

Announcements – Bulletin News November 20th, 2016

From the Minister's Desk

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What Does It Mean to Believe in Jesus?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

There is a popular teaching today that says all one must do is believe in Jesus to be saved. They say we are saved by "faith only". But the Bible says, "You believe there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble" (James 2:19). If all one must do to be saved is believe, then the demons are also saved! Listen to the plain teaching of James; "But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:20). According to the Bible the "faith only" belief is a dead faith. We are to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). A person only deceives himself if he thinks he is saved by "faith only". "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only" (James 2:24). A person's faith (belief) is always reflected in their obedience. "Faith only" is a doctrine which will cause many good people to be eternally lost. God's word says concerning Jesus, "He became the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9). Christ has only promised to save those who obey Him. Obedience is necessary! Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matthew 7:21-23). These people believed in the existence of Jesus and they called Him their Lord, but they were

eternally lost because they had not done the will of the Father in heaven.

Jesus says, "He who does not love Me does not keep My words" (John 14:24). If one does not believe and do what Jesus says, then he does not love Him! To this person Jesus asks, "But why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

To believe in Jesus is to trust, and do everything Jesus and His inspired word says and for the reason He says. To believe in Jesus is to obey Him when He says, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). One needs help to misunderstand this. Many people, who claim to believe in Jesus, say that being baptized has nothing to do with being saved! They have more faith in some preacher who tells them that baptism is not necessary in being saved, than in Jesus who says that one must "believe and be baptized" to be saved.

Doing what Jesus says proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that we believe in Him. Jesus says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). There are many people who claim to believe in Jesus, who do not love Him. God's word says, "He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). A person may claim to believe in Jesus but if he doesn't keep all His commandments, then he is a liar and is only deceiving himself. To believe in Jesus is to do everything He says, when He says, the way He says, for the reason He says, and only what He says. When one follows the commands of the Lord, Jesus will add him to the church he purchased with his own blood, the church of Christ (Matt.16:18; Acts 20:28).

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Up Coming Events

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.

Area Wide Events

Area-Wide Fellowship

Sunday December 4th 2016 at 6:00pm.

RiverWalk Church of Christ, 225 N

Waco.

Happy Birthday!



November Birthday

Celebration will be on Sunday, Nov. 27th after evening worship service.



The church expresses sincere sympathy to Sis. Ophelia Richardson due to the loss of her sister Emma Wedgeworth from Oklahoma City.



There were two baptisms on Tuesday evening; **Aniya Dixon**, (daughter of Misty Dixon) and **Ashley Taylor** from Eldorado, KS.

On Wednesday **Shantwon Hervey** was baptized; she is the daughter of Kisty Hervey.

We thank God for their decision to be added to the church.

November Schedule

Ladies Baptism: Hope Foster, Melvina Nelson

Bereavement: Mark & Lynette Clemons

Medical Staff: Dacia Hightower

Brothers; the Order of Worship is available on line on Fridays after 3pm @ www.chisholmtrailcofc.org

Blood Pressure Check

First Sunday of the month

Bible Class for this Wednesday has been canceled.

Authentic Manhood, No Class for November.

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

Other Events

45th Ministers' Institute; January 14-19th, 2017 Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Info on the table.

Church of Christ Ladies

Lectureship Retreat; "Diamonds In The Rough" Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando, Florida, April 13-16th, 2017. Info on the table, on line www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

Membership 2016

Baptized 11

Placed Membership 6