

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Bill Brittenham

Song Leader
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Rodney Ellis Dave Massey
Cory Easley Sonny Monaghan

Prayers
Jerry Schnelle Preston Ellis

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Mike Davis Clay Morris

WEDNESDAY

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Clay Morris

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Prayers
Bryan Garlock Bill Brittenham

Invitation
Gerald Eaton

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Dave Massey

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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The Election Is Not Over

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The apostle Peter declared, “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers,

be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1.3-11).

We may have been made in the image of God, but because of our sins, that image has been tarnished. Fortunately, Peter taught how children of God can once again “become partakers of the divine nature”.

First, for one to share in these things, he must become a child of God. One’s obedient faith, repentance, confession and immersion into Christ places him in the family of God and a right relationship with His Savior (John 8.24; Acts 17.31; Rom. 10.9-10; Gal. 3.26-27, etc.). When all of these things are done in faith, Peter said our souls have been purified “...in obeying the truth...having been born again, not of

FAMILY TALK

Gladys Winters is scheduled for knee surgery in Little Rock on Tuesday, the 15th.

Melvin Potts continues to recuperating from his back surgery.

Please keep **Joey Avance** in your prayers.

Brooke and **Nathan Scott's** grandmother passed away last week.

Remember **L. G. Clemmons, Willie Margaret Mobley, Bonnie Allgor** and **Max Thomas**.

It's that time of year again. Several of our number are either sick or have been sick with various ailments.

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Front Page Article (concl.) corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever..." (1.22-23). This is how we initially escape "from the corruption that is in the world" and move towards becoming partakers of the divine nature.

Second, Peter explains exactly what every new child of God is to do. He is to add to, or supplement, his newfound faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love. The importance of supplementing our faith with these qualities is clearly seen in Peter's reasoning: "For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins."

Two consequences follow those who do not add to their faith. First, we are ineffective and unfruitful in God's kingdom; secondly, we become blind forgetting that we were cleansed from our former sins. Surely we understand that our neglect to add these things will be detrimental to our service and work. Each quality builds on the other and helps secure us for resisting temptations, enduring hardships and suffering, loving one another, evangelizing, and spiritually growing. Yet, even more so, our carelessness causes our joy to be diminished. Since an expectation of heaven and the fulfillment of God's promises are connected to salvation, what does it say when we forget our sins were washed away? Surely we understand

that the joy once experienced is now apathy and lukewarmness.

Peter's solution is simple: "Therefore, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

Notice that God's children are not called and elected to a lifestyle of sin, failure, lethargy, etc., but to a lifestyle that is "self-controlled, upright, and godly" (See Titus 2.12) and supplemented by appointed qualities. One is called by the gospel's invitation (2 Thess. 2.14; Matt. 11.28) and one is elected (chosen) by his acceptance of the gospel. Therefore, confirming one's calling and election is essential to his entrance into the Kingdom promised by our Savior.

One inspired writer recorded, "Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever." (Heb. 13.20-21).

It is encouraging to note that not only has our Lord and Savior "granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness" that will, as the Hebrew writer said, "make you complete in every good work to do His will," but when we are adding to our faith,

God is "working in us that which is pleasing in his sight"! Elsewhere Paul said, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1.6).

Remember, He has done all this so that we might "become partakers of the divine nature". As partakers, we will "obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Tim. 2.20). The United States 2016 election may be over, but your election is not. Confirm it by growing in faith so that "you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2.9). BG

In Paul's discussion with the Athenians at the Areopagus, he concluded with these words: *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.*"

Act 17:30-31

These two verses are a sermon in themselves.

- The way things used to be.** (God overlooked ignorance.)
- The way things are now.** (All men everywhere must repent.)
- Why the change?** (A universal day of judgment is set.)
- The proof.** (God raised Jesus from the dead.)

**Simple. Compelling.
What is your response?**