

NEWS

Dorothy Kyle continues to be weak as a result of her recent sickness and it may take her a while to get her strength back—**Catherine Moss** continues to have difficulty getting around because of the pain from her recent surgery—**Bettye Mitchell** has been moved back to the Pleasant Springs Nursing Home. Her doctor is planning to take the screws out of her hip Wednesday. Hopefully this will help with the pain she has been having—**The Stringers** arrived home yesterday from Tennessee. Alecia has been sick the whole trip (continued on page 3)

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SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

PREACHERS:

Ronald Stringer 717-8603
Leon Goff 572-6809

ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

January 6, 2013

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Andrew Arnold

Zach Willeford **Bob Arnold**
Colton Fulmer **Richard Tapparo**

Sunday Evening

Zach Willeford **Bob Arnold**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—William White (Opening)

—Phil Brown (Closing)

PM—Leon Goff (Opening)

—Charles Davis (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—Ken Ferguson

P.M.—Paul Chapman

(notify Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

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Think It Over—If you were to die today...Where would you spend eternity? To all who love God, and to those who do not, but should, to all who are weary and heavy laden; to all who are lonely and sad; to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whosoever will come a hearty welcome is extended.

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We Are Saved By Calling on the Name of the Lord

By Bill Hall

The Expression, “*Calling on the name of the Lord*,” is found three times in the New Testament (Acts 2:21; 22:16; Romans. 10:13). It is an expression of trust and reliance. In obedience to the gospel, one is not calling upon water to save him; nor is he calling upon his own meritorious works, rather, he is “calling upon the name of the Lord.” He is placing his trust in the only true source of salvation. “Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Misunderstandings Corrected

One does not call upon the name of the Lord through mere belief. In fact, belief is a prerequisite to calling upon His name: “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?” (Romans 10:14).

One does not call upon the name of the Lord by citing the “sinners prayer.” The “sinner’s prayer” originated with men rather than with God. One does call upon the name of the Lord through action: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that *doeth* the will of the Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

One calls upon the name of the Lord when he “trusts and

obeys.” After proclaiming, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved,” Peter told inquiring sinners, “Repent, and be baptized...for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:21,38). Since salvation results from calling on the name of the Lord and also from repenting and being baptized, an obvious link exists between the two. This link is further confirmed in Acts 22:16: “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” It should be observed that these were words spoken by Ananias to a *praying* Saul of Tarsus. Saul was not to call upon the name of the Lord through continued praying, but through arising and being baptized.

Trust is the key element. One may be baptized, trusting the merit of his works for salvation. Such a person is not calling on the name of the Lord. Another is baptized, looking to Jesus for salvation, placing his trust in the promise of God and efficacy of Christ’s blood. This is the person who truly obeys the gospel and, in so doing, calls upon the name of the Lord.

One’s calling upon the name of the Lord, however, is not completed at the point of baptism. One continues to call upon His name through living as a Christian. Ananias said of Saul’s intent in going to Damascus: “And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name” (Acts 9:14). Christians can be described, then, as those who call on

the Lord’s name. This implies ongoing action. The whole of one’s life as a Christian is to be built on trust. As one lives a godly life, worships, prays, works, and seeks to do God’s will, he must do so, not trusting the merit of his own righteousness, but placing his trust in the Lord. In so living, he is calling, not on himself, but on the name of the Lord.

The Promise Is To All

The word “whosoever” must not be overlooked. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,” Paul wrote to the Romans (Romans 10:13). Paul’s primary purpose in quoting this passage was to show that salvation was for both Jew and Gentile and that the word “whosoever” in the prophecy implied the necessity of preaching to both Jew and Gentile. No one is excluded. The promise is for all: for people of all nations, for rich and for poor, for educated and uneducated, for moral and immoral (if they will repent of their immorality), for the mighty and the lowly. Thank God! All can call upon the name of the Lord. All can be saved.

How To Raise A Crook

1. Begin from infancy to give the child everything he wants. This way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at

him. It will encourage him to pick up cuter phrases that will blow the top off your head later.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him decide for himself.

4. Avoid the use of the word “wrong.” It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.

5. Pick up anything he leaves lying around — books, shoes, clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing the responsibility onto others.

6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feed on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of children. Then they won’t be too shocked when the home is broken up.

8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as rough as you had them?

9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.

10. Take his part against the neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourselves by saying, “ I never could do anything with him.”

12. Prepare for a life of grief because you are sure to have it.

—From the Presbyterian Journal

Our Annual Singing

Friday Night, January 18, 2013 is the date and **7:30 PM** is the time. **Tim Steven, Dane Shepard and Todd Dennis** are scheduled so far to be the song leaders. We are expecting another full house at our singing. We appreciate very much the great support we have received the past years. We look forward to another enjoyable evening of worshiping God singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

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but she is doing better. **Paley** is doing much better—**The Hancocks** are doing better. **Ben and Asher** were sick last Sunday—**Luke Arnold** was sick last Sunday—Continue to remember **Relda Marshall, David Hill, Pat Brown, Deborah Brown Reed, Dana Welch Crawford, Tammy Willeford and Ronald Stringer**—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Irma May, Bettye Mitchell, Lelda Thompson and Joan Tosh.**