

| <u>Building/Communion Schedule</u> | | |
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| Gomez | July | 3 |
| Loy | July | 10 |
| <u>Children's Bible Time</u> | | |
| Peyton | Month of July | |
| Sheldon | Month of Aug. | |

Preacher
Cecil Belk

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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**“ My sheep
hear My voice,
and
I know them,
and
they follow Me.”**

 John 10:27 (NKJV)

National TV & Radio Programs

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—www.searchtv.org

Gospel Broadcast Network (GBN) Satellite Dish Broadcasts
24/7 on www.gbntv.org or by a home satellite dish (K band) and receiver.
See their web site www.gbntv.org for details.

“Good News Today,” — Sundays, 7:30 a.m. EST,
(New time and satellite TV station channels for “Good News Today”)
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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

Address Label

The Springboard of Edification is Love



Christian Life Foundations

God is very specific about one of His purposes for every Christian who walks on the face of this earth. He commands every Christian to be about the work of **edification**. Godly edification is an outward, others-centered perspective. Inward, self centeredness kills edification.

“Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.” (1 Corinthians 14:12) The individual Christian is to strive to edify the congregation they are with. Edification is another way of saying, “to build up.” Each individual Christian in assembling and working together is to build up their brothers and sisters in Christ. “How is it then brethren? Whenever you come together Let all things be done for edification.” (1 Corinthians 14:26)

Christians are God's fellow workers,

God's field, and God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:9) Therefore, God gives marching orders to Christians individually to provide the necessary edification required by His people who reside in His kingdom on earth; which is the church. It is a great responsibility He has given the individual Christian. We must be capable of the task, or He wouldn't have made it a requirement.

“Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification (building up). For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” (Romans 15:1-2) The opposite of love is hate. Love builds up, hate tears down. What will stop edification? Indifference, laziness, thinking someone else will do it, lack of attendance (assembling) together, slander, self centeredness, and discouraging words. The list could go on and on. A simple truth is when we seek to

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Thought for the week: “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.” 2 Corinthians 5:17, Proverbs 19:13

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edify or build up others we are others centered not self centered! **Edification requires sacrifice, self sacrifice!!!!** Edification is a seven day a week relationship.

How does a Christian develop edification as their way of life? It takes a "spiritually healthy" interest in others, kind words, compassion for others, cherishing of others, and initiating conversation with others. A study once revealed that the typical man speaks 5,000 words a day while a typical women speaks 25,000 words a day. **Words are a vehicle we use to build up or tear down.** It is a foolish husband who does not build up his wife, and a foolish wife who does not build up her husband. **Upon learning God has called the individual Christian to edify (build up), it is a foolish Christian who does not "get to work" doing just that.**

Edification (building up) of others is sometimes difficult for a person to do, after becoming a Christian. Edification springs from the heart of love, feeding upon God's word, prayer, humility, and respect for other persons. **Sin quickly nullifies one's ability to edify others.**

The apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:23 reminded Christians: "All things are lawful for me but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but all things do not edify." Before we speak or act we should ask ourselves, "**Will this provide and re-enforce edification?**" If not, then do we want to continue what we are doing? "For, God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us ... **Therefore, comfort each other and edify one another; just as you also are doing.**" (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11) If we are not an edifier we will become miserable, grumpy, sour, gloomy, and un-Christ like.

The wonder of edification is, while we are building up others we are also being built up ourselves. When individual Christians are "edification poor" they have been negligent in edifying others. When a congregation is lacking in edification it is because the members have not been sufficiently edifying each other. **Edification must come from the "springboard" of love for, "... though I have all knowledge, ... and all faith ... but have not love, it profits me nothing."** (1 Corinthians 13:2)

Cecil Belk, Evangelist

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 here!

Our Military: Prayers for Doug Wilson and Zac Donaldson and their families as they serve in the mid-east for several months.

We thank and praise God for the encouraging report that **Jack Mullins** has received from the doctors tests indicating the chemo therapy is being effective.

We pray to our God for:

The recent tornado and flood victims. Ben Cisneros asked the church for prayers on his behalf to be committed to serving the Lord more fully. Sharon Loy, Jane Powers, Jerry Paulson, Cecil Jones, Audrey Otto, Sherri Belk, Jane Powers, Billy and Betty Clepper, Deloris Peyton, Catherine Stewart, Bruce & Vickie Bishopric, health, guidance, strength, and blessings. Rebecka Baker, carrying twin girls, prayers. Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), Bob Sheldon and Jim Sheldon & wife Marilyn, Franklin King, (Deloris' Peyton's father), Estelle Drisco: (June Curran's grandmother), and Lorraine Blackstone (June's mother), prayers. Dan Curran, Sr., & the Fanella Family, Larry Davis, health, prayers. Chevon (Leukemia), Bobby Lingly, (chemotherapy) prayers. Debbie Cisneros' father, suffered a stroke, prayers. Larry Cisneros' daughter, died in an accident. Prayers for the family.

July Events

July 3rd — First Sunday Potluck
12 Noon

Bring your favorite dishes and a friend.
Great fellowship and food!

Friday, July 8th Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

Women's Bible study in Proverbs
At the church building

Saturday, July 9th
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Men's Saturday—Work/Ministry Projects
(Women's help also welcomed)

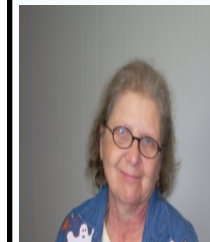
"Making a difference for the Lord"

Friday, July 15th Fellowship Luncheon
12:30 p.m. — Place to be announced

July 31st, 5th Sunday Special Collection

Begin preparing for this additional collection that has been a great blessing in furthering the congregation's ministry work.

Baptized



Dorothy Buchala, (Dottie) was baptized into Christ on Wednesday evening June 22nd . We rejoice with our new sister.

July Birthdays

11th Irving Donaldson 18th Belinda Sheldon
18th Zachery Donaldson