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November 20, 2016

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JUST A SYMBOL

Over the years I have written many times regarding the subject of baptism. It is no secret that we in churches of Christ preach that baptism is essential to our salvation. We believe this to be plainly declared in Scripture (Acts 2:38; 22:16; etc.). Jesus was baptized (Matthew 3:16). He preached baptism (Mark 16:16). He made and baptized more disciples than John (John 4:1). Few would dispute these assertions. Yet, when these things are called to the attention of folks, they are ignored.

The common refrain today is “believe and invite Jesus into your heart.” Nothing more is demanded. Anything more, it is argued, would make salvation a matter of works, and it is asserted that work has no relationship to man’s salvation. I do not dispute the fact that we are undeserving of the sacrifice of Jesus. Nor do I dispute the fact that there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. We are wholly dependent upon Christ. However, that is not to say that we have no obligation to Him beyond the acknowledgement of His divinity. The devil would not argue with us regarding His identity, but the devil would never submit to His will. Those who claim to be-

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SCHEDULE

November 27, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Tom Eddy
Darrell Hague
PM: Brad Forshey
Russ Schramm

PRAYER

AM: Les Mills
Close—Randy Hague
PM: Joe Crone
Close: Greg Cline
11/30—Tom Eddy

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Harry Ogletree
PM: John Dollison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells
PM: Brad Pierce
Wed. 11/30—Greg Cline

STATISTICS—November 13

Sunday Bible Class.....	86
Morning Worship.....	176
Evening Worship.....	98
Wednesday Classes.....	76
Contribution.....	3,574

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WEBSITE

<http://sixthandwashingtonchurchofchrist.org> (Please note audio from sermons are now available on our website)

BIBLECALL (740-373-3222)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Crackers

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: More Than That—**Harry Ogletree**
Reading: Luke 11:27-28

PM: Jesus Prays—**Harry Ogletree**
Reading: John 17:1-5

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.

WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.

WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.

SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Marilyn Kirkbride is now at Heartland.

PRAYER LIST

Marlene Thomas (friend of **Robert Patterson, Jr.**)

Tammy Thomas (**Robert Patterson, Jr.**'s daughter)

Karen Thompson

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower is planned for **Isaac Bettinger**, Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. If you would like to contribute towards gifts, please see **Glenda Stanley** or **Barb Hickman**.

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Crackers

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Simon and other fishermen had fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told them to try again and what happened?

Answer next week/Answer to last weeks' question: **Jesus being very hungry was tempted by the devil to turn a stone into bread. How did Jesus answer? Jesus said "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." - Luke 4:4**

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ruth Hughes**. A graveside service was held Thursday at East Lawn Memorial Park.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Robert Reed (Linda Thomas' brother-in-law)**. Memorial services were held yesterday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ruth Fouss Cassady**. Memorial services will be held today at 2:00 p.m. with visitation from 1:00 until the time of the service at the Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **David Carrel**.

Patience is better than riches, and humility better than fame—waiting on God accomplishes both.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

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lieve but will not obey are siding with Satan.

Further, when we teach that baptism necessitates a burial in water, we are told that we are merely dealing with symbolism, and we should not confuse the symbolism with the substance. First, from a linguistic standpoint there is no doubt that baptism involves an immersion or submersion. Sprinkling and pouring do not satisfy the true meaning of the word. Second, baptism is described as a burial in the New Testament (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12). Third, in the detailed accounts of baptism in the Bible there is a going down into and a coming up out of water (Acts 8:38, 39). I do not deny the symbolism involved in baptism. Again, according to the Bible, baptism symbolizes the death and burial of the old man and the resurrection of the new man in Christ (Romans 6:3-14). How can this be symbolized by sprinkling or pouring a few drops of water on someone's head? That does not constitute a burial or a resurrection! And, if it is all a matter of symbolism, why not drop the water altogether? Surely, if a few drops are sufficient to satisfy the symbolism, can it not be completely eliminated? Some have already done so!

If I have misrepresented what the Bible teaches, then it should be ignored. But, if the truth on this subject has been presented, and I am convinced that it has, ignoring it jeopardizes our hope of heaven.

---Roger

Only a loving Father would paint a new sunset for His children every single day.

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

Psalm 19:1-2

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

God willing, **Todd Hague** will have our devotional this Wednesday evening, and **Tim Loughry** is scheduled for Wednesday evening November 30th.

Our annual *Thanksgiving Dinner* is today following our morning assembly. Meat and rolls will be provided. I hope all of you will be able to stay and enjoy a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

My thanks to **Harry Ogletree** for speaking in my absence today, and to **Kurt Harrison** for teaching my class this morning. God willing, as we customarily do the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, we will have a sing this Wednesday evening. Our Bible classes will not meet. As I write this, I am still waiting to hear if **David Perry** will be here. **Dave** was not sure if he would be able to take the time off to come back to Marietta for the holiday. He typically serves as our guest song leader. If **Dave** is unable to be here, our regular song leaders will be leading our singing.

Also, our *Thursday Ladies Class* will not meet this week. God willing, class will resume December 1.

Your response to our coat drive for kids in need in the *Marietta City School District* was tremendous. Thanks to all of you who contributed funds or purchased coats. We will have a complete report for you very soon.

The Thanksgiving holiday is always a time for family, food and football, but it should also be a time for our faith to be at the forefront as we give thanks to God for His wonderful blessings, and hopefully open our hearts to those in need. I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving, and I look forward to seeing you next Lord's Day.

Don't forget our assembly at 6:30 this evening. If at all possible, plan to be back again tonight to worship God in spirit and in truth.