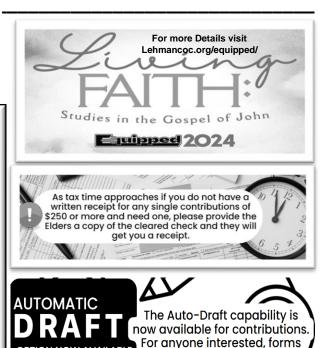
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February Bible Classes				
	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening		
Nursery	Karli Rager	Skylar Martin		
Preschool 2-5 Year Olds		Amy Raymer		
1st & 2nd Grade	Linda Raymer			
3rd & 4th Grade	Lillian Warren			
$5^{th} - 6^{th}$ Grade	Chris Robison			
7th- 8th Grade	Daniel McMillin			
9th - 12th Grade	Adam Warren			
Twenty Somethings	Zach Martin & Mason Miller			
Alternate Adults	Andy Wagoner Lessons from the Lives of the Apostles	Women's Class Angie Anderson Fruits of the Spirit		
Auditorium Adults	Denver Young Value of the Soul	Men's Class Tom, Richard, Denver Edify, Evangelize, Energize, and Example		



are in the foyer to complete and give to the Elders.

Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ

February 25, 2024

The Messenger

Schedule of Services

Sunday				
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.			
Worship	10:30 a.m.			
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.			
Wednesday				
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.			
Elders				
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050			
Denver Young	270.799.8559			
Matt Williams	270.779.7733			
Deacons				
Perry Cole	270.202.6214			
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451			
Adam Warren	270.980.2548			
Mark Young	270.791.0140			
Evangelist				
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828			
	M. 270.792.2132			
Associate Minister				

Associate Minister		
Daniel McMillin	662.882.875	

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

When Are We Saved?

When and how are sinners saved? Are sinners saved by faith or by works? Does God save without obedience? Faith and works are often put in contrast to one another when perhaps it would be better to understand belief and works as essential to faith. Abraham believed God's promise in Genesis 12 and acted on faith. In Genesis 15, God reassured Abraham of the covenant. Abraham believed God and his faith was counted as righteousness (Genesis 15:6). Abraham's faith was already proven to be an obedient faith. Paul later argued that Abraham was justified by faith without "works of the law" (Romans 4:1-12) to argue the superiority of "faith" over the Mosaic covenant, which was not given for centuries after Abraham. It seems that Paul wanted his readers in Rome to know they could be justified just like Abraham, who was justified by faith—obedient faith—without the law of Moses.

Belief and works are two sides of the same coin. Those who are "just" or "righteous" are those who actively "live by faith" (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11). What "matters" is "faith working through love" (Galatians 5:6). Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that to be a person of faith is to actively "draw near to God" and then to be rewarded for seeking him. Abraham was justified by faith (Romans 4:1-3), but Abraham's faith "was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works." Therefore, "a person is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:22-24, ESV). To believe is to obey.

Christians are "justified by faith" (Romans 5:1) and "justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:24). This is no contradiction. Instead, belief and works are inseparable in the Christian life. Faith can be seen (Matthew 9:2). Christians are described as "faithful"—those who are actively living in the faith. The faithful servant is the one who is actively prepared for his Master's return (Matthew 24:45; 25:23). Barnabas encouraged Christians to be "faithful to the Lord" (Acts 11:23).

Paul demonstrated the necessity of belief and action in Galatians 3:26-27 when he said: "you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Christians are "justified by faith," and that justification by faith begins at baptism. The soon-to-be Christians in Acts 2 were "cut to the heart" and asked what they should do in Acts 2:37. It seems safe to say these individuals believed the truth about Jesus in verse 37. However, they were still "in sin" rather than "in Christ." So, they were required to "repent and be baptized" to receive the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Their belief was incomplete without repentance and baptism.

Baptism is not a human work by which salvation is earned. Instead, baptism is a work of God in which salvation is bestowed. Colossians 2:11-14 shows that God is the primary worker in baptism. Christians are "buried with him in baptism," "raised with him through faith," "made alive together with him," and "forgiven." The individual is baptized, but God is the one who works to bring about salvation. The struggle between belief and works is better seen as the union of trust and submission.

This union of belief and action is also demonstrated by Martin Luther in his "Treatise on Baptism." There Luther said, "there is on earth no greater comfort than baptism, for through it we come under the judgment of grace and mercy, which does not condemn our sins, but drives them out by many trials." Luther went on to say, "There is a fine sentence of St. Augustine, which says, 'Sin is altogether forgiven in baptism; not in such wise that it is no longer present, but in such wise that it is not taken into account." Luther said "a man becomes in baptism guiltless, pure, and sinless.... This faith is of all things the most necessary, for it is the ground of all comfort. Following Luther, it seems John Calvin also saw no contradiction between belief and obedience. Calvin said, "[T]hey who regarded baptism as nothing but a token and mark by which we confess our religion before men, as soldiers bear the insignia of their commander as a mark of their profession, have not weighed what was the chief point of baptism. It is to receive baptism with this promise: 'He who believes and is baptized will be saved' [Mark 16:16]." The premodern consensus was that God worked when individuals were baptized.

