

# THE BULLETIN

## THIS WEEK:

### Sunday:

Bible Study & Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship  
Teen Movie Night @ Frazier's

### Monday:

Fl. School of Preaching Class

### Tuesday:

Teen Trip to Blue Springs

### Wednesday:

Bible Study

### Friday:

Teen Trip to St. Aug. Beach

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE:

### Month of March

#### Announcements:

Luther Honey

#### Singing:

a.m. – Jon Thompson  
p.m. – John Loanzon  
Wed. –Luther Honey

#### Prayer:

Tommy Mikell

#### Bible Reading:

#### Preaching:

Doug Frazier

#### Lord's Supper:

Ray Cauthen  
Ben Stokes  
Tim Stanley  
Cliff Jones

#### Prepare communion

Mary Pahman

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship:

#### March

Angie Stokes  
Cathy Hitchcock  
Cindy Burgett

Because of the disaster in Japan, the unrest in the middle east, and our economic uncertainty that many are feeling at this time, the following article is being reprinted from the Outreach Publication of the Church of Christ at Creekwood .

## *In Times of Uncertainty*

There is so much uncertainty in the world today. Our hearts go out to the people of Japan who have suffered such terrible loss and can't rest because of the threat of radiation poisoning from melting nuclear reactors. Other parts of the world, like Libya and Afghanistan, are ravaged with war. Economic instability and health concerns also plague many people in our world.

Uncertainty about the future also affects us on a personal level. Consider the words of Barry Newton:

*The details of our future, even what lies just around the corner, are many: How long will my employment situation remain the same? What about health, finances, and family relationships? The list can go on and on...*

*While at times we might feel like the master of our destiny or a hapless cork caught in a storm swept sea, by peering into Paul's imprisonment we discover our grasp upon controlling our future is neither. In fact, his prison letter to the Philippian church can teach us about living on the edge of a foggy future.*

*Wearing Roman shackles, Paul certainly was not the master of his circumstances. Would tomorrow herald exoneration and freedom from captivity or would the government take his life? Yet Paul could exude a confidence about the FUTURE which provided him with peace in the PRESENT.*

*Our situation may not be as dramatic as his, but the fundamental question is the same. **What will tomorrow bring?***

*The key for managing the future involves **possessing** something TODAY which can be relied upon TOMORROW. Many people try to build a tomorrow by reducing their risk and creating a reliable foundation through insurance companies and investment firms. While the track record of such institutions has tended to be reliable, we have also seen there is no guarantee.*

*Paul's future planning pierced even beyond the grave. He looked to Christ crucified and risen again [see Phil 3:8-14]. Regardless whether he lived or died, he would win.\**

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As Paul faced an uncertain future, he was able to write with confidence:

*“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*  
– Philippians 1:21

He was confident that he would be able to continue to live and help his fellow Christians (Philippians 1:25-26). But if he were to lose his life, his gain would be to be with Christ forever.

**This confidence in uncertain times can be shared by ALL those who place their trust – not in the things of this world – but in God and His Word!**

**A certain and blessed future awaits those who:** place their [faith](#) and trust in Christ who died on the cross for our sins (Acts 16:30-31), who turn from their sin in [repentance](#) (Acts 17:30-31), who [confess](#) Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are [baptized](#) (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Ultimately, it is sin that makes our “future” so bleak. But in Christ, our sins are washed away by His blood and we have the hope and assurance of eternal life.

Barry Newton adds:

While at times we might be deluded into confidently perceiving ourselves controlling tomorrow, a sudden car wreck, a health crisis or economic upheaval suddenly exposes our weakness. On the other hand, because of Christ, neither do we face the future with uncertainty. We can know whose we are and where our destiny lies. In this there is peace.

**Do YOU have this peace? You CAN – through Jesus Christ. Won't you place your trust in Him and obey His will?**

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\* “Facing A Foggy Future” by Barry Newton. Forthright Magazine (3/9/11) --  
[http://www.forthright.net/hands-on\\_faith/facing\\_a\\_foggy\\_future.html](http://www.forthright.net/hands-on_faith/facing_a_foggy_future.html)

## TO OUR VISITORS

It is our sincere desire to help all men and women understand what God's will is for their life. Here at the Alachua Church of Christ, we stand ready and willing to help you with any needs you may have. Here are just a few of the services we offer: Marriage Counseling, Family Counseling and Addiction Counseling, free audiotapes of any lesson and In-home Bible Study. Feel free to make your request know. Ask any member of the congregation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JAPAN:

Please continue to pray for the return of Dana Palmer, Esther's daughter, that she return home safely. Also continue to remember the thousands of people in Japan that are suffering.

