

Announcements – Bulletin News November 6th, 2016

From the Minister's Desk

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“The Lessons from a Leper”

(2Kings 5:1-14)

Naaman was a man who was very successful in his life. He commanded the Syrian army, an honorable man in the eyes of the King, a mighty man of valor and a victorious general. But he suffered from a terrible disease; Leprosy.

Naaman learned from a young Israelite slave girl there was a prophet in Israel who could heal him of his leprosy. As we look at this account of how Naaman sought a cure for his leprosy, we can learn some lesson about our own need for cleansing from a greater disease than leprosy.

Naaman thought his healing could be purchased. When the king allowed him to go to Israel, Naaman took with him “ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten changed of clothing” (2Kings 5:5). We cannot purchase our salvation from sin. The price of redemption has been paid for us. Christ paid the price for our redemption on the cross. The Apostle Peter says Christians have been redeemed “with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1Peter 1:18-19).

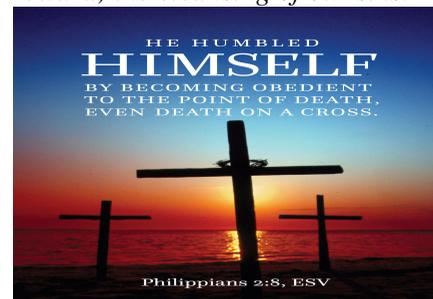
Naaman had his own ideas about how he thought his healing would happen. He said to himself, “He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy” (2Kings 5:11). When the servant told him to dip in the Jordan River seven times, he became very upset. His preconceived ideas were wrong!

When it comes to man's salvation, we must always seek God's instructions instead of our own ways. We cannot approach God's word looking to justify our own beliefs, but we must come to know him through knowledge of his word.

Naaman tried to substitute his own terms of obedience instead of the Lord's.

Naaman did not want to wash in the Jordan River. He thought the rivers of Damascus were just as good as the Jordan River. So, he went away in a rage. God does not change His word because people become angry, or may disagree with it. We must never substitute our traditions nor our feeling take the place of God's word. God wants His word taught the way it is given, without any additions' nor subtractions!

Finally, Naaman humbled himself and obeyed the Lords Instructions. Naaman did not see the connection between dipping himself in the Jordan River and being cured of his leprosy, but he obeyed. Obedience bought its reward; Naaman was healed. Many cannot see the connection between being baptized in water and having their sins washed away (Acts 2:38). It is God who save us when we are disobedient to His word. Obedience has its reward; the cleansing of our sins.



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Up Coming Events



Contributions will be taken up for the benevolence program today.



Saturday November 19th, 5to 9pm.



Hermeneutics rescheduled for Sat. Nov 12th & regular class Nov. 19th, 10am.

Marriage Committee Meeting, Today after am worship room 14.

Teacher's Meeting, Sun. Nov. 13th after am worship, room 14.

Ladies Bible Study, Nov. 19th at noon.

Care Group I, Sat. Nov. 19th 1pm.

Authentic Manhood, Sat. Nov. 26th 9am.

Ladies Committee Meeting, Sat. Nov 26th at 3pm.



The church would like to express sincere sympathy to the family of our long-time member Sis. Durene Walker. The funeral was yesterday; please continue to pray for the family.



Chisholm Trail Church of Christ Ladies Year End Seminar

“Not Looking Back, Looking Forward.”

Sat. Dec 10th, 2016, 10am-12:30pm. Lunch will be provided (no daycare.) Young ladies.

12 years & older are welcomed.

The speakers are Sis. Debra J.

Washington and Sis. Shirley Hicks.

November Schedule

Ladies Baptism: Hope Foster, Melvina Nelson

Bereavement: Mark & Lynette Clemons

Medical Staff: Dacia Hightower

Open Pantry, Thurs, Nov. 17th only, 4-6pm

Blood Pressure Check

Today after morning worship in the Ladies Lounge.

Membership 2016

Baptized 7/ Placed Membership 6

Area Wide Events:

Area Wide Singing; Today at East Point Church of Christ, 2:30pm.

Men's Breakfast, Sat. November 12th, 8:00am Emporia Avenue Church of Christ

YMCA, We Care Dinner; Wed.

Nov. 23rd. If you would like a ticket (no cost), contact Sis.

Dozier today. Each ticket holder is allowed one meal and the opportunity to pick a free winter coat.