



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Family Matters

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Speakers for Today

Sunday AM
Tony Boyd

Sunday PM
Gary Miller

Ceremonial Washings

It should be no surprise that in the Christian era that baptism was a mandated ordinance. There were many examples of purity being restored in the Old Testament. Cleansing by washing was performed in the Book of Leviticus. The fifteenth chapter lists a host of issues or activities that may render an individual unclean for the remainder of the day and much that purity may be only restored by washing. These washings were not entirely for Hygienic or aesthetic reasons but for matter of unseemliness by religious definition.

The washing or dipping for healing apparently provided no physiological cure for the ailment but by the obedience of an ordinance, the healing was accomplished. The healing of Naaman, the Syrian King, of leprosy was by strict obedience to the command as issued by Elisha, King of Israel. 2 Kings 5

In about 200 BC there was a strict sect of Jews in the area of the Dead Sea known as the Essenes. There are no records of their existence except from artifacts and writings of secular historians, such as Pliny the Elder and Flavius Josephus. There is no mention of them in the Bible we have because they were in the intertestamental period, or silent years (420 BC- 70 AD). They built impressive structures very similar to the baptisteries used by modern Christians. Steps of stone and sometimes two sets of steps led into the water where Immersion followed.

This washing was to restore purity after uncleanness and is believed to provide purity for duration of the current day. It is written that the entire body was immersed, perhaps a similar ritual as performed by John the Baptist.

The washing of the disciple's feet by Jesus, John 5: 5-10, was a lesson to them of humility and also for purification v.11. This practice apparently had no precedent since some of the disciples did not understand the significance.

The Pharisees questioned Jesus that the disciples ate bread without first washing their hands, Matthew 15:3, Mark 7:2-5, Luke 11:38. This was a ritual imposed upon them in consideration of Exodus 30:17-21 which was an ordinance of offering sacrifices.

Pilate, after being unable to persuade the multitude to allow him to release Jesus, as he had the authority to do so, washed his hands in water and declared that he was innocent of the just man. Matthew 27:24. Perhaps this was a common gesture as a symbol of his neutrality of the matter.

Space does not permit and the writer's ability is not sufficient to discuss Christian Baptism as the subject deserves. It must be said that baptism is symbolic of burial in death and arising in regeneration. It is not limited to a restoration of purity but a beginning of a new life with new standards of obedience and holiness.

Submitted by Murray Dunn

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Evening: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Bible Class: 106
Sunday AM: 164
Sunday PM: 121
Wednesday PM: 81
Contribution: 7620
Budget: \$4100

Think on This...

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Margaret Dowdy: 02.03
John Singleton: 02.03
Bryan Azinger: 02.07
Rainey Garland: 02.07

Serving This Week

Announcements: Randy Seabaugh
Greeters: Randy & Emma Seabaugh
Ushers: Patrick Kellett/Troy Bryan
PowerPoint: Brent Schafer
Lead Singing: Dylan Seabaugh
Head Lord's Table: David Selvig
Scripture: Lance Kluesner
Prayers:
AM: Allen Hedge/Dale Gilliland
PM: Kelly Garland/Ty Crowden

Wednesday Singing: Nick Brown
Wednesday Devo: Scott Watson
Wednesday Prayer: Gary Ridenour

Elder Chair: Gary Ridenour
Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Miller
Building Lock-Up: Miller

Daily Bible Reading

February 3: Leviticus 10-12
February 4: Leviticus 13-15
February 5: Leviticus 16-18
February 6: Leviticus 19-21
February 7: Leviticus 22-24
February 8: Leviticus 25-27
February 9: Numbers 1-3

Continuing Prayer Needs

Tom Allen	Dorothy Loyd
Richard Baker	Gary Martin
June Black	Brian Mitchell
Celeste Bolen	Jerry Mitchell
Thelma Brown	Gary Mungle
Dennis Crocker	Ernie Myers
Sharon Davidson	Vivian Petty
Maxine Davis	Jim Pickett
Bill Dillman	Stan Pierce
John Dobbins	Kevin Pugh
Ray & Marilyn Duffey	Gary Ridenour
Bryan Duszczak	Barbara Rushing
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Lena Schwecin
Kenny & Sharon Giesler	Helen Seabaugh
Kay Gilliland	Susan Seabaugh
Wayne Graham	Steve Simmons
Carolyn Hann	Justin Singleton
Jack Huskey	Sarah Singleton
Sonny Huskey	Mark Smith
Francis & Diana Ivanovich	Gelena Stoffregen
Peter Ivanovich	Quentin Tarpley
Al Jackson	Harry Thele
Laura Jenkins	Molly Thomas
Betty Jones	Susan Tomsu
Robin & Tina Jones	Carolyn Trentham
Kathy Kimmet	Mike Turnbow

Upcoming Area Events

- **March 17-20:** Gideon Gospel Meeting with **Brent Newton**
- **April 7-10:** Bernie Gospel Meeting with **Brent Newton**

News & Notes

- Please check Brian's office door for a list of pantry items that we would like help providing for the **Mitchell family**. Please return this week's items today to the container outside Brian's office door. A new list will be posted soon. See Stephanie Dowdy, Amanda Schafer, or Joy Kaye Watson with questions.
- The **Chili & Soup Potluck** has been rescheduled for **Sunday, February 17** after evening services. Plan now to stay for this time of fellowship with your church family.
- **Curtis James Scholarship** Applications are available in the office. The scholarship is available to any church member attending a Christian college and applications are due by **March 3**. See Murray Dunn with questions.

Youth News

- There will be a meeting for all youth parents this **Sunday, February 3** at 5pm in the fellowship room to make plans for some upcoming events and activities involving our youth.
- **March 8-9: Inspiration 2019** in Dexter with **Joe Wells**. Theme: "Learn to Discern..." Housing is provided. (Girls stay in members' homes; Boys stay in the church fellowship building). Meals provided on Saturday. Please sign upon the youth board by February 27 if you plan to attend.

Remember in Your Prayers

- **Brian Mitchell** is continuing to improve as he works hard in his therapies. He is set to return home this Friday and will continue all therapy there. He is regaining strength and mobility in his leg and his speech and communication are also improving daily. He does not yet have control of his right arm.
- **Faye Stinnett** learned this week that she has a compression fracture in her back. She continues to struggle with daily pain, but is scheduled for surgery on February 12.
- Barbara Clark and Virginia Lowery have a sister, **Myrtie Crews**, who had a stroke this past week and is not doing well. She is in aa St. Louis are hospital .
- Betty Jones' brother, **Al Jackson**, was in involved in an auto accident on Thursday and was airlifted to a trauma center in Memphis with several serious injuries.
- **Thelma Brown** continues to improve and was able to return to the assisted living side of Monticello House.
- **Evee Pugh** will see a pediatric urologist at Children's Hospital on February 11 to evaluate her enlarged right kidney.
- Margaret Dowdy's brother-in-law, **Ron Risenhoover**, is on dialysis.
- The Singletons have requested prayers for their friend, **Tom Allen** who has cancer on his one remaining kidney. He is now in dialysis.
- **Stan Pierce**, a friend of Wally & Sharon Eck has had a recurrence of his cancer.