### SPRING BREAK:

Spring breaks continue this week. Many more will be traveling in and out of town. Our prayer is that all will be safe on their journeys.

### PRAYERS ANSWERED:

The report is that Edward Brown, the man with cancer that has been treated at Shands for several weeks, is now cancer free. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

It was good to see Jean Gause and Ann Ewing out this past week. Continue to remember these loved ones in your prayers.

### PRAYERS NEEDED:

Christopher and Linda Martin continue to be in need of our prayers. They are going through a very difficult time now. Please pray for the family.

### SICK AND/OR INJURED:

- Nancy Sherouse is home with pneumonia again. Also, on the way home from the doctor, Nancy fell in the parking lot of the doctor's office. Other than bumps, scrapes and bruises, she is doing ok.
- Larry Pahman's father has recently been in the hospital. He is home now.
- Mike Elledge has recently broken his ankle in a bike accident. He is now recovering from this injury.
- Rhonda Howe has been undergoing some additional tests this week with her doctors. Her lungs are not functioning as they should so they have given her some medication to help with this.
- Continue to remember Randy Adams, Shirley Rogers, Jean Gause, Carl Lee, Sherrelle Kendrick, Randy Howe's mother, Linda Martin, Tommy Mikell, Della Brunson, Ann Ewing, Diane Jones, Terry Dickerson (nephew of Ruth Gufford), Betty Hitchcock, Shirley Kirby, Carolyn Canady (Rhonda's Mom), James Harrison, Edward Brown.

Please keep these loved ones in your prayers. Many of those who have chronic conditions suffer from day to day. Those that are confined need not only our prayers but visits, calls, cards or letters.

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TODAY

### TEEN EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF SPRING BREAK:

- Sunday evening 3/27 following our 4th Sunday fellowship meal we will be having movie night at our house. Everyone will have already had dinner so just bring a snack and a 2 liter.
- Tuesday 3/29 we will be going to Blue Springs Park. The park opens at 10:00 so we will leave the church building at 9:30. If you need to bring your kids early because you have to be at work just let me know (as long as it's not like 3 or 4 in the morning :-)) Everyone needs to bring a bag lunch and snacks/drinks for the day. I will have a big cooler to take so they can just add their lunch to it. The cost is \$9 for age 13 and up, \$3 for age 5-12. The money for this event is due today. We will be back to the church building around 4 that afternoon.
- Friday 4/1 We will be going to St. Augustine Beach. We will leave the church building at 8:00. Please make sure your child brings a bag lunch, snacks and drinks for the beach, I will take a big cooler. We will also stop for fast food that evening on the way home. Each person will need money to eat with. We should be back to the building by 6 or 7.

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**Meeting Times:**  
**Sunday Morning**  
Bible Study: 9:30  
Worship: 10:30

**Sunday Evening**  
Worship: 5:30

**Mid-Week Bible Study**  
Wednesday 6:30

## “Baptism”

- A. There are some that say that baptism is not essential for salvation.
- B. We know that baptism is essential for salvation because Jesus commanded His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- C. Baptism is a biblical issue.

### 1. Baptism is immersion.

- i. The word baptism can have 3 different meanings, to immerse, to sprinkle or to pour.
- ii. In the Greek text we see that **Baptizo** is to immerse, **Rhantizo** is to sprinkle and **Cheo** is to pour.
- iii. John 3:23, we see John the Baptizer was baptizing in Aenon because there was \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv. Matthew 3:5-6, we see John baptizing them in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. Acts 8:35-39, Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. If sprinkling or pouring met the requirement for baptism, then they would have only needed to go to the waters edge. But what does the text tell us? It says they both went down into the water.
- vi. Romans 6:3-4, baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- vii. When a person is baptized they are \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Baptism is essential for salvation.

- i. Jesus commanded it in Mark 16:16
- ii. Acts 2:37-38, Peter on the day of Pentecost commanded them to \_\_\_\_\_ and each of them be baptized.
- iii. We see in Acts 2:40 that the people did as Peter commanded and about 3,000 souls were saved.
- iv. In Paul’s conversion in Acts 22:16, Ananias told Paul not to delay to get up and be baptized.
- v. In Acts 16:29-33 we see that the jailor and all his household was baptized. We will notice also that it says they took him immediately and was baptized.
- vi. We can clearly see that baptism is directly connected with \_\_\_\_\_.

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