

# The Emerald Beach Christian

## THE THREE R'S

According to the Dictionary the three R's are "the fundamentals taught in elementary school; especially: reading, writing, and arithmetic". I guess we could call these the three R's in education". And the following article could be called the three R's in salvation.

Salvation is a free gift of divine grace (Rom. 6:23). It is a gift that must be accepted on the terms of the giver, not the receiver. When we go to school we go to learn the three R's, not to invent or change them. There is a process set in place to teach us "reading, writing, and arithmetic". It is a simple process through which we go from being uneducated to being educated. The same is true of the three R's of salvation. There is a very simple process to the unsaved person becoming a saved person. This simple process has been corrupted by many, but it is still as simple as the three Rs.

**Receiving.** "Then they who gladly **received the word** were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:26-41). The gospel was preached by Peter and the gospel was believed by the 3,000. Only those who receive the truth about Jesus have the right to become children of God (John 1:11-12; Gal. 3:26-27). If the gospel is not preached, there is nothing to which sinners can respond. The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for our sins (1 Cor. 15:1-47).

**Responding.** "Then they who gladly received the word **were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousands souls" (Acts 2:26-47). Once a person accepts the truthfulness of the gospel, he is to express his faith in Jesus by being baptized into a relationship with Him. This involves being born of water and the Spirit (Jn. 3:5) All the prayers and plans in the world cannot dismiss the necessity of obedience to what the Lord has commanded. "When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Christ, **they were baptized, both men and women**" (Acts 8:4-5, 12). All who truly believe will be baptized.

**Rejoicing.** Then those who **gladly** received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41). They were added to the church (cf. verse 47) after they were baptized and they were "praising God" because of their faith in Jesus. What a cause of rejoicing it was to be added to the number of the saved! No wonder we read just a few verses later concerning these baptized believers: "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart" Acts 2:46). It was also after the baptism of the Ethiopian and the Philippian jailor that they were found rejoicing (Acts 8:39; 16:34). It makes no sense not to believe and respond to what the Bible clearly and plainly says if we want God to save us. The three R's of salvation are far more important to know than the three R's of educations. Hopefully, you know both.

G & P Ministries

In Christian Love,  
Louie 2/1/09



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### Leaders and Servants

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
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### Worship Times

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
Bible Study	Worship	Bible Study
9:00am	10:00am & 6:00pm	6:30pm

February 1, 2009

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our food pantry is rapidly becoming depleted. We have been helping several people of late. We are asking that those of us who are more fortunate than many help restock it. The item most needed this week is peanut butter.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Local Members

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

#### Extended Prayer List

Alexus Duger-Cousin of Bell and Grace Snow who has cancer in five different locations. This is her second bout with cancer.

Dwain Asbell-Diagnosed with prostate cancer .

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

Alice Heath-Mother of Betty Brown.

Betty Larkey-Having problems with her heart

Debbie Overmier-Is at home of her son in grave condition

Shirley McCalister

#### Battling Cancer

Jo Nesbitt, Oscar Hulber-Kerry's father , Betty Larkey, Debbie Overmier, David Oylor Debbie King



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.



#### **Feb. Birthdays**

Gene Johnson 6  
Roberta Smith 7  
John Sain 13  
Norman Hallford 14  
Juanita Whitfield 15  
Joanne Massengale 20  
David Miles 22

#### **Anniversary**

Pat Montgomery 19

#### **Family Record**

Sunday 1/25/09

Bible Study 27

Worship Service 61

Sunday PM 29

Wednesday 23

#### **Contributions**

**\$1,472.00**



Preparing Communion for Feb.  
Melba Sain

Locking the Building for Feb.  
David Chisolm

Feb. Greeter  
Carla Lee

Today's Nursery Attendant  
Marie Patterson

#### **Men Serving**

##### **Sunday:**

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

The Lord's Table: J. Sain, D. Chisolm, R. Thomason, B. Snow

##### **Evening Worship:**

- Opening Prayer-Gene Johnson
- Closing Prayer-Farris Brown

##### **Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer

- David Chisolm

Closing Prayer

- Bill Snow

\*\*\*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.**