_ is the end of the age, and the reapers are the \_\_."
- 4. True or False: Those who practice lawlessness will be cast into a furnace of fire.
- 5. "Then the \_ will shine forth as the \_ in the kingdom of their Father."

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7



### Did You Know This About Psalms?

Psalms is a book of praises to God written by a number of different authors.

About 73 of them are attributed to David, twelve were by Asaph, ten are by the sons of Korah, two are authored by Solomon, and one by Moses. About 50 are anonymous.

But have you ever heard of Heman and Ethan?

They each wrote one of the psalms (88 and 89), and both are called Ezrahites. They were both among the wisest men, with 1 Kings 4:31 saying Solomon's wisdom exceeded that of these men.

—Matt Clifton

