

UNDERSTANDING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN CHRIST

“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.” (Eph 5:30)

WHAT WE ARE IN CHRIST-It is of little wonder that in the context of the above statement, Paul affirmed that this concept of union with Jesus is a “great mystery.” Who can fathom the spiritual joining of spirits with the Maker of the universe? The gospel story reveals that those who take Christ as their Savior become one with Him, so that whatever is true of Him is true of us. He is the Head, but a head must have a body. We are this body, those of us who belong to Him. The matter of salvation, then, must be understood as much more than just a removal of past sins. We have gained a new identity in Jesus. We embrace Him as our leader, our model, but most importantly, as our life source. All spiritual energy and life comes from Him.

WHAT WE NEED FROM CHRIST-When we come to Jesus as lost sinners, we must be content to place our confidence in the sacrifice that He has provided. There is no other way to salvation except Him (Jn. 14:6). If you are saved, it will be by the precious blood of Christ. But when it comes to our daily life, Jesus must become more to us than our sin-bearer alone. He must be our life (Col. 3:3-4), the very reason that we live. The love of Christ must compel us to live with Him and for Him. We can no more exist apart from Him than a fish can exist apart from water. He is the bread of life that we feed on, the living water that we drink, the light of life by which we see. We are not just living for Him, but we must live in Him.

WHERE WE GO IN CHRIST-If we are saved, then of course we are positionally in Christ, for all who have believed in Him and have been baptized into Him are members of His body. But what we are by grace we must appropriate by faith. We are called to live like members of His body. Man’s role in the process of Christian living is to be a surrendered vessel through which Christ can live and work. We will know no worthy spiritual experience or activity apart from Him. Jesus has chosen us to be His body. May all that we do be a representation and expression of Him.

G & P Ministries

In Christian Love,
Louie 5/17/09

The Emerald Beach Christian



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Worship Times

| Sunday | Sunday | Wednesday |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bible Study 9:00am | Worship 10:00am & 6:00pm | Bible Study 6:30pm |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The cupboard is bare!! We need canned goods of almost any description. Remember the Food Pantry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Members

Ralph Turner-Recovering at home after bypass surgery.

J.D. West-Husband of Bea West. Fell and broke his hip and is now in St. Andrews Rehab.

Charlie Hernandez-Please remember Charlie in your prayers and with cards and letters.



Extended Prayer List

Geneva Johnson-Geneva fell and injured her shoulder and has had surgery.

Carli and Cody Chisolm-Twin grandchildren of the Chisolms' born March 27, 3 months premature. Both are still in UAB but are progressing well.

Dave and Mary Clark-Neighbors of the Browns' in White Bluff, Tn. He had bypass surgery (5) done last week and is now recuperating at home.

Ryan Williams-Needs our prayers.

Jean Nichols-Mother of Sharon Stockton.

Danny Young-Brother of Mickey Young diagnosed with cancer.

Barbara Hulber-Mother of Kerry Hulber has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

Alice Heath-Mother of Betty Brown.

Shirley McCalister

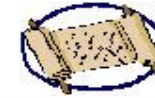


Battling Cancer

Jo Nesbitt, Oscar Hulber-Kerry's father, David Oyler, Debbie King, Alexis Duger, Mike Anderson

We support Raintree Children's Home in Valdosta, GA
We support In Search of the Lord's Way with Mac Lyons.
We support Lawrence DeSilva in Guyana, South America.

Hear Billy Lambert on Direct TV on Ch. 367, 6:30pm on Sun., Ch 377, Mon-Fri at 9:30PM Central. Bro. Billy Lambert can be seen on "Know Your Bible" on Dir. TV.



May Birthdays

Farris Brown 7
Carla Lee 11
Pat Montgomery 30

May Anniversary

Casteel 3

Family Record

Sunday 5/10/09

Bible Study 35

Worship Service 80

Sunday PM 25

Wednesday 21

Contributions

\$1,525.00



Preparing Communion for May

Pat Montgomery

Locking the Building for May

Bill Snow

May Greeter

Pat Montgomery

Today's Nursery Attendant

Marie Patterson

Men Serving

Sunday:

- Opening Prayer-Larry Nave
- Closing Prayer—John Whitfield

The Lord's Table-F. Casteel, B. Snow, D. Chisolm, R. Thomason

Evening Worship:

- Opening Prayer-John Sain
- Closing Prayer-Farris Brown

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer

- Farris Brown

Closing Prayer

- David Chisolm

JUST A REMINDER

Emerald Beach Church of Christ is still in need of financial support. Any monetary help will be appreciated as we are a small but growing congregation that is doing the work of the Lord here on the Beach of spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

VISITORS! You are our welcomed Guests.