In this discussion, it is helpful to remember that neither faith nor works are meritorious acts by which salvation is earned. God "purchased the church with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Paul said, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).5 Whoever desires may "take of the water of life without price" (Revelation 22:17). Salvation is received by those who believe (John 3:16) and obey (John 3:36).6 But salvation rests upon the promise and work of God.

This great truth is summarized in Titus 3:4-7, as Paul taught that God "saved us" but "not because of works done by us in righteousness." Rather, salvation is bestowed when belief is met with obedience in baptism, which is "the washing of regeneration."

By Donnie Debord

Announcements

March 3rd Lads to Leaders Bible Bowl & Pearls at 4:30 PM March 7th Mens Bible Study at 7:00 PM Location TBD

Teen Girls Day at South Green Street church of Christ 9:30-2PM Guest Speaker Sarah Hibbet Call or Text Rayna Rudd at 270-576-0129 to RSVP. Lunch will be provided.

March 12th Tuesday Bible Class at 10:30 am Bring your Bible and a Dish! March 15-17th Gospel Meeting at South Green Street Guest Speaker Melvin Otey March 29-31st

Lads to Leaders Convention

Equipped 2024 Faith – Studies from the Book of John at Lehman Avenue (See Back Page) **April 18-20th**



March 9th



March 15 to 17 Friday and Saturday: 7 pm Sunday: 9:30 am & 10:30 am

Melvin Otey, FAULKNER

Tuesday Bible Class Bring your Bible & a Dish!

Pulpit

Preview

Sunday

10:30AM

Faith & Works

6:00PM

Synergy

March 12th

South Green Street Church of Christ

Prayer Requests				
Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young)	Faye McKinley			
 Danny Miller & Brenda Miller 	Gerry Utley			
 Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor 	Don Anderson			
Jared Young	Mike Collier (Donna Parker's Brother)			
J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd.	Wilma Blankenship			
Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	Judy McBride			
Janice Cole	Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor			
Jimmy Hughes	Jimmy Wilmoth			
Donna Wheeler	Lunell Upton			
Malaika Ballard - Cancer	Jenny McDonald			
 Janet Cole – Three Forks 	Stephanie Lindsey - ALS			
Eddie Windham	Beverly Acree			
Remembering Our Homebound Wilma Blankenship				

God's Plan of Salvation

God's Part

Man's Part

Great love of God for man **John 3:16** Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior Luke 19:10 Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide John 16:13

The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation **Romans 1:16** Provided atonement by the blood of Christ Romans 5:9

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17, John 8:32 Believe the Gospel Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31 Repent of past sins Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30

Confess faith in Jesus Christ Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32 Be Baptized Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38

Be faithful unto death Revelations 2:10

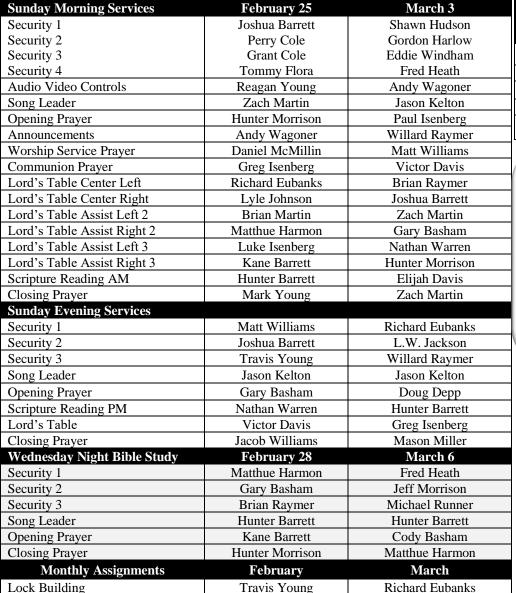
This Week's Question

What is the only miracle by Jesus recorded in all 4 Gospels? Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

February 18th What silversmith was an opponent of Paul?

(Answer: Demetrius - Acts 19:24)

Fred Heath, Bobby and Darlene Pruett, Lenora Isenberg, Logan Barrett, Jessie Wilson, Shorty & Thelma Wurst, Nathan Warren, Nehemiah May, Kathy Williams, and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!



Kristie Hughes

Fred Heath

Amy Raymer

Bake

Donna Eubanks

Paula Lowe

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February 25

March 3

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