

Church of Christ

Florence

November 27, 2016

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Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Class	7:00 pm

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FROM THE ELDERS

Due to safety concerns
The church doors will be locked
10 minutes after the beginning of service.
Someone will be stationed in the foyer
to allow admittance to latecomers.

WHY DO I NEED TO BE SAVED?

Kent Heaton

The question of salvation is a very important issue to those who understand what it means to be lost. Appeals are made to find salvation in Jesus Christ and many respond to the gospel call. However, there are many, many more who do not heed the call of finding peace and safety in the Lord. While we focus on what a person must do to be saved, we often forget to explain to this same person the need of salvation. Until a person recognizes the need for salvation, the quest for salvation will be mute. In other words, salvation is an answer to being lost but most people do not realize they are lost.

If a man is drowning, he knows certain things. He knows he is in trouble, he knows the water will kill him, he cannot save himself and time is important. The reason he is drowning is that he is not made to breathe under water and that for whatever reason that brought him to this moment; he is in peril of death! All of these things combine to confirm a need for salvation. He does not need to be told he needs saving, he knows it!

Consider the power of sin. The Bible tells us that sin is lawlessness (1 John 3:4). From the Old Testament we learn that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). Isaiah writes in Isaiah 59:2, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he will not hear." Man is in "trouble" because sin separates him from God. Sin will destroy man (Romans 6:23; James 1:15). The reason man needs God is because he can do nothing to save himself in regard to his deliverance. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). When man sinned in Genesis 3, God delivered man; [it was] not man delivering man.

The drowning man knows that he is in trouble and the water will kill him but his only deliverance can come from someone else. As in the spiritual sea of sin, man is in trouble and if he allows sin to continue in his life, he will be destroyed. The only hope of rescue came from God's love in sending Jesus Christ to the cross, and the power of the resurrection. Without this sacrifice, man was separated from God.

"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

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The Church you read about in the Bible

And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephesians 2:15-18).

Time is important because death comes upon all men (Hebrews 9:27) and then the judgment. The reason we need to be saved is because we have realized we are lost. We want to be saved now! When we come to this understanding, we can then see the reason for salvation. God did not make us to dwell in the sea of sin. We are to be creatures of the day (Ephesians 5:8-14) and we are to live to serve God (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14). The only hope man has of saving himself is found in Jesus Christ (John 14:6). To respond to the gospel call, the need for salvation must clearly be seen.

How is man saved from the grave of sin? As he comes to the realization of the truth of Jesus Christ, he believes with all his heart the good news of salvation (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15,16). Through this knowledge comes the heart remorseful of sin and seeks change (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38). With a willingness to commit to bearing the cross of Christ (Luke 14:25-33) and the confession of Christ on his lips (Romans 10:9,10) the lost man obeys the command of God in having their sins washed away in the waters of baptism (Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3,4; 1 Peter 3:21). Arising from these waters, he is a new child, born again, seeking the eternal resurrection. Living faithfully, and dedicated to the cause of Christ, he seeks to find others to save (1 Timothy 4:16). Do you know you are lost? If you have not obeyed the will of God, you have no hope (Matthew 7:21-23). Come to Christ and obey him – you are drowning without Him.

The Plan of Salvation

'What Must I do to be saved?'

This is the question that every man and woman must answer in their lives if they hope to spend eternity with God in Heaven. The apostle Paul says, in Phil 2:12, to those of the church in Philippi,

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Thus, we understand that it is our own responsibility to answer the question, "What we must do to be saved?" No one else can answer that question for us, nor can we trust others with this, most important, decision. We must seek our answer from God and His Word.

God's Plan of Salvation

GOD'S PART

1. The great love of God for man (John 3:16)
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior (Luke 19:10)
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide (John 16:13)
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation (Romans 1:16)
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ (Romans 5:9)

MAN'S PART

1. Hear the Gospel. (Romans 10:17, John 8:32)
2. Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31)
3. Repent of past sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30)
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32)
5. Be Baptized (Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38)
6. Be faithful unto death (Revelations 2:10)

God has done His part; will you do yours?

If you have any questions about salvation, are interested in a Bible study, or would like more information about the Church of Christ please contact one of the Elders or the Minister.

Collecting For Those In Need

The Emergency Shelter of NKY items needed:

(Men's Shelter)

- **SOCKS**
- Men's Jeans
- Men's Sweatshirts
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants
- Underwear (New)

There is a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping at the shelter.

Benevolence Pantry items needed:

- Canned Goods
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Milk
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Juice Packs
- Baby Formula & Food

MEETING

Elders, Deacons, Coordinators, and Preacher Meet

December 4th. @ 4:30

Senior Christmas Party

December 7th @ 11:30 am

At Nancy Delauder's home

Please bring a side dish.

Adult Holiday Event

December 9th @ 6:00 pm

\$15 gift limit

Men bring a man's gift. Women bring a woman's gift.

Christmas Benevolence

The Christmas lists are up on the Benevolence board in the hall. Please look through the cut outs and choose one to help. The family name is on the back and you need to sign your name by that child's name in that family. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the building by December 18th.

Centurions of Scripture

We would like to challenge the entire congregation to memorize 100 scriptures. Our youth do this as a part of the Lads to Leaders program. We ask that you do this with your family. We will be putting two scriptures in the bulletin each week.

This week's scriptures to memorize are:

Psalms 119: 67-68

67. Before I was afflicted I went astray,

But now I keep Your word.

