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This month I'd like to talk about 3 big decisions in the lives of every believer.

The first decision is a SALVATION decision. This is where we accept Christ as Savior & Lord. A lot of people use the Romans Road to discuss salvation. Basically,

Romans 3:23 tells us that we are all sinners
Romans 6:23 tells us the wages of sin is death
Romans 5:8 says that Jesus died for us
Romans 10:9 says if we confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.

That is the first decision a person makes...it's literally HOW they become a Christian. The salvation decision.



The next major decision is BAPTISM. In the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says,

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Baptism does not save us, but it's the FIRST step of obedience for a believer, once they have accepted Christ as their savior. Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. It symbolizes the believer's identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It's a outward PICTURE of what

already has happened in a person's heart when they accepted Jesus.

For example...when the person is put under the water...that's a picture of death...if they were held there, they would die. But the person is brought back up out of the water...that's a picture of them being risen with Christ. Baptism is a kind of testimony...where we are showing the world that we have a new relationship with Christ.

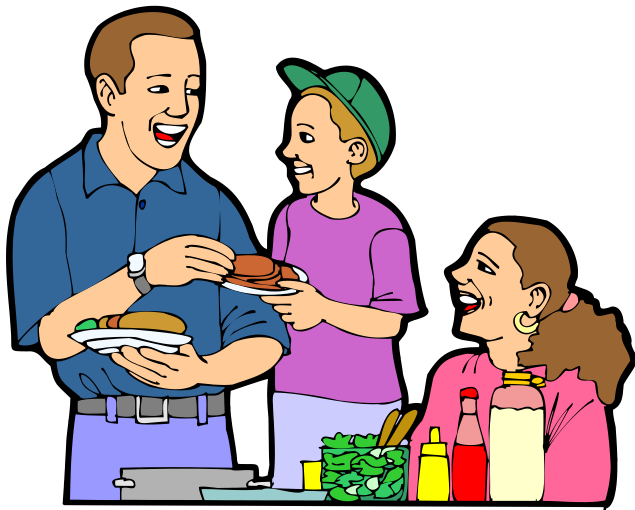
The Third major decision that a Christian usually makes regards CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. Church membership is a formal association with a local church community. It involves committing to a specific congregation, participating in its activities, and often agreeing to its doctrinal beliefs and practices.

Our church requires that church members be baptized. Often, folks will make a decision to be baptized and join the church at the same time. And so, after the baptism, I will present their name before the church, saying...MR. SOANDSO has accepted Christ, been baptized, and would like to unite with us...all in favor say AMEN! And when the congregation says, "Amen", they are voting the person into fellowship.

Sometimes folks chose to get baptized first...and then later, after they are little older, they decide to commit to becoming a church member. So they accept Jesus, they come forward and get baptized...and then a few years down the road, they come forward and join the church.

It's important to remember that these are 3 distinct decisions. Salvation (accepting Jesus), baptism, and church membership. So don't get them confused. Baptism doesn't automatically save a person (their sins aren't washed away in that water...only Jesus blood paid the price for our sins). Just as being baptized doesn't automatically make one a church member...A person must commit to a church and be accepted into fellowship.

Pastor Jim.



POTLUCK LUNCH

We will have a potluck style lunch right after the morning worship service on Sunday, September 8. Bring something to share and enjoy the fellowship with your church family.

DRBA SCHOLARSHIP

The Deadline for the DRBA scholarship has been extended, so if you're interested in applying, please scan the QR code into your phone below. Thanks!

DAN RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 2024

SCHOLARSHIP

Jason C. Carr

The Jason C. Carr Scholarship is open to members of DRBA churches. It will be awarded for courses Focused on Christian Education/Ministry from established Christian institutions. Courses may be on campus or online. Approved Scholarship funds will be made payable to the institution where the student has been accepted. Application forms for scholarships will be available from the DRBA office or you can fill out a form online. You can use the link below or scan the QR code into your phone.

Application deadline is 08/15/24.

<https://form.jotform.com/210136943189054>




GREETERS

September 1 – Joan Boutwell
 September 8 – Stover Owen
 September 15 – Ricky Loftis
 September 22 – Phylliss Dawson
 September 29 – Owen Satterfield
 October 6 – Crystal Blanks
 October 13 – Joan Boutwell
 October 20 – Stover Owen
 October 27 – Ricky Loftis



Meetings

Mon. Oct. 7th, 2024 at 7PM Deacons & Wives Meeting
 Sun. Oct. 27th, 2024 DRBA Annual Meeting
 Sun. Nov 3th, 2024 at 6PM Quarterly Business Meeting



On Sunday Evenings we are doing a Lifeway study called Characters at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall.

On Wednesday Evenings we are doing a Liturgy series by D.K. McKelvey at 7PM in the fellowship hall.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Winn's Creek is planning a trunk or treat, details will be announced soon.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Our Hanging of the Greens service will be Sun. Dec. 1st at 6:30PM



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1st Darrell Elliott – B
Mike Spencer – B
2nd James Ambrose – B
Charles & Lauren Fears – A
4th Jay Francisco – B
8th Tye Davis Henderson – B
10th Becky McLaughlin – B
13th Drew Hall – B
14th Lori Dawson – B
Jackson Plante – B
Norma Jean Henderson – B
16th Tom Sweeting – B
21st Tori Dawson – B
22nd Mark Owen – B
Matthew Owen – B
23rd Lee Davis – B
25th Thelma Brown – B
29th Samantha Clark – B
30th Owen & Barbara Satterfield – A
RaShawn Jones – B



The Adult Choir would like to invite you to meet with us at 7PM on Sunday, September 8, to listen to our 2024 Christmas Cantata, "Peace on Earth."

Thereafter, until December 1st, we will practice the cantata on Sunday nights only. Beginning December 1st, we will practice on Sunday and Wednesday nights until the presentation on Sunday morning, December 15th. The beautiful collection of time-honored Christmas carols along with current top Christmas songs and a couple of new compositions reminds us that there is only one answer for peace on earth, Jesus! Come and join us as we prepare for the most wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Connie Gail Womack – B
5th Lauren Fears – B
6th Scott Ashby – B
7th John Clinton Francisco – B
8th Kathleen Murphy – B
9th Tony Epps – B
10th Pat Riley - B
15th Nicholas Pyle – B
16th Judy Lorello – B
17th Monica Plante – B
27th Vivian Sweeting – B
28th Estelle McLaughlin – B



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY
OR ANNIVERSARY ADDED TO OUR
NEWSLETTER LIST,
PLEASE LET PASTOR JIM KNOW!
THANK YOU!