

Fire Protection

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A certain midwestern city had a hospital that maintained its own fire-fighting equipment. If ever a fire broke out within the walls of the hospital, anyone could reach for a nearby hose on the wall and extinguish it. For about 35 years the hospital operated totally free from fires. The hospital's safety record was impeccable. The state-of-the-art system never had to be used — and it's a good thing that it was never needed!

One day an inspection was made of the system. The inspection revealed a very interesting and alarming situation. The pipe that was to carry the water into the building and, subsequently, into the fire-fighting system had never been connected to the water source!

For 35 years, the people who worked in and used the hospital had maintained complete confidence in a system that would not work! The system had all the hoses and equipment it needed. The only problem was that it had no connection to the most important part of the whole system— the water!

May you and I never make the same mistake, especially when it pertains to our salvation from sin!

Sin is a universal problem (Romans 3:23) with terrible consequences (Romans 6:23).

In the Bible, a phrase that is used to describe punishment for sin is the..."Fire of Hell" (see Matthew 18:9; Mark 9:43,45,47). Language about hell seeks to describe for humans the most awful punishment human language can describe to warn the unbelieving and impenitent before it is too late!

Yet, because of God's love, we can be "protected" – if – we are connected to the Source of salvation. The only thing that can protect us from the punishment for sin is the ... "Blood of Jesus."

On the cross, Jesus died – He shed His blood – as payment for your sins and mine.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

In order to be "connected" to the Source of our salvation, we must: place our trust in Him (Acts 16:30-34), repent of our sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). THEN - as long as one continues to walk in the light of God's Word, the blood of Jesus continues to "cleanse" him of sin and "protect" him from the punishment for sin (I John 1:7).

Are you protected? Are you connected to the Source of salvation?



MOUNT ZION CHURCH OF CHRIST

- SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008 -
EST. 1852

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Honored to Serve

A.M. Morning Worship

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

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

Lord's Table

Center-----**John Miller**
Sub-----Steve Lyons
Assist-----**Barry Basham**
Sub-----Jerry Stahl
Assist-----**Ellis Basham**
Sub-----Ryan Barrick
Assist-----**Terry Simpson**
Sub-----Greg Barrick

Closing Prayer-----**Charles Sandidge**
Sub-----John Miller

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

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Raleigh Johnson**. His funeral was Wednesday.

Prayers Needed

Debbi Simpson

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

JULY ASSIGNMENTS

Building and Lord's Supper Preparation

Jerry & Ann Stahl

Sunday Morning Teachers

Nursery – Debbie Lyons

Pre-School- Anita Sandidge

1st and 2nd Grade – Marilyn Basham

Intermediate – Greg Sandidge

Dates TO Remember

- **TONIGHT** – Fourth Sunday night singing here at Mt. Zion. Men's business meeting following service.
- **Aug. 5** First day back for students.
- **Aug. 17** Breakfast in the fellowship hall before Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
- **Oct.** – Fall Gospel Meeting with Bruce Lindsey.
- **Oct. 18** Annual hayride, hot dog roast/TALENT SHOW at Barry & Wanda Basham's. 6:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

Haley Lyons – July 29

Lynn Barrick – July 30

Chris Simpson – Aug. 1

Shaun Hays – Aug. 2



Pray For Our Troops

Shaun Hays

Chad Stackpole

Bradley Hines

Todd Stewart

Nick LaMastus

Anthony Wilson

Aaron Lynch

Alden Lynch

Michael Mestas

Church Library Check-in/Check out

We've made up a check-in/check-out sheet and placed it on top of the bookshelf in the back of the building. If you find the desire to check out one of the books please be sure to sign the sheet to let us know. Feel free to keep the book as long as you are using it. This will help us keep track of who has what.

Birthdays and Anniversaries-WBKO

I will no longer be emailing the birthdays and anniversaries to WBKO starting in August. WBKO has changed the format for submitting the dates. Previously I sent one email to the station with all the birthdays and anniversaries for the month. Now you have to enter the person and birth date one at a time. This can become very time consuming, especially with our long list of birth dates and anniversaries. However, if you would like to continue seeing your birthday and anniversary during the news cast you can visit the WBKO website for more info.

Can You Answer This Riddle?

It has seven letters...
It preceded God...
It is greater than God...
It is more evil than the devil...
Poor people have it ...
Wealthy people need it ...
If you eat it -- you will die!

NOTHING

For The Record



July 13

Sunday A.M. Worship – 77

July 20

Sunday A.M. Worship -

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