

Announcements

To Our Visitors

It's so good to have you with us today! Please make time to remain a few minutes afterward so we can have the chance to become better acquainted with you.

Our website — ChieflandChurchofChrist.com — contains more information we would like for you to know about us.

Sick

Jo Byrnes * Joyce Coones * Sleatha Gore * Essielene Henderson * H.C. Henderson * Faye Kilpatrick.

Out of Town

Buddy & Hildreth Johnson
Sally Smith & Sherry McElroy

Upcoming Gospel Meeting & VBS

MAYO — The Northside congregation begins a short meeting with brother Dan Chaney beginning today and finishing Wednesday. 7:30 PM Mon-Wed

HIGH SPRINGS — The Northeast congregation begins a VBS for all ages, including adults, beginning Wednesday night and ending Friday (7:00 PM).

This Week's Birthdays

Sleatha Gore celebrated her 90th birthday yesterday * Gary Gregory (*today*)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Meeting at 211 NE 2nd Street in beautiful Chiefland, Florida
Post Office Box 2539, Chiefland, FL 32644

THINGS ABOVE

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

— Colossians 3:1, 2 —

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It Matters to God

By Jamey Hinds

Despite what we might think or choose to believe, it matters to God **what we do with what we know** — "to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). We all have the responsibility to learn the truth and put it into practice — "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes **and** is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Jesus con-

demns those who don't practice what is preached — “Not everyone who **says** to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father** in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who **practice** lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:21-23).

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age” (Titus 2:11, 12).

God's grace teaches us not only things we should know, but more importantly, things we should **eagerly** put into practice so that we may become the “a people for His own possession” (Titus 2:14). Again, it's not just knowing the right things to do, it's the doing it.

Jesus Himself taught this imperative spiritual lesson in the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). Specifically, Jesus was asked a question about what one should do to inherit eternal life (v. 25). After turning the question back to the man who initially asked it, Jesus simply told him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’ But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” (vv. 28-29). This is where the Lord taught the parable.

At the end of the parable, the application is put before them plainly: “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?” And

the lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same” (vv. 36-37). **It matters to God that we do what we know.**

“Lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. **But be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:21-22). Please notice: we don't deceive God, we deceive *ourselves*.

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:7-10).

We can “talk shop” all day long; at the end of the day all we've done is talked. But if we would be courageous and cross the line from form to function we'd not only fulfill our spiritual responsibilities to one another by building up one another (Ephesians 4:11-16), but we would truly glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

It matters **what we believe**, and it matters **how we behave** — “Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior” (1 Peter 1:13-15).