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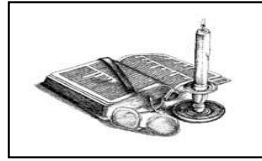
Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----
---Matthew 5:16---*

Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.

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ATTENDANCE week of May 26, 2019

Sun School-----18
Worship----- 28
Wed, night-----12
Contribution-----706

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Farmer came forward last week after the men's meeting requesting to be restored to the Church. A prayer for forgiveness and thankfulness for this young man's willingness to rededicate himself to God was said. If you have not done so, please give him a hug and welcome him back.

First Sunday fellowship today after morning service. If you are visiting please stay and enjoy a meal with us.

If you wish to add anyone or take someone off the prayer list, please let Bro. Flowers know.

If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.

PRAYER LIST:

Sonny Gay
E.Y. Fry
Dick Godfrey
Michael Dixon
Josh McElrath
Janice Johnson
Annemarie Ruhlman
Margaret Schoen
Coleen Holt
Jan Townsend
Carolyn Ledford
Muriel Boyd
Martin Davis
Jim Johnson
Don Blackwell
Sheri Blackwell

Birthdays:

Margaret Schoen (2)
Carolyn Ledford (5)

Wednesday Night Bible Study
1st Corinthians (chpt 6)

Does God Hear All Prayers?

By Jason Flowers

Does God hear the prayer of the Non-Christian (someone not baptized in accordance with the Bible and into Christ's Church)? In context of the account in **John 9:31** Christ is refuting his healing of a blind man on the Sabbath. The plain truth is an affirmation of Jesus as the Christ, having been sent by God. It is a reaffirmation of **John 3:2**. Simply saying he is a man of God.

John 9:31 tells us that God does not hear sinners. David also said that God will not hear him if he has iniquity in his heart (**Psalm 66:18**). Maybe we need to look at a definition of sinners as seen in the context here.

If we apply this to only Non-Christians, then we would be saying we are perfect. Wouldn't we? Well as a child of God, properly baptized, we can have our sins continually washed away by asking for forgiveness of sins as we pray. But someone who has not been baptized cannot do this. But are they any more or less active sinners than we are? Yes, they do participate in the sin of omission by refusing to fully obey the gospel, but do they commit any more or vicious sins than us as Christians.

Notice some instances where the Bible records those not baptized having their prayers heard. We are told that Paul prayed fervently before being baptized or even instructed on what to do (**Acts 9:11**). Surely as he persecuted the Church Saul prayed that he was doing God's will, to which he received an answer and gladly changed. Cornelius was told by an angel that his prayers were being heard (**Acts 10:30**). This was before both men were baptized becoming a child of God and member of the Church.

So, would it be correct to say that if a Non-Christian prays for guidance or understanding in study that his prayers hit the ceiling never to be heard. Or does God hear them and knowing their heart uses his providential care to expose them to the truth. Maybe (my opinion) God also answers many of our good friends and neighbors with the same answer we would give to someone not technically our child. That is, "I wish I could help you, but you are not my child yet and this privilege you ask for is reserved for them." This is definitely something worth serious thought and study, please share with me your findings after doing such.

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:3-7

THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY

Announcements.....Ron Weston
Bible Class Prayer.....Jason Flowers
Song LeaderDon Roe
Direct Lord's Supper.... Ed Townsend
Assist Lord's Supper.... Ernest McElrath
Assist Lord's Supper.....Doug McElrath
Opening Prayer.....Micah Pate
Scripture Reading.....Martin Davis
Sermon.....Jason Flowers
Closing Prayer.....Doug McElrath

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

HEAR GOD'S WORD—ROMANS 10:17
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1ST COR 15:58

Announcements, prayer requests, or suggestions

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