



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - January 22, 2023

A NEW CREATION

by Troy Spradlin

When someone rises up out of the precious waters of baptism, is there now something different about them? Based solely upon appearances, no changes are discernible. Yet, from a spiritual perspective, everything about them has changed! We know this because the Bible reveals that a remarkable transformation has taken place. It describes the conversion with some rather peculiar verbiage. For example, when a penitent believer is immersed into water, they are said to have "died and been buried" (Romans 6:1-4). It is also called being "born again" (John 3:3-7). Other passages describe it as "putting on Christ" (Galatians 3:27); becoming a "babe in Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:1); being a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17); or even "putting on the new man" (Ephesians 4:24). So which is it? Have they died? Are they re-born? Have they become a new man, or are they now a babe? The answer is, all of those things!

While the exterior aspect of the individual shows no variation, nor was anything "magical" happening during the physical act of baptism - after all, it's just water - there is, indeed, much happening within the spiritual realm that our physical eyes simply cannot see. The Apostle Peter explains it in this manner, *"There is also an anti-type which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"* (1 Peter 3:21). Thus, the act of baptism is part of a process, or what is also known as "the plan of salvation," that God ordained (cf. Romans 6:17). Paul provides a little further insight, *"... you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God"* (1 Corinthians 6:11). These verses clearly indicate that something very special happens when one is baptized.



Since we cannot actually see what is taking place, the Bible uses several metaphors and phrases of figurative language that we can relate to in order to help us understand what this act of obedience truly fulfills. Essentially, what happens is that while our flesh is just getting wet, the inner soul is being translated into the kingdom of the Son (Colossians 1:13), or added to the church, as depicted in Acts 2:47. These two phrases both mean the same thing. In other words, the soul of the individual is being conveyed from one state of being (that which was lost) to a different state of being (that which is saved). The result of the transformation means that the individual who comes up out of the water is no longer the same person that entered the water. How do you describe such a change? You do it with all those many descriptors given in Scripture ... and oh, what beautiful descriptions they are!

Notice that each depiction of the baptized Christian has one thing in common: a new beginning at life. It is not just a better life on this earth, but eternal life, a life that extends far beyond this present world (John 10:10; 1 John 2:25). Just as a newborn child has the blessing of a brand new life laying before them, so does the born again disciple. We can call it a gift of second chance. This is because on our own, we are doomed to eternal condemnation due to the sin in our lives (Romans 3:23; 6:23), but God provided away of escape, another trajectory that has a far better destination (John 3:16; Romans 5:8). Therefore, one has to make a choice, they must rid themselves of their old ways, and submit to the will of God, so they too can have the free gift that He offers to all mankind (Romans 5:18).

So, how about you? Does this sound like something worth pursuing? Isn't eternal life worth more than all the world? After all, *"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Matthew 16:26) I pray this has encouraged you to see the true impact baptism has on one's life. It is a metamorphosis of the soul to a new life that gains *"the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding"* (Philippians 4:7). I pray that YOU do have that life God offers to all, or you will seek it out today!

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

- Matthew 22:36-40



Upcoming Events/Info

January 22 – Workshop, Bible Bowl Pre-Test, Speech Dress Rehearsal, \$45 registration due



Gulf Coast AREAWIDE 2022-2023

AUGUST 21 @ CREEKWOOD <small>Community of Love & Life</small>
SEPTEMBER 11 @ SUMMERDALE <small>A Place of Acceptance</small>
OCTOBER 16 @ MARGARET ST. <small>A Place of Fellowship</small>
NOV. 11-13 @ FUEL RETREAT <small>Sea Coast Bible Camp</small>
JANUARY 8 @ SCENIC HILLS <small>A People of Sacrifice</small>
FEBRUARY 5 @ SPANISH FORT <small>Partnering Strengths</small>
MARCH 12 @ ROBERTSDALE <small>Empowering Personal Voice</small>
APRIL 16 @ REGENCY <small>Support Through Struggles</small>



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CREEKWOOD GIRL'S DAY 2023

MOMS & MENTORS SPEAKERS: TAMMY WISDOM CATHY SHELBUENE MARY BETH CLAYTON	GIRLS SPEAKERS: SHELBY CAMP ERIN MOODY ANNA MAYNARD
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GRADES 6-12 AND UP | MARCH 25TH
STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

