

WORKS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT

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Caleb Jacobs (Eagleville Church of Christ, Eagleville, MO)

Chris Krotz (Student at Bear Valley Bible Institute)

Chuck Northrop – Bible Institute of Missouri & OABS Instructor

Cliff Lyons – Murmansk, Russia

Don Iverson – India Missionary

Eugene Jenkins (Jamaica Missionary)

Evans Family (Memphis Missions School/Tanzania Missionary)

Gary Fallis (Bear Valley Extension School Tanzania)

House to House, Heart to Heart

John Grubb (Asia Missionary)

Michael Purdom & Trinidad Preaching School (Trinidad & Tobago)

Monthly Food Pantry

Online Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS)

Ron Hass (Prison Ministry)

Search TV

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Stacy Ferguson (Pacific Islands Bible College)

The Gospel of Christ Program (TGOC)

The Trinidad School of Preaching (TSOP)

Voice of Truth International

West View Boys Home

Zambia School of Biblical Studies

Those Honored to Serve Today

AM Service

Announcements: R. Earl

Singing: Swearingen

Opening Prayer: L. Duncan

The Lord's Table:

A.Cash & D. Jackson

Lord's Table Speaker: C. Nelson

Scripture Reading: L. Brown

Sermon: V. Smith

Closing Prayer: R. Duncan

PM Service

Singing: Swearingen

Opening Prayer: A. Cash

Lord's Table: D. Jackson

Sermon: R. Earl

Closing Prayer: G. Carns

Wednesday PM

Singing: D. Jackson

Opening Prayer: A. Cash

Closing Prayer: G. Carns

Oologah Informer *Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma* *January 20th, 2013*

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South of Oologah

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Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Lesson's for the week: **A.M. Bible Class:** Qualifications of Elders – D. Jackson

A.M. Sermon: "The Thief on the Cross" (Lk 23:42-43) V. Smith

P.M. Sermon: Report of Trip to Mexico - R. Earl

Wed Bible Study: "The Christian Do's" – Swearingen

NEWS & NOTES

Visitors

We would like to extend our welcome to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Also, please fill out a visitor's card located in the pew in front of you and pick up a Visitors Pamphlet from the tract rack in the foyer.

Affirming the Faith Seminar

There is a flyer with info about the upcoming "Affirming the Faith Seminar" in Oklahoma City for those interested.

Youth Summit

There will be a Youth Rally/Summit in Moore, OK. More details are on the flyer in the foyer.

Please remember in your prayers:

Ed & Barbara Coats, Ruth Corbett, Allen & Joyce Cash, Mary Ann Haugh, Steven Andrews, our military forces throughout the world, and always remember to pray for one another.

Other News

- **Emma and Ruth**, Darla Smith's sisters, are not doing well.
- **Ida Williams** (June Williams Mother in law) has been undergoing chemo treatments and is doing better.
- **John Babb** (Grace Babb's brother-in-law) his cancer has returned.
- **Toni Anne Cash**— (Daughter in law of Allen Cash) is off of her medication and is doing better.

Why Not Do it God's Way?

Max Patterson

There are all kinds of strange views of the Bible and various doctrinal teachings. None is more bazaar than the absurd ideas that exist about baptism. Some ideas are old, and some are recent. Following are some of these ideas:

Sprinkling for the immersion taught in the scriptures. This originally started out as pouring. A man was on his sick bed, and could not be immersed, so they poured water on him. Later sprinkling was introduced.

Using rose petals. Several years ago I lived and preached in Decatur, Illinois. There was a group there that practiced sprinkling rose petals on people when they wanted to be baptized.

The fire hose. Eddie Parrish, writing in the bulletin where Maxie Boren preaches, quoted a Charlotte, North Carolina newspaper article about the practice of a group called the United House of Prayer for All People: "When two thousand people want to be baptized, that's a lot of dunking, and a lot of time. Clearly, baptism by fire hose is more efficient." The article explained that the yearly baptisms needed to take place (the building was being renovated), and so the people stood in the church parking lot, and a fire hose was hooked up to a hydrant, and those people desiring to be baptized were hosed off. The hose was set for a fine mist so that no one would be hurt.

Regardless of inconvenience, numbers, or other circumstances, or even renovating the church building, would it not always be better to do it God's way? There are three

Bible teachings that clearly show that baptism is a burial in water:

1. The word baptism means immersion, a dipping in water. If we actually translated the word for baptism, we would have Jesus saying, "he that believeth and is immersed shall be saved." (Mark 16:16)
2. The scriptures, as a matter of fact, say, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:...." (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12)
3. In every instance of baptism described in the Bible, they went down into the water, or came up out of the water, or both, indicating an immersion. (Mat. 3:16; Acts 8:38, 39)

Why not do it God's way? Is it because we think our way is better than God's? Paul warned that we need to learn "not to think of men above that which is written." (I Cor. 4:6)

We are told that we will be judged by the word of Christ in the last day, not by some cheap and convenient way of man. (John 12:48) Good people, take heed!!!