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A Baptism in the New Testament

It is interesting to go back in time to see the church in its primitive state.... when the Spirit was still directly instructing Christians on how God wanted religion practiced.

One of the most detailed cases of conversion is the Ethiopian whom Philip taught while traveling down a lonely back road (Acts 8:26-40). This treasurer requested baptism, and Philip conducted his baptism in the way God approves.

Note carefully how baptism was done in the New Testament.

The treasurer made a confession of faith before baptism He said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (8:37). No one can be scripturally baptized unless he has faith in Jesus (Jn. 8:24; Mk. 16:16) and is willing to make it known (Rm. 10:9, 10). Note that he did not confess that God had for Jesus' sake already forgiven his sin, since his baptism was for the purpose of forgiving sin (Acts 2:38 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).

The treasurer was immediately baptized. He did not hesitate nor procrastinate. He was not told he would have to be voted on (unheard of in the New Testament) or that he would be on probation for some time. He did not have to go through weeks of classes or have to wait for several others who also wanted to be baptized. Someone has noted that no sinner in the Book of Acts ate, drank, or slept before being baptized once they learned that they were lost.

Both the candidate and the administrator got in the water. They "both went down into the water" and came up out of the water (8:38, 39). Some have said that the eunuch was holding up a water jug when he said, "See here is water..." (One older lady heard that and said, "My Bible says they both went down into the water. Are you telling me they both went down into a jug?!" Insert "jug" for water in the text and see the silliness of it.) Baptism in the New Testament was always a burial-never sprinkling or pouring (Mk. 1: 10; Jn. 3:23; Rm. 6:4, 5; Col. 2:12).

Baptism began a joyful journey with God. Acts 8:40 says this new Christian "went on his way rejoicing." Why? Because his sins were washed away and he had been added to God's family, the church (Acts 2:47). Each of God's steps to salvation is important:

Faith changes man's thinking (Hebrews 11:6); Repentance changes his lifestyle (Acts 3:19); Confession of faith forces him to "come out in the open" (Matthew 10:32, 33); Baptism changes his guilty state (from "outside" to "inside" Christ's body, Gal. 3:26, 27).

Study the other cases of conversion in the Book of Acts and note carefully the original pattern. Let's do what they did.

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Leadership		Schedule of Services	
Elders	Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey	Sunday	
Deacons	Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney	Bible Class	10:00 AM
Pulpit Minister	David Wright	Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Associate Minister	Irvin F. Williams	Evening Worship	6:00 PM
Panama Missions		Wednesday	
Evans Campbell	Pablo Sanchez	Bible Class	7:00 PM
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Those Privileged to Serve			
AM Service		PM Service	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr
Opening Prayer	Joe Sweeney	Bible Reading	Leon Stocksdale
Scripture	Harold Tincher	Selection	22
Sermon	Irvin Williams	Prayer	Clint Smith Sr
Lord's Supper	Matt 26:26-68	Sermon	Irvin Williams
Message	Rick Martin	Closing Prayer	Ron Iverson
Attendant	Marc Owens	<i>If you are unable to serve,</i>	
Attendant	David Blackwell	<i>Call Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>	
Closing Prayer	Hayward Blanton	<i>Or Harold Tincher 288-5956</i>	
		AM & PM Services	
		Announcements	Robby Stocksdale
		Lord's Supper	Matt Johnson
		Offering	Kevin Blalock
		Usher	Greg Blanton
		Count Offering	Art Patrick
		Assist Count	Hank Tincher
		Last Sunday	
		Contribution	Attendance
		\$3166	86

A note from our Elders: Jerry and Hayward invite and encourage the male members of the congregation to volunteer to present a Wednesday devotional during the spring quarter March thru May. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Lessons should be prepared and 3 – 5 minutes in duration.

A Peddler's Pot of Soup

There was a great famine in Eastern Europe. People hoarded all their food. A stranger wandered into town, promising to prepare a delicious soup for everyone. He heated water in a cauldron, removed a stone from a velvet bag, and proceeded to cook it. He hinted to the curious people that it would taste much better with a little cabbage—someone brought one to him. The stranger also mentioned other ingredients, one at a time, which the villagers produced. The villagers offered to pay the peddler a great deal of money for the stone, which he refused to sell.

Long after the famine ended, the people reminisced about the finest soup they had ever had, not realizing that they had in actuality "pitched in" for the common good of all.

When each of us contributes what we have, the Lord's church both individually and collectively is benefited and blessed. "For we are workers together with God..." (1 Corinthians 3:9a; 2 Corinthians 1:24; Philippians 4:3; Colossians 4:1 1; 3 John 1:8).

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A Cup of Coffee

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned to complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor came in with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups—porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite—telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice-looking expensive cups were taken, leaving the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee in most cases. It is just more expensive; in some cases it even hides what we drink.

"What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups ... and then began eyeing each other's cups."

Consider this: life is the coffee; the jobs, money, and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live: Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us." God brews the coffee, not the cups . . . enjoy your coffee. "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." -Philippians 4: 11

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Sermon

Col. 4:2-6

"Christian Behavior" (a.m.)

"Is It No Thing to You" (p.m.)

Prayer List: MARTIN BONNEY, Larry Coulter (Lou Ann), JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Martlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THERESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Lynn Tincher (Fern), Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West, Jeremy Whitlow

Hamburg Pike Happenings

- Kids Movie Night is scheduled for Friday February 28th, 6:30pm to 9:00pm. The featured movie is "Veggie Tales: Jonah." Flyers are available on the table and details are posted on the board. Invite your friends and family to join you for this fun event. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. See Clint Smith Jr. for any questions.
- An activity for the teens is scheduled for Saturday March 1 at 5:00 pm, pizza will be provided. More details to follow; see Michael Hawkins or Matt Johnson for transportation.
- The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 3rd @ 6 pm. Please come join us and sign the sheet if you plan to attend. The meal theme is oriental.
- With warmer weather and more construction activity, the Building Committee is asking parents to keep their children indoors before and after services until the construction project is completed. This request is intended to protect our children from injury. If a child manages to get into a construction area (either inside or outside the building), adults are urged to bring him to his parents. And parents are encouraged to take no offense if this happens. None is intended. All the children at Hamburg Pike are a wonderful blessing to the church. And we want them to have a place to run and play. This desire has shaped the entire project. The requested restriction is inconvenient but only temporary. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Please mark your calendar for two important upcoming events. First, Hamburg Pike is holding a Gospel meeting April 25-27. The guest speaker is to be Doug Burleson. Second, Hamburg Pike is having its first vacation Bible school July 20-23. Josh Wright is planning to bring a group of young people from Rome, Georgia, to help with this good work. If possible, please plan vacations with these dates in mind.
- The Elizabethtown congregation is hosting an evangelism seminar with Stephen Rogers on Saturday, April 12. The cost per person is \$10. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please RSVP by March 21; a flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

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