

Announcements

"In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Jo Byrnes • Betty Cannon • Sleatha Gore • Essielene
Henderson • Faye Kilpatrick (Hospice, Room 5)
Helen Usher • Bonnie Lord's father, Cece Derrick

Out of Town

Ray & Margery Knisley (Andersonville, Georgia) • Ronnie
& Bonnie Lord (Cullman, Alabama)

Area Gospel Meetings

- ◆ *Spring Warrior congregation* in Perry with Rick Liggin preaching. Monday through Friday 7:30 PM.
- ◆ *Chiefland congregation* with John Zellner preaching. Sunday regular times; Monday through Friday 7:30 PM.
- ◆ *South Pine Avenue congregation* in Ocala with Jamey Hinds preaching. Regular times Sunday; Monday through Friday 7:30 PM.
- ◆ *Cherry Sink congregation* in Trenton with Lloyd Barker preaching. 7:30 PM Sunday through Friday.

Ladies Get-Together Tonight

The ladies have a monthly scheduled get-together tonight after PM services at the home of Ida Mae Watson.

Chiefland Church of Christ

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THINGS ABOVE

"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth"

—[Colossians 3:1-2]—

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Proof of Life

By Jamey Hinds

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:13-16).

"Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death,

that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3–4).

Claiming to be something is different than *actually* being something. For example, someone might claim to be a Navy SEAL, but just because they claim it to be so does not make it so. We would know by their behavior whether or not they are a Navy SEAL. We could tell by their diet, we can tell by their physical activity, or general demeanor. Again, *claiming* to be something is different than *actually* being something.

Just because we claim to be Christians does not mean that we really all are Christians. We may not behave in a way that shows we belong to Christ. In reality, our behavior may show that we really are *unbelievers*. Just because a person has been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins does not automatically translate into salvation. ***Once baptized always saved*** is not a doctrine found in the New Testament.

The apostle Paul wrote, “He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard” (Colossians 1:22–23).

“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:4–6).

“Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him. . . . Pursue peace with all, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God” (Hebrews 10:38; 12:14–15).

“Those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men” (Titus 3:8).

“Therefore 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).

Brethren, it matters what we *believe*, and it matters how we *behave*. “Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear” (1 Peter 1:17).