9:30 REGISTRATION
10:00 KEYNOTE PANEL
10:00 BRUNCH
11:00 BREAKOUT I
12:30 BREAKOUT II
1:10 BREAKOUT III
1:50 CLOSING REMARKS

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REGISTER AT CREEKWOOD-GIRLS-DAY.CHEDDARUP.COM



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Special

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Kandi Armand - surgery/recover (Bostwick*)
- Trevor Bostwick* - blood poisng @ SRH
- John Broam family - loss of John
- Winston Burnham* - oblation rescheduled
- Josie Coons - leg/recovery (McReynolds*)
- The Davis family* - birth of Rosalie!
- Zeb Hamilton family* - loss of Zeb
- Louise English's families - loss of Louise*
- Annie Favorite - hospital (Mary Lou's mom)
- Lauren Kreuz (Martin family) - prayers
- Donald McGriff* - surgery/recovery
- Richard McCool* - heart attack, recovery
- The Owens' family* - loss of Charlotte
- Brittany Parker - requests prayers
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom)- recovery
- Tony Smith family - loss of Tony (Fisher*)
- Edith Sullins - health, prayers (Blisse's gma)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Gloria Vonada - recovery, new tests
- Ruth Williams* - fractured tailbone, recovery
- Maggie Wilson* - @ home recovering, asthma

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

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Expecting Mothers

- Lauren Godwin* - January 2023
- Heidi Hudgens - January 2023 (Avalon)
- Nikki Tebbe - January 2023 (Blisse's cousin)
- Jennifer Cannon - March 2023

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute - Paul Discher

Students in College

- Haley Bartell • Caleb Owens
- Seth Crider • Nick Webb
- Stephen English • Reed Wilson
- Caitlyn Frizzell • Lexi Wildes
- Jackson Lash

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health (past member)
- Winston Burnham* - recovery
- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- WillieMae Cosby - hand surgery (McGriff*)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Fatima Deem- pregnant, problems (Nunes)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Madeline Farley* - broken wrist, recovery
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham
- Donald Hamilton - surgery coming (McGriff*)
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Barbara Helms* - health
- Chris Hollis - tests (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Eddie Longmire* - health
- Cindy Marotta - paralyzed (Nunes*)
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Ella Parker* - health
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Eugene Smith - cleft palate (J.English*)
- Julia Torpey* - health
- Gloria Vonada*
- Jan Whitney*

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Cody Davis - Fort Hood, TX
- Spencer Gable-New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kentucky
- Byron Solomon - San Diego

Cancer

- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley* - lung cancer (Baxley*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - surgery (Hatcher*)
- Pat Deforest*
- Brenda Dunham - (J.English*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jennings - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Keith Pabst - (Webb*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse*)
- Kevin Shanahan - operation (Scott's* dad)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner- cancer (Helms*)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (frmer mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Arcadia Senior Living rm 113
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts* - Sodalis house, room 119
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In
- Troy Vonada* - Sodalis House, Hospice



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

MORNING

Opening Prayer Chris Davis
 Song Director Casey Bearden
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Help My Unbelief"
 Scripture Reading Michael English
 Mark 9:14-27
 Closing Prayer Rick Bird

Serving Communion:

Comments Paul Lipford
 Matthew Henry Blake Hatcher
 David English Pete Pierce
 Mike Scott

EVENING

Opening Prayer Josh Owens
 Singing Rick Bird
 Scripture Justin Davis
 1 Corinthians 5:1-8
 Comments Paul Lipford

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Stephanie Wilson
 PowerPoint Brooks Singley
 Greeters: Elsa Nunes
 Secure Building Rick Bird

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Elliot Wilson
 Opening Prayer David English

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 151
 AM Worship 194
 PM Worship 118
 Wed. Night Bible Class 142
 Contribution \$8,976

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship ... 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**



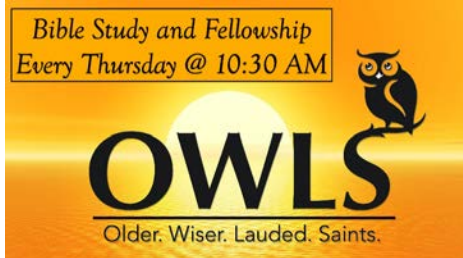
Margaret Street CHURCH OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 2/7 @ 9:30 AM
 Preparing Boxes: 2/9 @ 9:30 AM
 Distribution : 2/9 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

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WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

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