

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# The Lord's Supper

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy, Cindy Lee (Nicole Owen's sister) All health care providers and especially for Scott and his family.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Eddie and Susan will be traveling from December 4-14; Ben, Carla and family are in TN. They plan to return in early December.

**Help Needed:** We are planning to move books in the office from the old book cases to the new ones this evening after services. Anyone that can stay and help for a few minutes, will be appreciated.

**Ladies Class:** The Ladies Class has started up again. It is held here at the church's building. See Terry Campbell for details.

**Friday Class:** There will be Friday evening classes this coming Friday December 4, 2020. Everyone should plan to attend.

**Plan Ahead:** The Annual Ladies Tea and Ornament Exchange will be hosted by Jennifer Kelly and will be held on Saturday December 5, 2020 beginning at 6:30 PM. Then on Sunday December 6, 2020 she will host a Girls Tea and Ornament Exchange beginning at 6:30 PM.

**Radio Programs:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program and our "One Minute for God" series which airs three times a day six days a week on KMBQ 99.7.

**Today's Scripture:** "And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me." **1 Corinthians 11:24-25 (KJV)**

**Wisdom for Today:** "Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God." **Psalms 20:7 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 51/36: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear..... Romans 10:17  
Believe..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6  
Repent..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10  
Confess..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33  
Be Baptized ..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16  
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life ..... Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM  
AM Worship: 11AM  
PM Worship: 5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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## The Lord's Supper

I first visited the Vicksburg National Military Park in 1966, then Peggy and I visited it together in 2014. I remember a few things from the first visit. First was that Vicksburg didn't observe July 4th as a holiday for 81 years after their surrender to Grant on July 4, 1863. And even as late as 1997 there wasn't a major celebration on that day. Next was the fact that archaeologists were still finding abandoned Confederate guns and cannons in the forest surrounding Vicksburg. And finally there was one memorial that was built in the shape of a dome. When you entered it, the inside walls were covered with the names of soldiers lost from the state that constructed the memorial. When Peggy and I visited in 2014, there were monuments at regular intervals that memorialized the sacrifice that soldiers from different states made to defend their cause. In fact there were so many monuments that they lost some of their value and we finally stopped trying to read all of them. It seems natural that humans build monuments to help future generations remember some fact of history.

In the church we have only two things that we memorialize. One is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. This is memorialized in baptism: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:" **Romans 6:4-5 (KJV)**. We memorialize the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in baptism only once. That baptism adds us to the church (Acts 2:41), washes away our sins (Acts 22:16) and saves us (1 Peter 3:21).

The second is the body and blood of Jesus which He sacrificed for us and that we memorialize in the Lord's Supper. Jesus set this up Himself the night before He was betrayed. Matthew records this for us in **Matthew 26:26-30 (NKJV)** "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.' And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." This is the one memorial that we have been told to participate in as Christians on a regular basis. This memorial was so important that Mark wrote about it in Mark 14:22-26 and Luke covered it in Luke 22:15-20. Then Paul discussed it with the Christians at Corinth, **1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (KJV)** "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in

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remembrance of me."

We have an example that gives us farther direction on this memorial. In **Acts 20:7 (KJV)** Luke tells us "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." The Christians met on the "first day of the week" or Sunday to "break bread". This is not a reference to a common meal but a reference back to **Matthew 26:26 (KJV)** when Matthew wrote "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body." Which means that the early church observed this memorial on the first day of the week. Since each week has a first day, it follows that the Lord's Supper is to be observed each week. Had Matthew said that they met on the first day of the month, or the day of Pentecost we would be obligated to take it on the first day of each month or on Pentecost day of each year. But the example is that the Christians came together on the first day of the week, of each week, to observe the Lord's Supper and took advantage of their time together to listen to Paul preach.

But beyond the instructions given to us by Jesus and the example recorded by Luke, we have instructions on how we should approach this memorial. In **1 Corinthians 11:26 (ASV)** Paul tells us "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." When we eat this meal, we "proclaim" the Lord's death until He returns. The word "proclaim" can also be translated as "speak of" or "teach" among others. So Paul is telling us is that each time we partake of the Lord's Supper, we teach or speak about the death of Jesus and we are to do this until He returns. But Paul doesn't stop with this, in **1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (KJV)** he tells us that "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." The thought here is not that we are unworthy, because we could never be worthy of the blood and body of Jesus, the word is "unworthily" which refers to how we take it not to our own worth while taking it. It should never be considered a common meal, nor should it be done without the appropriate honor given to it. So we need to examine ourselves, not to determine if we are worthy, but to insure that we are taking it with the proper reference and dignity. This examination should be done before the Lord's Supper is taken. When we take it, our thoughts should be focused on what it means; the sacrifice that only Jesus could make for us. It is His body, it is His blood that this meal represents. And that is what makes this memorial the most important in the world.