

Here's the problem as I see it. Many of our brethren have confused being "in Christ" with being "Christlike." The two are not the same! Let me illustrate. Suppose I buy my son a boy scout uniform. Suppose I also buy him a Boy Scout handbook and he reads it cover to cover. Suppose he even performs all the requirements for the various merit badges. And suppose he spends his weekends on busy intersections helping elderly women cross the street. Question: Does that make him a boy scout? He looks like one. He acts like one. But he is not a boy scout until he properly registers and joins through the prescribed rites of entrance.

Likewise we have the question of Christian identity. Suppose someone decides to read their Bible cover to cover. Suppose this person works diligently for the moral good of himself, his family, and community. Suppose even further this person goes about doing good deeds daily. And suppose he goes to church every time the doors are opened. Does that make him a Christian? He certainly may look like one. He acts like one. But he is not a Christian until he properly submits to the prescribed terms or rites of entrance.

Baptism is the line of demarcation. Baptism is indeed the line in the sand. The only thing, it's not a line that we have drawn, it's a line that the Lord has drawn. I agonize over the failure of good, moral, devoutly religious people to submit to the Lord's terms of entrance into his church. I suppose that's similar to what the apostle Paul was trying to express in Romans 10 when Paul agonized over his devoutly religious, highly moral Jewish brethren.

Rather than being a time to "go soft" on baptism, now maybe more than ever, do we need to uncompromisingly teach the truth to the myriad of "Christ-like" people in our world, so that they may learn what to do to be "in Christ."



Mount Zion
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 - SUNDAY, AUG. 10, 2008 -
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Honored to Serve

A.M. Morning Worship

Announcements-----**Jerry Basham**
 Sub-----Charles Sandidge
 Song Leader-----**Greg Sandidge**
 Sub-----David Eadens
 Opening Prayer-----**Barry Basham**
 Sub-----Kelly Hudson

Sermon-----**Gary Hays**

Lord's Table

Center-----**Steve Lyons**
 Sub-----Allen Brian Stewart
 Assist-----**Jerry Stahl**
 Sub-----David Eadens
 Assist-----**Ryan Barrick**
 Sub-----Steve Croslin
 Assist-----**Greg Barrick**
 Sub-----Kelly Hudson

Closing Prayer-----**John Miller**
 Sub-----Ellis Basham

Please direct your announcements for the
 bulletin to Greg or Lynn Barrick
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Mount Zion Welcomes You

We welcome you to the worship services at Mt. Zion. We are delighted by your presence this Lord's Day. Mt. Zion is a well known congregation in the community looking to grow numerically and spiritually by studying and praising our creator above. We encourage you to visit with us again soon and pray you will make Mt. Zion your church home. The men's restrooms are located in the foyer on the right as you enter the building, and the women's are located in the back of the fellowship hall on the right. There is an unattended nursery in the back of the fellowship hall on the left.

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study-----10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship-----11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship-----6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Night Bible Study-----7:00 p.m.

Elders

Ellis Basham-----777-3654
 David Eadens-----777-3786
 Charles Sandidge-----777-1168

Deacons

Greg Barrick
 Steve Lyons
 Greg Sandidge
 Jerry Stahl

Minister

Gary Hays-----846-4283

Prayers Needed

Greg Barrick had successful sinus surgery Monday. He returns to the doctor tomorrow to have tubes removed from his nose.

Betty Runnels returned home from SKY rehab Monday and continues to improve.

Bob Hardin has also had knee replacement surgery in the past couple of weeks. He has been home & recovering. (apologies, as we just became aware of.)

Barry Basham has been doing therapy for his neck, but will return to the doctor in Nashville tomorrow for reevaluation.

Theo Maddox will not be having open heart surgery at this time after a recent decision by doctors. Continue to remember him in prayer.

Billy Croslin (Steve's brother) recently had two strokes and was admitted to the hospital. He was released Thursday with no permanent damage.

Remember in Prayer

Dale Bush, Billie Jean Butler, Linda Cox, Judy Davenport, Georgia Eadens, Mary Elkin, Gus Elmore, Joe Elmore, Henrietta Embry, Bobby Floyd, Yvonne Floyd, Myrna Floyd, Nicole Gowin, Tonya Gross, Toni Hayes, Imogene Hightower, Donald Huff, Hilton Jones, Sybil Kloviski, Coleman Larsen, Sondra Lyons, Theo Maddox, Tyler Madison, Cain Martin, Harley Mestas, Hamp Milam, Karen Morrison, Dolores Overton, Iris Rich, Hazel Rucker, Margarette Stahl, Kristy Thompson, Emily Towe, Anita Turner, B.T. Webb, Gary Whalin, Lana Young.

In the Nursing Homes

Medco – Margarette Stahl
Christian Healthcare Center – Georgia Eadens
Rm. 106

AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS

Building and Lord's Supper Preparation

Larry & Pam McGonigal

Sunday Morning Teachers

Nursery – Debbie Lyons

Pre-School- Wanda Basham

1st and 2nd Grade – Marilyn Basham

Intermediate – Greg Sandidge

Dates TO Remember

- **Aug. 17** Breakfast in the fellowship hall before Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
- **Aug. 24** Fourth Sunday night singing here at Mt. Zion with a men's business meeting following the service. 6:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 18** Annual hayride, hot dog roast/TALENT SHOW at Barry & Wanda Basham's. 6:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 19-22** – Fall Gospel Meeting with Bruce Lindsey 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Happy Birthday

David Leo Floyd – Aug. 8
Taylor Arnold – Aug. 12
Tammy Boyd – Aug. 14
Brad Joyner – Aug. 14
Michael Lyons – Aug. 15
Tonya Gross – Aug. 15
Judy Richards – Aug. 15
Allison Sandidge – Aug. 16



Pray For Our Troops

Shaun Hays	Alden Lynch
Bradley Hines	Chad Stackpole
Nick LaMastus	Todd Stewart
Aaron Lynch	Anthony Wilson
Michael Mestas	

Congrats Hudson Family

We would like to congratulate **Shawn and Danielle Hudson** on recently getting full custody of **Dustin**. I'm sure they all appreciate everyone's prayers as it as been a long process. We rejoice with the Hudson family and continue to pray that God blesses them.

What Makes One a Christian?

By: **Steve Higginbotham**

"But who is a Christian? I answer, Everyone that believes in his heart that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the son of God; repents of his sins, and obeys him in all things according to his measure of knowledge of his will...I cannot, therefore make any one duty the standard of Christian state or character, not even immersion into the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and in my heart regard all that have been sprinkled in infancy without their own knowledge and consent, as aliens from Christ and the well-grounded hope of heaven...There is no occasion, then, for making immersion, on a profession of faith, absolutely essential to a Christian."

Many would probably be surprised to learn that the above quotation is taken from the pen of Alexander Campbell. What Alexander Campbell expressed in what is now known as the "Lunenburg Letter" is being echoed by many of our brethren today. We have reached a point in the history of the church in which a large number of our brethren are doubting the essentiality of baptism in becoming a Christian. One brother even said:

"Baptism has been our hang-up. It is our line in the sand. We judge anyone who has not crossed that line...A sincere learner may be loving, continue in his word, and bear much fruit without ever understanding and conforming to your or my scruples [referring to baptism - S.H.]. God will judge righteously; we are to accept lovingly."

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For The Record



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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear: Romans 10:17

Believe: John 3:16

Repent: Acts 17:30

Confess: Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Live Faithful: Rev. 2:10