Elders chooley 318-396-7296 BEACON CHURCH OF CHRIS 2326 JONESBORO ROAD MAIL: P.O. BOX 3057 WEST MONROE, LA 71294 WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17). 1:16; Acts 18:8; :3; 24:47; (Matt. 10:32, 33). _A 71294 PLACE STAMP HERE

By the Numbers:

Week of 10/28/18

Contribution - \$2065

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes — 30 Sunday Worship* — 41 Wednesday Night — NA

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: The household of Chloe (1 Cor. 1:11).

Q: True or False: Paul did not baptize any of the Corinthians.

Answer to be given next week!

Sermon Spotlight:

AM - The Church is Not a Denomination

- 1) Does John 15:5ff refer to denominations?
- 2) Must we be careful not to act like the denominations in our practice and thinking?PM Mat. 18:1-11: A Lesson on Humility
- 1) Are children born arrogant?
- 2) Must we be willing to go to extreme measures if needed to rid ourselves of sin?

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

November 4, 2018

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

Yield Not to Temptation Chase Green

There is a song in our hymnal called "Yield Not to Temptation." In it, Horatio R. Palmer wrote:

Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each vict'ry will help you
Some other to win;
Fight manfully onward,
Dark passions subdue,
Look ever to Jesus:
He'll carry you through.

This song reminds us of how our Christian influence can be impacted greatly by whether or not we yield to what tempts us. If we give in, others will look upon our sin and will look past Jesus. But if we fight temptation and successfully overcome it, others will be shown the way of Jesus.

The song also reminds us that Jesus will help us get stronger. We need to remember that God is not the one who is tempting us, but rather when the Devil preys on our weaknesses (James 1:13-15). As the saying goes, if we give the Devil an inch, he'll take a mile. That's why it is so important for us to resist temptation!

The verses that go with this song are Matthew 26:41 and Romans 6:13. Matthew 26:41 says: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." We may have the best of intentions, spiritually speaking, but then Satan uses the weaknesses of our flesh to try to ensnare us! So we must remain vigilant, and must pray regularly for strength to overcome these snares.

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<u>NEWS AND NOTES</u> 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 Ridgecrest Nursing Home) — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers (his surgery went well on Tuesday) — The family of Dianne Ortega — Joy Skipper — Ruth Coston — Herm Langston (Bill's cousin in Texas)

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- We rejoice that two came forward this past Sunday to be restored as faithful members of the congregation. Please continue to pray for Kenneth Hendrix and Phyllis Green as they strive to continue to be faithful Christians.
- Monthly Fellowship Meal 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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The other verse, Romans 6:13, says "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." In other words, we must yield ("to surrender oneself," dictionary.com) to God, that is, give ourselves over wholly to Him so that there is no more room left in our hearts for the passions of sin. We need to be so focused on God that there is no time for the Devil to creep into our minds to try to persuade us to forsake Him. As the saying goes, idle hands are the Devil's workshop.

Let us remember to stay busy, to use our lives as servants of God, rather than servants of the Devil. We need to be practicing righteousness, actually LIVING OUT our faith, not just Christians in name only. And we need to make sure that we avoid every form of evil (1 Thes. 5:22), because, oh, don't we know that there are many forms of it! And the Devil knows exactly which ones are most tempting to each of us. So to him and his devices let not a one of us yield!

With love, Chase

Restoration

Brian R. Kenyon

(Verses taken from the NKJV)

What do we think when we hear the word "restoration"? Old furniture? Antique cars? Simply put, restoration is bringing something back to its original condition.

Spiritually, whenever there is a departure from God's will, there stands a need for restoration. Sometimes, even people need restoration. Humanity was created to glorify God (Isaiah 43:7; Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1 Corinthians 10:31), but "all have sinned" and have fallen short of that glory (Romans 3:23). From the first sin (Genesis 3:6), accountable human beings have needed restoration. The fulfillment of this need began very shortly after the first sin. It was in the promised "seed of woman" (Genesis 3:15). The remainder of the Old Testament shows the coming answer to real restoration. The New Testament reveals the reality of that answer. Thanks be to God who provided His image-bearer, mankind (Genesis 1:26-27), with a way to be restored (John 3:16). Jesus Christ is the one who "washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:5). Thus, Jesus Christ is "the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9). For restoration to be a reality, the Word of God must take precedence (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Restoration can only occur when the Bible is learned, respected and applied. When the right attitude is present along with a proper understanding of God's Word, restoration will take place (Acts 8:30-31; 10:33). May we all "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matthew 5:6), taking advantage of the opportunities we have to hear God's Word. Let us examine ourselves, for we might find that we stand in need of restoration.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:38

3 2.30

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