

The Oologah Informer

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Conversion of Cornelius Vance Smith

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

The Steadfast Word... Anchors My
Mind (Ps 197:97)

PM Sermon:

God is paying attention
(Hosea 8:1-4)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

We must not confuse the circumstances surrounding conversion with the law of conversion. The law is always the same, but the circumstances may differ. The circumstances of conversion is no part of the law of conversion.

I heard a story of a little boy who attended his first day of school, and when he came home his mother questioned him about the events of the day.

He said, "Mother, my teacher asked me where I was born." His mother replied, "And what did you tell your teacher?" He said, "Mother, I didn't want to tell my teacher that I was born in a women's hospital, so I told her that I was born in the Yankee stadium."

He thought that the circumstances surrounding the birth had something to do with the birth. The law of birth is the same regardless as to whether you were born in a hospital or a taxicab.

The appearance of the angel and the reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit are circumstances surrounding the conversion of Cornelius and were not part of the law of conversion. You do not need to see an angel or have a vision in order to be born again. The purpose of the angel was to get the preacher (Peter) and the candidate (Cornelius) together. The purpose of the vision and the reception of the Holy Spirit was to do away with the Jewish prejudice toward the Gentiles and to prove that Gentiles had a right to be baptized in water (Acts 10:47). Read Acts 10:1-11:17.

The law of conversion is found in John 3:5; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38. "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned." "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The same gospel obeyed by the Jews in Acts 2, which involved faith, repentance and baptism, is the same gospel obeyed by the Gentiles in Acts 10. Let us not confuse the circumstances surrounding conversion with the law of conversion.

"Setting Our Priorities"

There's an old story about a farmer who one morning decided to plow the north forty. His tractor needed oil, so he started to the barn to get it, but on the way he noticed the pigs had not been fed. Near the corncrib was a pile of sacks, reminding him that the potatoes were sprouting. But on his way to the potato pit, he passed a woodpile and remembered that the kitchen stove was burning low. While picking up wood, he saw that one of his chickens was ailing, so he dropped the wood to doctor the chicken ... and so it went to the end of the day, and he still had not oiled the tractor or plowed the north forty.

Is your Christian life like this trip to the barn? Do you have grand visions of great service that never gets done? Have you found too many “other things” to do that interfered with your goal of being a productive servant in God’s kingdom?

The only way you and I will ever “get to the barn” of Christian service is to get our priorities in order. The farmer in the story did not have any priorities. He just flowed with the tide of events around him!

Our life contains plenty of “pigs to feed,” “wood to cut,” and “chickens to doctor.” But we can’t allow these to get in the way of serving God. If we make the commitment and extend our effort, God will make a way for us to “get in the barn!” “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mat. 6:33).

Taken from “The Preachers PC” by Tom Moore

Announcements

Men’s Meeting

Our next men’s meeting will be on Oct 6th after evening services. If you have anything for the agenda please tell Ross.

2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal

Our next Fellowship meal will be on Oct 13th after morning services. Please plan to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship with one another.

Gospel Meeting

The church in Ramona will be having a gospel meeting from Oct 6-9th. Their speaker is Brant Stubblefield. The theme for their meeting is “The Church then and now”.

Area Wide Gospel Singing

We will be hosting an area wide gospel singing on Oct 12th from 5-7pm. Make plans now to come and enjoy this time of fellowship and singing praises to God with one another.

Guest Speaker

Don Iverson will be here on Oct 6th to give a report of the work in India. He will present his report during the Bible class hour and will present the morning sermon.

Sermon Series

A new sermon series entitled: “Why I am a member of the Church of Christ” will begin in November. These lessons will be on Sunday nights. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to hear these important lessons.

Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – is having problems recovering from her knee surgery & now has pneumonia

Barbara Coats – is doing better.

Kenny (Patty Payne’s husband) – is waiting to hear from his doctors.

Billy Andrews- (Grace’s brother n law) is in the hospital in San Antonio, TX for multiple problems.

Megan Evans – is recovering from lung damage from a gas explosion in Tanzania.

Steve Lay’s mother – is recovering from her fall in a nursing home in Claremore.

Several of our food pantry guests have requested prayers: Shelly Ward, Larry Bill (Blood pressure) and Judy Bill (lung problems).

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla Smith's sisters)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Daphne Miller

Roy Daniel