

<b>Building/Communion Schedule</b>		
Lee	Feb.	6
Gomez	Feb.	13
<b>Children's Bible Time</b>		
Sheldon	Month of	February
Peyton	Month of	March

**Preacher**

Cecil Belk

**Associate Preacher**

Walter Hulett, Sr.

**Ministers (Servants)**

Every Member

**Times Of Assembly**

**Sunday**

Bible Class & Nursery... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Assembly..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Assembly..... 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday** Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST Weekly Messenger**



**“ By this you will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

**John 13:35**

**Area & National TV & Radio Programs**

**Know Your Bible**

WJSB-1050 AM/WAAZ-104.7 FM, 5:45 a.m., Mon.-Sat. - Jason Green, Airport Rd. Church of Christ

**In Search Of the Lord's Way**

DirTV channel 364 — Sundays at 7:30 a.m. EST  
 INSP Network: Galaxy 1R — Transponder 17 — Orbit Position 133 West  
 Sundays-7:30 a.m. EST — Dish Channel 259, Sunday 7:30 a.m., EST  
 Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) Sun. 7:00 p.m. EST  
 Mon. 2:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. EST Thurs. 5:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. EST

**Daily Program Streaming & Printable Bible Studies**

Web Sites: [www.thegospelofchrist.com](http://www.thegospelofchrist.com)—[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)

**Gospel Broadcast Network (GBN) Satellite Dish Broadcasts**

24/7 on [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org) or by a home satellite dish (K band) and receiver.

See their web site [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org) for details.

Dish Network, “Good News Today” ch. 9407 - Sundays, 8:30 a.m. ET

Direct TV, Ch. 364 — Sundays, 7:00 a.m.. ET,

ISPN (Nationwide) - “Good News Today” - Sundays, 7:00 a.m. EST

**What about the thief on the cross?**

There is no doubt that the man we know as the thief on the cross was saved by Jesus. Jesus told him, “Today shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43). The question is whether or not he provides an example that we may follow to be saved.



sied man of his physical disease, Jesus said to him, “Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee” (Matthew 9:2). After a sinful woman showed her love for Him by washing His feet with her tears and wiping them with her hair, Jesus told

her, “Thy sins are forgiven” (Luke 7:48). These cases are similar to the thief, because Jesus saved them without baptism. But the key is: they were also saved before His death —before the new covenant came into effect.

What is often overlooked in this discussion is that the thief lived at a time when God's conditions for salvation were completely different from what they are for us now. The penitent thief lived during the earthly ministry of Jesus, before the new covenant, the will of Christ, came into effect. For a will to come into effect, the testator—person making the will—must die. The Bible says, “For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth” (Hebrews 9:16–17). Christ saved the thief before He died, and before His will went into effect.

Consider it this way. Suppose you were to write to the Internal Revenue Service that you were not going to file your income taxes any more because you know that Abraham Lincoln never filed income taxes, and he was considered a loyal citizen. Would they accept this? No, because Lincoln lived long before our laws for filing income tax came into effect. He was not bound by them.

It is very clear that baptism is part of the new covenant or will of Christ. After His death and before His ascension, Jesus commissioned His disciples to preach the gospel to every creature,

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During the earthly ministry of Jesus, He forgave many people of their sins, under whatever conditions He prescribed. Before He healed the pal-

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**“And having been perfected, He (Jesus Christ) became the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him!”**  
 Hebrews 5:9

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**Thought for the week: If you are too busy to be kind, you are too busy.**

What about the thief on the cross?  
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saying, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Every single account of conversion in the book of Acts, which describes events under the new covenant after the death of Christ, mentions baptism. When Peter told the multitude at Jerusalem, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Peter was following the command of Christ. If we would obey Christ today, we also should repent and be baptized for the remission of our sins.

Bob Prichard - House to House/Heart to Heart, May/June 2007 Issue

All of self, none of thee?

John Maxwell has identified four levels of maturity for Christians. They are given in progressive order with the least mature viewpoint listed first:

- I'm going to do what I want, regardless of any thought for God.
- If God gives me what I want, then I will give Him what He wants.
- I will give God what He wants, with faith that He will give me what I want.
- I will give God what He wants, regardless of any thought for myself.



Many Christians spend the balance of their life at level two or three but the greatest joy is found at level four.

**"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny him-**

**self, and take up his cross, and follow me."**  
Matthew 16:24

House to House/Heart to Heart, May/June 2007 Issue

What's the difference?

- A man got out of bed at 3:00 a.m. on Saturday to go fishing, but couldn't get up for Sunday morning Bible class!
- He went a hundred miles on Friday night to a ball game, but thought ten miles was too far to come twice on Sundays!
- He took his family to a circus and spent a hundred dollars, but couldn't afford to give a hundred dollars to the Lord!
- He was on the membership committee at the civic club, but couldn't find the right approach to invite a friend to services!
- He took an aspirin and went to work despite an annoying headache, but a similar headache is cause for missing the worship!

Why the difference? Just a matter of wanting to.

**"And that which fell among thorns are they, which . . . are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:14-15).**

Inspire, 7/19/07

**FAMILY NEWS**



A WARM WELCOME  
TO OUR VISITORS.  
YOU ARE  
HONORED GUESTS!

PRAYERS &  
THANKSGIVINGS



Pray earnestly for more souls to be saved, and more Christians to be involved in the work!

We praise God and thank God for the sacrifices on our behalf that our service men and women stationed all over the world are making.

Jack Mullins, awaits another biopsy concerning a tumor. The previous biopsy indicated a benign tumor, prayers.

Ben Cisneros, for him to regain his strength and mobility. Prayers.

Millie Sanders, knee replacement, prayers.

Sherri Belk, experiencing vision and other health problems: awaiting test results. Prayers.

Odette Smith, Deloris Peyton, Betty Clepper, Brenda Andrews, Catherine Stewart, health, prayers.

Walter Hulett, Sr. Audrey Otto, Dorene Gicker, Pat Mullins, Jane Powers, Cathy Laird, & family, Bruce Bishopric, Vickie Bishopric, Sherri Belk, Bob Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother) and Jim Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother), who is caring for his wife Marilyn, and Bobby Lingly, (chemotherapy), health, prayers.prayers.

Franklin King, (Deloris' Peyton's father) Prayers.

Estelle and Clifford Drisco: (June Curran's grandparents), & Lorraine (June's mother), Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), prayers.

**February Events Calendar**

Women's Bible Study in Proverbs

Friday, February 4th, 10:00 a.m.  
At the church building

First Sunday Potluck Fellowship

Don't miss our potluck on  
Sunday, February 6th, 12 noon  
Fellowship is good "food" too, don't miss it.

**Annual Church  
Business & Planning Meeting**

Sunday, February 13th, 5:00 p.m.  
At the church building.  
All members invited and welcome.

5th Sunday Special Collection Report

**Praise God for the \$577.00 that has been received thus** far towards our goal of \$2,500.00 needed for building repairs. Those who purposed to contribute, but have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please indicate "special collection" on your check or envelope that you put into the collection plate.

Special Thanks

We thank Craig McIntosh, Robert Grogan, and Cecil Belk for outside repair work accomplished on the house sewer line last week.

**February Birthdays & Anniversaries**

11th Harris (A)	16th Lucretia Harris
18th Frank Kleckner	20th Kizzie Donaldson
23rd De Blackerby	23 Jane Powers
28th Irene Sumter	29th Billy Clepper