


<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>PLACE STAMP HERE</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).
<p>Mailing Address</p>	

<p>By the Numbers: <i>Week of 9/23/18</i> <i>Contribution – \$2740</i> <i>Attendance:</i> <i>Sunday Bible Classes – 31</i> <i>Sunday Worship * – 55</i> <i>Wednesday Night – 31</i> *Total for the day</p>
<p>Bible Trivia Question</p>  <p>Last Week’s Answer: Jethro (Exo. 18:13ff) .</p> <p>Q: What kind of wood was used to construct the ark of the covenant?</p> <p>Answer to be given next week!</p>
<p>Sermon Spotlight: AM: Save Yourselves!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What does the phrase “Save Yourselves” imply in Acts 2:40? 2) In what way can a man save himself? 3) In what way can a man <u>not</u> save himself? <p>PM: A Closer Look at Ruth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What key takeaways could young people learn about true love in the book of Ruth? 2) Notice the loyalty of Ruth in Ruth 1:16-17.

<p>THE BEACON OF TRUTH</p> <p>September 30, 2018</p> <p>“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17</p>
<p><i>The Crisis We Face</i> <i>Rod Rutherford</i></p> <p>The Lord’s church faces a crisis today! Anyone who is even casually in- formed about what is happening in our brotherhood will agree that this is the case. Across our land and in foreign fields churches are troubled and some have already divided over a wide range of problems and issues. Current problems facing the church include false teaching on marriage, divorce and remarriage; questions concerning the purpose of baptism; emphasis on social-recreational activities to the detriment and sometimes exclusion of evangelism and benevolence; false teaching on law and grace; theistic evolution; theological modernism; etc.</p> <p>In addition to these problems, there seems to be a growing worldliness in the church. Social drinking is practiced and defended by an in- creasing number of brethren. Fewer and fewer see anything wrong with dancing. The wearing of im- modest clothing and the practice of mixed swimming are no longer issues with most Christians. It is increasingly difficult to see any difference between the life- styles of many Christians and that of people in the world.</p> <p>What is responsible for the growing doctrinal crisis? To what cause or causes may we attribute the increasing worldliness in the church? It is my judgment that it all boils down to one simple cause—lack of respect for God’s Word! When people cease to respect God’s Word, they cease to study it. When people cease studying God’s Word, they gradually move farther and farther away from the New Testa- ment pattern for the work, worship, and organization of the church. Their lives also betray their ignorance of the Word for they become lax in their standards of morali- ty and modesty since they no longer recognize an authoritative guide.</p> <p>Members of the Lord’s church were once known as people of the Book. We were a “Bible totin’, Bible quotin’” people. We generally knew what we believed and why, and could cite the Scripture passages to substantiate it. (cntd. on pg. 2)</p>

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

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen (room 628 at Ridgcrest Nursing Home) — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweck — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Dianne Ortega

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Congratulations to Pam and Andrew Steele on the birth of their daughter, Dyna Diane, on Tuesday night, September 25th!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Every 4th Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers. (If you would like to help with a get-together, please let Chase know).

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No longer is this the case. Sermons of our preachers just a few years ago were notable because of the numerous Scriptures quoted or read. All too many sermons today are notable for their lack of Scripture references. The Bible used to be studied verse by verse in our Bible schools. Now, lesson books emphasize “how to feel good about ourselves,” “how to overcome stress,” “the power of positive thinking,” etc. I heard a highly respected veteran preacher say a few years ago that “never have we had finer classroom facilities, better trained teachers, more attractive Bible class literature, and more Bible ignorance than at present.”

The answer to the crisis is simple. We must get back to the Bible! We must “study to show ourselves approved unto God” (2 Tim. 2:15). We must “Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein” (Jer. 6:16). We must challenge our denominational neighbors and our digressive brethren to go to “the law and to the testimony” and speak according to it (Isa. 8:20). We must always approach a new problem, idea, or teaching with the question, “What is written?” (Luke 10:26). Practices must be ascertained to be lawful according to God’s Word.

We will not have the unity for which our Savior prayed (John 17) or see the growth in the church that we all desire until we get back to the Bible, learn it, love it, respect it, live it, and teach it as our brethren did in former days. May God help us to do it!

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What Are Your Wages?
Chase Green

One of the things most often wondered but never asked is this, “What are your wages?” Naturally, we tend to be curious about this I suppose, but we understand that it is just plain rude to ask someone this. And if you do ask that question, many times you will get the reply, “That’s none of your business.”

But regardless of our earthly wages, every person on earth is alike when it comes to another type of wages, the wages of sin. We hear much said about income inequality these days, but what about the wages of sin? The truth of the matter is that it doesn’t matter if a person commits just one sin or one hundred million, his wages will be the same — death (Rom. 6:23)!

You see, the Bible is clear that when one sins, he commits an infringement against the holy nature of God, resulting in our separation from Him (Isa. 59:1-2; Prov. 15:29; Deu. 32:20; Mic. 3:4). The only logical conclusion of this is that we voluntarily separate ourselves from the One Who is life (Col. 3:4; John 11:25; 14:6), resulting in death, and not just physical death, but spiritual.

When one understands the depth of this truth, the seriousness of his sin, and the danger of being eternally separated from life with God, he can begin to realize his need for a Savior, and he can begin to appreciate Jesus’ vicarious (substitutionary) death on the cross. Then he can understand that Jesus took his place! Jesus took on his curse! Jesus took upon Himself the wages that no man wants to be paid! Why? Because He loved us so!

And yet, some do not appreciate that sacrifice. They laugh and mock and scorn our Lord as if His sacrifice means nothing to them. Hence the reason we see so much evil around us, so many people who refuse to even blush at the concept of sin (see Jer. 6:15). And they even LOVE the wages of sin (2 Pet. 2:15)! But they don’t know what they are asking for. They will one day realize that it was a serious matter after all, but it will be too late.

Make sure that it will not be too late for you. Take sin seriously! Realize what your sins cost our Lord! Lament the fact that you voluntarily gave up your place at God’s table, and Jesus came to voluntarily give up His life so that you could have a way back to Him. Realize that because of that grace and mercy that He has made available, you should no longer desire to let sin reign in your life (Rom. 6:12). Realize that you stood condemned, but if you have obeyed the Gospel you have been redeemed, and “go, and sin no more” (John 8:11)!

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
Luke 13:3

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