68. You are good, and do good;

Teach me Your statutes

To ensure accuracy of announcements and prayer requests please fill out a gold or blue form and turn in to the office by Wednesday.

Prayer List

Tom Garland, Diana Green's brother in law, bypass surgery

Jim Gilpan, friend of Clint Green, heart attack

June Pugh

Oswaldo Bonaga, friend of Vicky Robinson, health issues

Alexis Aiken, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,

Nancy Noojin, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues

Bowen Becker, Bob Becker's grandson, heart problems

Stacie Grindstaff

Peggy Harber, Bob Warmack's cousin, on life support

Cindy Walker health issues

Grant County Schools facing lawsuit for having Bibles in the schools and student led prayer.

Our Elders

Our Nation's Leaders

Our Military Personnel

Our Police, Emergency and Healthcare Personnel

The Churches of Christ around the world

All those traveling

The Emergency Shelter

The Creation Museum and Ark Encounter

Those who have lost loved ones

George Lang Family

Jack Wagner Family

Those with cancer and their families

Oswaldo Bonaga Dennis Blundell Margie Koons

Randy Williams Desirae Wilson Janice Gallagher

Gary Burke Dwight Lowerg Kay Shinck

Jim Kennedy Layla Adkins Jim McCarthy

Kristen Shaw Ayden Egan Donnice Palmer

Donna Farrar Peggy Davis Mike Lohman

Lorraine Starr Gwen Miller Lindy Blankenbuehler

Tammy Palmer Chad Fischer Buddy Webb

Ashley Pike Debbie Hellman Lois Stroub

Theresa Falukner Nancy Lambert Ruth Phelps

Mike Lowe Steve Dobson Serena

Cale Thomas

Our shut-ins and those caring for them

Joyce Tingle Chuck Gambil

Eveline Lanham Dessie Hacker

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer" 1 Peter 3:12

Please check the prayer list and let me know of any updates.

Thank you.-Nita

Serving in AM Worship

	November 27	December 4
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Jesse Black	JD Martin
Song Leader	Jerry Gorman	Randy Johnson
Communion	Robert Budy	Carl Power
Serve	Kyle Strasser	Mark Walker
Serve	Jerry Gorman	Nathan Bowling
Serve	Steve Thomas	Dan Brown
Serve	Matthew Hallmark	Wyatt Robbins
Serve	Daniel House	Steve Thomas
Serve	Dave Moster	Clint Green
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 28: 18-20</i>	Mark Walker	Kyle Strasser
Sermon	Bruce House	Bruce House
<i>Is Getting Baptized ALL That Really Matters?</i>		
Closing Prayer	Wyatt Robbins	Mark Walker

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Opening Prayer	Robert Budy	Jesse Black
Song Leader	Jerry Gorman	Randy Johnson
Communion	Robert Budy	Carl Power
Sermon	Kyle Strasser	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Kyle Strasser

Wednesday

	November 30	December 7
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Jerry Gorman
Invitation	Wyatt Robbins	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Bob Warmack	Dave Moster
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

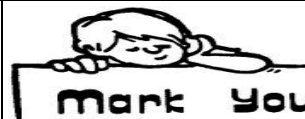
Communion Prep

November	Jesse & Michele Black
December	Dan Brown

Greeters

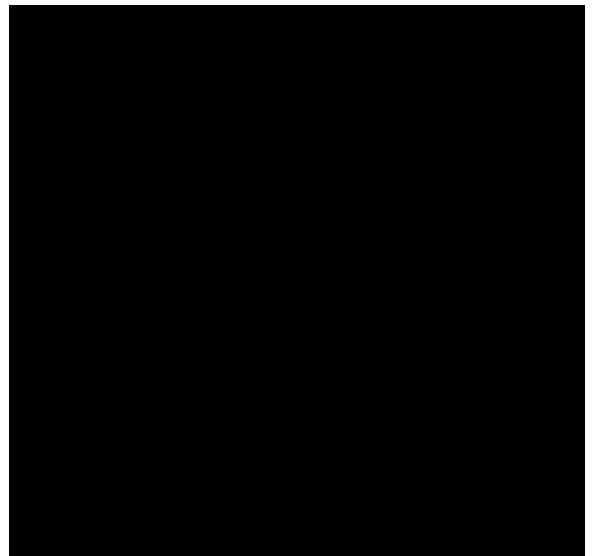
November	Ruth Schindler
December	Greeters Needed

*serve
wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving
the Lord, not men.
Ephesians 6:7*



Mark Your Calendar

Nov	27	<u>There will be NO potluck today</u>
Nov	27	Lads to Leaders Team B
Dec	3	Lads to Leaders Indv. Scrapbook
Dec	4	Elders, Deacons, Coordinators & Preacher Meeting
Dec	4	Men's Prayer Session
Dec	7	Senior Christmas Party
Dec	9	Adult Holiday Event
Dec	10	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Dec	11	Lads to Leaders Team A
Dec	16	Bible Bowl Meeting
Dec	18	Lads to Leaders Team B



Deacons

Jesse Black	<i>Children's Education/ Fellowships</i>
Matthew Hallmark	<i>Building Maintenance</i>
Wyatt Robbins	<i>Youth and as needed</i>

Coordinators

Jerry Gorman	<i>Prime Timers</i>
Dave Moster	<i>Worship Service/ Duty Roster</i>

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