

<p>Schedule Of Services</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Website Beaconcfc.com (under construction)</p> <p>Preacher Chase Green 318-608-7418</p> <p>Elders Bill Schooley 318-396-7296 Tim Green 318-547-4026</p> <p>Missions Supported Ronnie Goodam - India Marlon Retana - Panama Brad Harrub - Focus Press</p>		<p>BEACON CHURCH OF CHRIST 2326 JONESBORO ROAD MAIL: P.O. BOX 3057 WEST MONROE, LA 71294</p> <p>WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17). 2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6). 3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30). 4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33). 5. Be baptized (immersed) (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). 6. Continue faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
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<p>By the Numbers: <i>Week of 7/15/18</i></p> <p><i>Contribution – N/A</i></p> <p><i>Attendance:</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School – 31</i> <i>Sunday Worship* – 54</i> <i>Wednesday Night – 37</i></p> <p>*Total for the day</p>	<p>Bible Trivia Question</p>  <p>Last Week's Answer: Rehoboam (1 Kings 12.</p> <p>Q: Which apostles were present at Jesus' transfiguration?</p> <p>Answer to be given next week!</p>	<p>Sermon Spotlight:</p> <p>AM: Principles of Forgiveness</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is it easier to forgive or to forget? 2) When God forgives us, does He also forget? 3) Should we be like God when forgiving others? <p>PM: Commemorative Communion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) When taking the Lord's Supper, what must our mindset be? 2) What does it mean to partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily?
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<p>THE BEACON OF TRUTH</p> <p>July 22, 2018</p> <p>“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17</p>	<p><i>Does God Keep Score?</i> <i>Kevin Cauley</i></p> <p>Several years ago, I was having a conversation with someone about getting credit for ideas. I mentioned to them that it doesn't matter to me if I get credit for an idea or not, because God knows who did what and I was content to let God handle such things. This person then wondered whether or not God really credited man with such things. In essence, the question can be framed, Does God keep score?</p> <p>First, we need to understand that God does not keep score in the sense that if we could only get enough points, then we would win salvation. The Bible teaches us that salvation isn't something that we earn. Jesus said in Luke 17:10, “So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.” When we do everything that God tells us, we still haven't earned our salvation. We are still dependent upon Him for eternal life. Salvation is a gift that God gives upon the condition of faith and obedience (see Hebrews 11:6 and Hebrews 5:9). Neither our faith nor our obedience earns our salvation; but God promises to give us salvation when we trust and obey Him. It is the promise of God in which we trust, not in our own faith or obedience. In that regard, God doesn't keep score because no matter how high a score we get, we'll never be high enough to earn our salvation.</p> <p>Second, neither does God keep score as to how long we have been a faithful Christian as if that would make a difference in our salvation. Jesus told the parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard in Matthew 20:1-16. In the parable, the vineyard owner agrees with laborers for the same wage though they begin working at different times in the day. At the end of the day, they all get the same pay. The ones who started early complain, saying that they worked longer than the others. The owner asks them whether or not they agreed to that pay. They did, so that is what they got. The lesson from the parable is that salvation is available for all and it doesn't matter when you started working for God, everyone, whether young or old gets the same pay eternal life and for that we ought to be very thankful. No, God does not keep score in regard to one's longevity of service in His kingdom.</p> <p>Third, there is a sense, however, in which God does keep score. In Hebrews 6:10 we read, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye (Cntd. on pg. 2)</p>
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NEWS AND NOTES

TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dewey Young — Margie Tippen — Ruth Coston — Regina Simmons — Wendy Traweek — Mildred Allhands — Marcia Green — Judy May — John Motherspaugh — Kenneth Hendrix — Andrew Brown (away at an internship in Indiana) — Tim, Lane, & Eli Green (traveling) — Dewey & Bettie Young (Traveling) — Tricia, Lauren, & Alex Green, Anabel & Scarlett Schooley, Linda Jones (taking the kids to camp in Alabama today)

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Fellowship Meal — This will be moved to the 5th Sunday for this month
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers! — (If you would like to host or help with an event, please let Chase know)
- Jordan May has made confession of his sin and asked for forgiveness. He states that he wants to once again be a faithful member of this congregation. Please welcome Jordan back and keep him in your prayers!
- We also have a new sister in Christ! Kenzie Fishel put on Christ in baptism late last Sunday. Jordan and Kenzie are engaged to be married later this year. Please pray for them both that they will grow spiritually and be faithful to the Lord!

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have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” We learn from this passage that God takes note of those who do good things and He remembers those things. Moreover, Jesus said, “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal” (Matthew 6:20). What are these treasures that we are to be laying up in heaven? He explains in Luke 12:33, “Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.” When we do good things for others, we lay up treasures in heaven. Are they for earning our salvation? No. What then are these treasures for? There is only one explanation. It is because God wants us to appreciate the results of the good things that we did once we are in heaven. That will be our treasure!

Does God keep score? He doesn’t keep score when it comes to good works meriting salvation. Regardless of how high the score, it would never be enough to earn salvation. However, He does keep score when it comes to having treasure in heaven over which we can appreciate the results of our good efforts. And so John can write, “Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward” (2 John 1:8). God doesn’t keep score to determine who earned what, but to determine who IS what!

Should Christians Keep Score?

Chase Green

In conjunction with the sermon for this morning, as well as Brother Cauley’s article in this bulletin, “Does God Keep Score,” I now pose the question to you: Should *Christians* keep score? That is, should Christians keep a record of wrongdoings that were done by their neighbors?

To answer this question, notice 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a: “Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth...” The answer to our question lies in the phrase “thinketh no evil” in verse 4.

The American Standard Version renders this verse as follows: “... doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, **taketh not account** of evil” (emphasis mine). This is a good rendering of the verse. The reason for this is that the Greek word translated as “thinketh” means “to take an inventory, that is, estimate (literally or figuratively): - conclude, (ac-) count (of), despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on), (*Strong*’s, emphasis mine).

So in other words, true brotherly love that is characterized by true Christianity does not keep a running tally (record) of wrongdoings. This makes perfect sense, but it can be very difficult to put in practice, especially when the same people in our lives do wrong to us repeatedly, with perhaps no end in sight.

But we must remember that, as long as someone is willing to repent, we must forgive them over and over again. After all, Jesus said we must be willing to forgive someone not only seven times, but seventy times seven (Mat. 18:21-22). That is not to say that we can finally quit forgiving someone once they have passed the threshold of 490. Seventy times seven is figurative language meaning that we must be willing to forgive someone as many times as they request it (seven and seventy both being numbers representative of perfection, or completion). After all, our heavenly Father forgives us of our wrongdoings over and over again as well, does He not? Therefore, we must remember that the next time someone repeatedly wrongs us as well.

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”
Matthew 10:32

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