

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

March 31, 2024

Welcome!



“Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!” Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it. Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth.”

Join us for lunch today after our morning service!

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Prayer List

Levi Bearden will be having surgery for severe intestinal issues

Rebecca Brown's ankle is better

Mamie Hamilton has moved into a rehab facility

Ronnie Mayo is recovering from hip replacement. His wife **Belinda** is doing well, staying with her brother in Springfield

Darinda Paul has gotten good reports from her cancer treatment

Continue to pray for: **Hunter Crouch, Burt Wilkerson, Donnie Garrett, Keith Walker** and family, **Rebecca Brown, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine; John Hayes**, and **Bill Gillock**

Thanks for all the support for the Egg Hunt!

We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we study the Life of Abraham

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Charlie Baker

Prayer:
Johnnie Walker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
David Billingsley
Romans 6:1-11

Wait On Table:
Jeff Baker

Serve:
Josh Demonbreun
Mike Reed

Prayer:
Dwight Pennington

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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This morning, we continue our look at Baptism through the lens of what the ceremony represents, which is highlighted by Paul in **Romans 6:1-4**. He describes immersion in terms of participation in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, where we come out of the water to “walk in **newness of life**.”

There is a stand-up comedian our family really enjoys, who mostly performs in large church buildings across the country. He usually ends his shows with a serious moment where he talks (or sings) about his faith. During one of these serious moments, we heard him make the following statement, “**Jesus didn’t come to make bad people good...He came to make dead people alive.**” I doubt he was the first person to ever articulate the gospel in this way, but it really stuck with me (**John 5:24**). This is what our Baptism represents, the way in which God fulfilled His plan to take those who were dead in their sins and give them life.

Dead - Consider our state before submitting to God’s plan for redemption. In **Romans 5**, Paul presents a comparison between Adam and Christ where he summarizes the effect of Adam’s sin in this way:

Romans 5:12 (ESV) - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men** because all sinned...

In **Eph 2:1**, Paul simply describes our former state as “**you were dead in the trespasses and sins**”. So, the message here is that without Christ, we were ALL dead in our sins. The essence of the Gospel message explains how God, with His eternal plan (**Eph 1:3-14; 1 Pet 1:20**), gave life to those who were dead. Again, this is what Baptism represents. Consider His...

Death - As we go down into the water, we are committing to die to our old life (**Rom 6:2**), like Jesus committed Himself to dying on a Roman cross (**Matt 26:42**) to pay our debt. God’s perfect Passover lamb (**1 Cor 5:7**) physically died so that we would never have to face spiritual death if we place our faith in Him (**Rom 3:26**):

Matthew 27:50 (ESV) - Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit

Burial - As we are immersed in the water of Baptism, we are being buried into the death of Christ (**Rom 6:3-4**) like Jesus was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea after His crucifixion:

Matthew 27:59-60 (ESV) - Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb...

Resurrection - When we come out of the water, we come out to “walk in **newness of life**” (**Rom 6:4**) as Jesus walked out of the tomb. This led to the greatest words ever spoken to man:

Matthew 28:6 (ESV) - He is not here, for he has risen

Without Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection, our Baptism would mean nothing. But because of what He did for us, it means that we can now be made ALIVE in Christ. That’s what Baptism represents!

Alive - Consider our state now after having buried our past life in the waters of Baptism. In **Romans 5**, Paul explains that unlike Adam’s action which led to death, Christ’s act of righteousness, leads to LIFE (**Rom 5:17-18**). In **Eph 2:5**, after having explained that all are dead in their trespasses and sins without Christ, says that God has now “**made us alive together with Christ**”!