

Church of Christ

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully –
Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Drew Shinn and Kim V.

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, and Millie Robertson.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Gospel Meeting at 39th Street with Toney Smith March 24th – 27th
Singing March 27th
5th Sunday Fellowship Meal March 31st
Questions and Answers March 31st
Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Brendan Carr April 21st – 24th

Birthdays

Linny Collins 20th
Birdie Collins 22nd

Passage to Ponder: Acts 24:25

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Sunday Sermons

A.M..... A Case of Non-Conversion
P.M..... Controlling the Tongue

BAPTISM—URGENT AND ESSENTIAL

Those To Serve

March 17th, 2024

Morning Worship

Announcements

George Thomas

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Preside

Steve Phillips

Assist

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Ron Campbell

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

**Wed. March 20th,
2024**

Song Leader

George Thomas

Invitation

Zac Hall

In New Testament times people were baptized as soon as they heard the gospel and had faith in Christ (**Acts 2:41; 8:35-39; 16:30-34**). There were no postponements or delays; there was no such thing as waiting for a “baptismal day.” It was always “straightway,” “the same day,” “the same hour of the night,” etc. They thought baptism was urgent and essential.

Furthermore, the inspired men of the New Testament did not take baptism lightly. They never poked fun at it saying, “There’s no power in the water,” neither did they accuse some of trusting in “water salvation.” They taught that Jesus made atonement for sin in His death, and they commanded all to believe, repent, and be baptized in order to receive the benefits of His death (**Romans 6:3-4**). They viewed baptism as an act of faith in and submission to Jesus Christ, the Savior, who has all authority (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

All would freely admit that there is no power in the water of baptism. The power is of the Lord. Jesus healed a blind man by anointing his eyes and saying, “Go wash in the pool of Siloam” (**John 9:6-7**). The blind man did not object by saying, “There is no power in the water.” He knew that the power was of the Lord and he needed to obey to receive the blessing. Likewise, there is no power in the water of baptism, but one must go to the water to receive the blessing. To be cleansed of leprosy, Naaman was told, “Go and wash in Jordan seven times (**2 Kings 5:10**). There was no power in the water of Jordan, but if Naaman had not obeyed, he would not have been cleansed. Similarly, if one does not obey in baptism, he will not be cleansed.

One is not lost just because he is not baptized. He is lost because he is a sinner. If someone who can’t swim falls into a lake and a boat is sent, but he won’t get into the boat, is he drowning because he won’t get into the boat? No, he is drowning because he is in the water. Likewise, one is not lost just because he is not baptized, but because he is in sin. Just as the boat is the means of

rescue and one must get into it, the gospel is the means of salvation and must be obeyed (baptism included) to rescue from sin.

Who has the right today to label baptism as “non-essential” or in anyway minimize any of the commands of Christ? Aren’t all of the commands of the Lord essential? He said, “Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not the things which I say?” (**Luke 6:46**). As Lord, He has the right to make baptism an important step in the plan. He is the Savior and His will must become ours. He is the “author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (**Hebrews 5:9**).

If, when baptized, you put on Christ (**Galatians 3:27**), wash away sins (**Acts 22:16**), have remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**), are saved (**Mark 16:16**), benefit from Christ’s death (**Romans 6:3-4**), and enter the body of Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:13**), what is your condition without baptism? Why not repent and be immersed in the name of Christ for the remission of sins? Let no man deceive you. Humbly obey the gospel today!