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Century Correctional Institutional:
Sunday 8 A.M.
(excluding 2nd Sunday of each month)

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Sunday 2 P.M.
(excluding 1st Sunday of each month)

Personal Notes:

Our Record

September 26, 2010

Sunday A.M. Bible Class 67
Sunday A.M. Worship 104
Sunday P.M. Worship 81
Wednesday 37
Contribution 2398.00

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him...”
1 Corinthians 16:1-2

**Sermons for Sunday
September 26, 2010**

A.M.
“*The True Friend*”
Jesse Claunch

P.M.
“*Micah 6:8*”
Jesse Claunch



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We Have Tamed the World

Throughout the centuries man has come to dominate almost everything he has seen or touched. Whether it be plants animals earth or other men, all has been under mans control at some point.

Think of the vast ships that sail the oceans carrying things back and forth from continent to continent. Think of the fields covering the earth where man has cultivated and tamed crops for food, clothing, and many other uses. Think of the great zoos, aquariums, and circuses where animals have been tamed and trained to do tricks and perform any number of services. Think of the complex tunnels and subways underneath large cities such as New York and London. Man has been able to conquer and control almost everything he touches.

But the smallest of things man has almost never learned to tame, control, or conquer. James said, “Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things...but the tone can no man tame...” (James 3:5-8). Such a small member of our bodies can be such a hard thing to control and tame. We must always to vigilant and aware of what and how we are speaking, knowing that we can let something slip and cause a great deal of trouble.

Jesse Claunch

Schedule of Services

Sunday Services

Bible Study.....9:30 A.M.
A.M. Services.....10:30 A.M.
P.M. Services.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Services

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

Radio Program

WPFL FM Sundays
at 12pm

Other Services

Century Care Center
Last Tuesday of each
Month @ 6pm

**THOSE TO SERVE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010
Sunday Morning**

Announcements.....Johnny Burkhead
Opening Prayer Bible Study.....Jesse Claunch
Closing Prayer Bible Study..... Travis Smith
Opening Prayer.....Jerry Brantley
Song Leading A.M.Lewie Joe
Song Leading P.M.Rummie Tetter
Closing Prayer..... Trey Burgess
Lord's Table..... Don Belveal
Billy Hendricks, Robert Carden, Loyd Lynn

Wednesday Night
Jerry Scott

**Hoomesville Church
Of Christ
Clifford Dixon**

**Century Correctional
Institute**
Jerry Brantley
Rummie Tetter

If "It Doesn't Make Any Difference," Then What Difference Does It Make?

We are told by most religious groups that baptism "doesn't make any difference." It is said to be unnecessary, non-essential, certainly not something required for salvation. However, when we read about it in the Scriptures we get a completely different picture. The Bible reveals it to be "for [in order to] the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), in order to "wash away sins" (Acts 22:16), a necessity to contacting the blood of Christ (Rom. 6:3, 4) and that it "saves" (1 Pet. 3:21).

In Acts 19:1-5, the Bible demonstrates yet again the fallacy of the idea that baptism "doesn't make any difference." Paul encountered twelve men as he came into Ephesus. He asked them if they had "received the Holy Ghost since ye believed" (vs. 2). Their answer revealed ignorance in their knowledge of the Holy Spirit. Paul asked, "Unto what then were ye baptized?" (vs. 3). There was a connection between their baptism and their reception of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 2:38). Their answer revealed that they had been baptized "unto John's baptism" (vs. 3). What did "John's baptism" involve? A quick survey reveals it to have been: in water (Jn. 3:23); "unto repentance" (Mt. 3:11); and, "for the remission of sins" (Mk. 1:4; Lk. 3:3). In light of these facts, why baptize these men again? If "it doesn't make any difference," then what difference does it make? And, yet, baptize them again is exactly what Paul did (vs. 5).

Baptism is a critical Bible subject; one on which men place too little emphasis. It is, after all, baptism that puts one "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27), where salvation is found (II Tim. 2:10). If salvation is "in Christ" (and it is), and baptism is the only means the Bible reveals that puts one "into Christ" (and it is), then how is baptism not essential to salvation? The answer is simple- it is essential to salvation!

One other point should be noticed about this matter in Acts 19. After baptizing them "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (vs. 5), Paul proceeded to lay "his hands upon" these men (vs. 6). It was then, and only then, that they received the ability to speak with tongues and prophesy ("the gift of the Holy Spirit"- Acts 2:38). This should come as no surprise, since the Bible reveals that it is through (and only through) "the laying on of the apostles' hands" that such ability is given (Acts 8:18). Therefore, such is not being done today.

The next time you are approached with the idea that baptism "doesn't make any difference," kindly turn to Acts 19 and inquire about these twelve men. If "it [baptism] doesn't make any difference," then what difference does it make?

-Eddy Gilpin

Century's News and Notes

Announcements

*Be sure to bring items for Guyana. There is a list on the bulletin board.

-Deadline for the medication is today!

*Gospel Meeting at the Leonard Street Church of Christ in Pensacola Oct. 3rd-6th.
Speaker, Patrick Swayne.
Details will be posted on the bulletin board.

* The Mt Dora Children's Home Truck came by Tuesday night and picked up all of the donations. They were very thankful and appreciative of our giving.

*Our Gospel Meeting & Homecoming will be Nov. 7th-10th. Speaker, Bryant Evans. Fellowship meal following.

Prayer List

John Corter **Jack Brantley**
Curtis Chavers **Gene White**
Mary Kamp **Heide DeGuire**

Austin Cagle- Leukemia
Ty Johnson- staph infection
Dianna Salter- Went back to the hospital last week but is at home agin
Mary Ann Carnley- bone cancer
Darrell Powell - (Jesse claunch's cousin) possibly has cancer, more test to be done this week
Ted Russell- (Member at Margret St. Church of Christ) had triple bypass
Chase Jenkins - skin infection
Carolyn Gomilian - (member of Jay Church of Christ) died this past Monday
Lucielle Scott - in Sacred Heart Hospital

Happy Birthday!!
Clifford Dixon (3rd), Carly Willis (5th), Wade Hammac (8th),

Happy Anniversary!!
Rob &Shauna Hughes (4th)