

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

1 Corinthians 5:16

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer.

Acts 9:13-14

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;

14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

Acts 9:19-26

19 Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,
20 and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

23 When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him,

24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;

25 But his disciples took him by night and let him down through *an opening* in the wall, lowering him in a large basket.

26 When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Acts 4:27-30

27 But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out Boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

29 And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic *Jews*; but they were attempting to put him to death.

30 But when the brethren learned *of it*, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.



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WELCOME

We want to take this time to welcome you to University. We want to thank you for being a part of the work that goes on here. If you are visiting we would ask if you would remain after services so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. If you are looking for a church home, have any questions, would like to know more about a walk with Him and what that would mean, need some assistance or know of someone who does please take the time to meet with us we would love to see how we may serve you.

Remember we still have invitation cards in the foyer for you to pass out to family and friends. If you need any mail out postcards to send we also have some of those in the office as well. Don't forget we have a complete video library free to you for just signing up. Studies for everyone in the family specific for Men, Women, Children, marriages even kid videos. The church pays for this service and invites you to sign up and use when ever and where ever you are.

One of the hardest things to do when becoming a Christian for ourselves or with others for that matter is getting over some of the past. The past can be a very BIG thing. And even though we know God forgives and we are a NEW creature. All things are new the bible says turning over a new leaf can be challenging for some. Today I want all of us to be encouraged that our God is bigger than your past. And then wants us to extend that to others once we have learned that all important message. Lets look at some passages today to help us KNOW that God is truly bigger than our past.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Brad McKinzie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Keith Parrish

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:37
Morning Worship:72
Evening Worship:36
Mid-Week:33
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$3,379.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,909.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:David Byrd
Closing Prayer:Jerry Golson

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Charles Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Ed Valdez

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:James Brennan
Closing Prayer:Tommy Bowden

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-

ING: Roy Don Bennett had back surgery Tuesday. His surgery went well. He is in room 367 at Mercy Hospital in Okla. City and will be moved to the Mercy rehab this weekend. Until then he can be reached in his room at 405-486-8367. Donna Caldwell will be having surgery this Wednesday at Mercy Hospital. Letha Owens fell and broke her nose. Terri Belflower is recuperating at home after her knee surgery. Barbara Bolton will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday August 23rd in Duncan. Please pray for the ones on our continued prayer list.

RESPONSE: Dwaine Zacharias came Sunday morning asking for prayers.

NOTE: If you are able to help provide a dish and/or assist with a funeral meal, please sign up on the back bulletin board.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Dwaine Zacharias
- 12 - Flo Fitzsimmons
- 14 - Jack Treffinger

AUGUST CALENDAR:

- 8 - MNFTM
- 21 - Monthly Luncheon

NORTHWEST LADIES DAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 - LIVE & FINISH STRONG - Worldliness VS. Righteousness - 9:00 AM - Registration coffee and breakfast - Lunch will be provided **SPEAKER:** Rose Crayton from Frisco, Texas - **R.S.V.P.** By September 1, 2016 (580) 353-4230 or (580)280-0234

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Barbara Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Tim, Karee & Clay Curtis, Weldon Flanagan, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, David Kelsey, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, David Byrd's father, Bryan Cain's father, Johnny Burch, Randy Hill, Glenda Kinney, Lenna Kelsey & Sue Peddy's grandson Lee.

EXTENDED CARE:

Kenneth Gregory is in Willow Park in room 2 C.

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 115.

Jack Treffinger is in McMahon in room A82B

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In Case You Missed It

Last Wednesday I used a devotional written by Wes McAdams from Radically Christian where he was writing about each of us that are Christians and have been baptized. Asking us How do we live out our baptisms each and every day? We know that Paul wrote quite a bit about baptism in his letters, but we find that his letters weren't written to non-Christians needing to be persuaded to be baptized. His letters were written to Christians, people who had already been baptized. So why would Paul teach already baptized people about baptism? He was admonishing them to live out their baptisms, or the implications of their baptism, in their daily life. The question is do we do that? And every day? What does that mean and how do we "live out" our baptism? Here are a few thoughts he gave us to consider. When we are baptized, we are not only saying we want to be forgiven of our sins, we are also saying we don't want to be sin's slaves anymore. We are saying we are done living to please the flesh and from now on we are going to live to please Jesus. We are killing and burying our sinful selves and being raised up to live a life of

obedience to Jesus (not because of Law but because of His grace). Anytime we fall again into temptation and sin, we need to remind ourselves of our baptism. We need to say to ourselves, "Why are you obeying sin? That life is dead and buried! You're not that person anymore!" He again states in Romans 6:12-14 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your member to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." If a person goes "on sinning deliberately" (Hebrews 10:26), he is not living as a baptized person. We are forgiven people so long as we live out our baptism, doing our best to abstain from sin (see 1 John 1-2). The death of Jesus fulfilled that first covenant and established a second by putting Christ on in baptism we become God's chosen people through faith. Therefore, everyone who is in Christ is our family and when we love each other like family, we are living out our baptism. Being baptized is about passing from death into life. And when you love the Christian family, you prove you have actually "passed out of death into life. Paul also taught that we are "all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13). Living out your baptism means using whatever gifts God has given you to selflessly serve the rest of the body; which "makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Living out your baptism means doing "nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). Living out your baptism means considering "how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25). If you have been buried with Christ in baptism then live out your baptism today and every day. Live as someone who has been crucified with Christ. Live as someone who is dead to selfishness, ambition, and conceit. Live for the good of others and the glory of God. That's how you live out your baptism.