

COME ON IN, THE WATER IS JUST FINE

Have you noticed that when the topic of baptism is mentioned the water quickly changes temperature? It can become ice cold or boiling hot. The cause of the drastic change in temperature is due to the fact that most people bring their culturally formed opinions to the waters of baptism. And it is the casting of these cultural opinions into the water that affects the temperature of the water, and the discussion.

In studying with people who have no religious background I have had little debate on the topic of baptism. The logical, reasonable, and clear response to Jesus and his death, burial, and resurrection, is our reenactment of this momentous cycle of events through our death (beginning with repentance), burial, and resurrection from the grave of water.

In studying with people who do have a religious background there can be debate, even intense debate on the topic of baptism. However, I have found two basic approaches that considerably lessen the heat of the debate. In fact, these approaches illuminate the issue. First, when we begin with the gospel the debate tends to lessen considerably. Second, when we stay away from the never-ending hypothetical *what ifs*, the debate dims to nothing more than a quiet whisper.

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, stood up and preached with great clarity the gospel of Jesus, his death, resurrection (Acts 2:22—32), and ascension (2:33). The reaction to Jesus' gospel was that the audience *was cut to the heart*. But more than just feeling sorry, the audience asked the question, *what should we do?* (Acts 2:37) To reinforce a vital point, it was the sharing of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection that got his audience to this point.

Peter's answer, and the conclusion to his first sermon, centered on what they should do. Again, it is vital to note that Peter did not begin with baptism, Peter began with Jesus, and this was a religious audience. I am convinced that is where we are always to begin. I am deeply thankful that Goodman Oaks is a congregation that is firmly focused on the gospel.

For a few months the elders and I have been talking and praying about baptism. This time of talking and prayer has been a great blessing to me and it has prompted me to develop a series of lessons on baptism. I will start this series next week and I request that you lift me up in prayer as I prepare and present these lessons. Let me just whet your appetite by saying, the Bible has more to say about baptism than you realize, and you don't want to miss this series.

As an added bonus to this sermon series the Elders will lead the Lord's Supper thoughts in February and March. They will share their own story of how they came to grasp the gospel and how they obeyed the gospel in baptism.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
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Family News & Notes

- **Eddie Whalen & Margaret** are in room 217 at DeSoto Health Care.
- **Jack Ussery** is in Baptist East 2447.
- **Louise Schmittou** and **Betty Walker** are declining in health.
- **Michael Canada** has been diagnosed with heart failure.
- **Debbie Davis** and **Pam Williams** are recovering from surgery.
- Many of our members have been sick with colds and the flu.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof

HOSPICE CARE: Betty Walker **REHAB:** Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Dot Richardson

SHUT-INS: Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Louise Schmittou, Helen Weathers

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Melanie Keffer, Judy Lee, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Ray Yearwood,

SWEETHEART'S BRUNCH

There will be a Sweetheart's Brunch for our Goodman Oaks Widows & Widowers, hosted by the Lifeguards & their families, on **Sunday, February 11** after morning worship in the FLC. Please Sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. All food will be provided.

SPORTSMAN'S MINISTRY

If you hunt, fish, and stretch the truth, then we have a ministry for you. There will be a sign up sheet on the desk in the foyer. If you need more information contact Smith Howell Jr.

STAYING INFORMED

To keep you informed, please make sure the office has the correct phone numbers and or email address for you and your family members. You can write the information on the bottom of your green membership card or email the information to Antoinette@goodmanoaks.com. You can also check the updates on our Facebook page, Goodman Oaks Church of Christ.

EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP

- GO will be going **June 8-15, 2018**.
- If you're interested please see **Nick or Daphne Eddlemon**.
- Deadline to sign up is **February 25, 2018**.
- \$100 non-refundable deposit will be due no later than **March 1** to reserve your airline ticket.

Reminders . . .

- ☞ Call the office if you need a tax letter
- ☞ There are just a few envelopes left for 2018. Call the office if you have not received yours.

Invite a friend to worship

HEBREWS: KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Sometime in the first century there was a group of people who were a lot like us. They were ordinary people like us. They met regularly for worship and mutual encouragement. When they left their synagogues or pagan temples they experienced a little hostility from their friends and family. But then things suddenly got a lot worse for them. Christians started getting locked up in jail just for being Christians. So this group of Christians started hiding. Some of them stopped coming. And those who stayed were confused, nervous, terrified. They had been spared but some of their leaders were gone...and *where was God in all of this?* They may have felt abandoned and powerless.

That's what was going on with this group of Christians when they got a letter in the mail one day. This was not a normal letter. It was a sermon by a preacher who was close to them. One of the Christians in this group stands up to read the letter from their preacher and here is how it started:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Hebrews has a powerful message for us today. When we feel like Jesus is ridiculed, Hebrews tells us Jesus is exalted. When we feel like the pressures of life are too much and we slip into complacency, Hebrews tells us how serious it is to disregard this word spoken by Jesus. Join us on Sunday nights as God blesses us with his "word of exhortation" that we call Hebrews.

Matthew



YOUTH NEWS

WINTERFEST

ALL money is due today, Sunday, February 4. Also, there will be an information meeting next **Sunday, February 13** in the teen room immediately following services. This meeting is for the teens going, their parents, and all chaperones. This meeting is **not optional**. Please be there.

PIZZA NIGHT

Our next Pizza Night will be this **Wednesday, February 7**. We start at **6PM**. Bring **\$3** to cover pizza and drinks.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Camp is now open. Please be sure to go to www.sardislakechristiancamp.org to register your child. The full amount is not due at registration. You can pay a deposit only. The dates for our session of camp are **Sunday, May 27 – Saturday, June 2!**

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord’s Supper for Children’s Church in **room # 19**.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor’s card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call **Derek McNamara** at 662-349-3600.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class	9:00AM
Morning Assembly	10:00AM
Evening Assembly	5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
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Today’s Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

“KEEP LOOKING TO JESUS”
HEBREWS 1:1—3

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 21,528
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	353
Morning Assembly	526
Midweek Class	242

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 4, 2018

Singing - Todd Cottrell
587 “Sing And Be Happy”

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara
“Here I am To Worship”
Prayer - Wayne Ashmore
344 “Low In The Grave He Lay”
The Lord’s Supper and Offering
Dean Hasler
290 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”
41 “Mighty Is Our God”
266 “Majesty”

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara
“KEEP LOOKING TO JESUS”
HEBREWS 1:1—3
Invitation Song:
453 “Love Lifted Me”
Shepherd’s Prayer - Tim Mobley

Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present
everyone mature in Christ.

~Colossians 1:28~



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