

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Randy Ellis

Song Leader
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Alan Blaylock, Mark Davis,
Cole Meador

Prayers
Willie Standokes, Bill Rinehart

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements
Cole Meador

Song Leader
Clay Morris

Prayers
Randy Ellis, Joseph Barry

Invitation
Alan Blaylock

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Mike Davis
Clay Morris

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)
Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

for we are not striving to please men, but God. So, be a spiritual Phoebe! If you are a Christian, a servant, a saint, and a helper of many... you will be in a saved condition, you will be great in the eyes of Jesus, you will be a bright shining light in a world of darkness, and you will build up the Lord's people and the work of the Lord.



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A New Beginning
Jeff Curtis

The people of Israel had to learn new goals, values and directions. Their former lives had consisted only of making a precise number of bricks per day. They had lived in slavery. At Mount Sinai, God was gave them a new beginning. The book of Numbers shows us four beginnings for Israel.

A new beginning in living. God had the camp organized into structural living. Each tribe was to camp by their particular standard.

A new beginning in worship. God's tabernacle was constructed, and the people were soon to celebrate the Passover as God's religious instructions were implemented.

A new beginning in military service. God raised an army, and the "numbering" (census) of Israel would partially determine who served.

A new beginning in hope and promise. The people would soon be ready to march away from Sinai toward Canaan, the Promised Land. The book of Numbers traces their successes and failures, their progression and their promises.

The kingdom of God gives us opportunities of service unto Christ our King. Paul said, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, so that we would walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). Just as God had planned in advance the activities He desired Israel to engage in as they marched toward His promise, God has planned for us to have useful and meaningful lives in Christ as we march toward His promised rest. Heaven (Heb. 3:7-4:11). Each day He gives us blessings and opportunities to serve Him. Do we have the faith to pray both for them to come our way and for the

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

We will be taking pictures for the directory today and next Sunday.

abilities to recognize and seize them when they come to us?

Just like Israel of old, Christians are called to new beginnings in Christ. Each say we can meet God in prayer and renew our relationship with Him. We can determine daily to overcome sin and temptation from Satan. We can use each day for new opportunities of service and blessing to others as God guides us toward His Promised Land. Are we willing to face the challenges of new beginnings that God desires to share with us?

Four Reasons We Don't Observe the Sabbath
Ethan Jennings

Why doesn't the church of Christ worship on Saturday? Isn't it supposed to? This is what those among the Seventh-Day Adventists have asked. They claim that we fail to obey God by not worshipping on the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. They claim that we need to continue to keep the Sabbath just as the Jews in Old Testament days did.

When one examines the issue, he will find that there are many reasons we don't worship on the Sabbath. Here are four reasons:

1. God wants us to worship on the first day of the week (Acts 2:42, 20:7, cf. 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Heb. 10:24-25). No command is given for worship on the Sabbath or seventh day of the week.

2. The Sabbath was for the Jews only. This is made evident in the phrase, "this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations" (Ex. 31:13). Whose "generations" does God refer? The Jews' generations! We are not Israelites. We are not Jews. We were not slaves in Egypt nor our ancestors (Deut. 5:15). The Sabbath was for the Jews to observe, not us.

3. There is no command, example, or necessary implication in the New Testament for observing the Sabbath.

4. The Law of Moses (a.k.a. Law of God) was nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14-16). Therefore, it is no longer in effect. This includes the Sabbath!

This is not to say we can't worship God in certain ways on the last day of the week. Sometimes brethren meet for gospel meetings on Saturdays, where there's singing, praying,

and preaching. This is not, however, a Sabbath observance. This is a day we sometimes choose to meet during the week. The first day of the week is the day mentioned in the New Testament for Christians to worship – not the Sabbath.

The Goodness of the Lord is Our Shield Against Discouragement
Joe R. Price

"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13). Discouragement is a tool our adversary, the devil, uses against us. The encroachment of spiritual foes wears us down unless our faith remains focused on the Lord Jesus (Heb. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 4:16-18). Worldliness in the church, false doctrine threatening and deceiving hearts, apathetic negligence of spiritual duties, derelict fathers, careless mothers, disobedient children, and the moral decline of our nation are just some of the things that cause Christians to lose heart.

David faced enemies who sought his life, yet he was confident in the Lord's strength and salvation (Ps. 27:1-3). He waited on the Lord with faith, and the Lord delivered him from his foes (Ps. 27:4-5, 14).

Likewise, we face spiritual enemies intent on destroying our souls, but the Lord's strength sustains us in our spiritual struggles (Eph. 6:10-13). We refuse to be discouraged because we believe the Lord's goodness

blesses us in "the land of the living" even as we anticipate eternal glory (Phil. 4:4-7).

Encouraged by the faithfulness of the Lord, "let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). So with David, let us "Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14)!

Phoebe - A Servant of the Church
Jesse A. Flowers

"I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also" (Romans 16:1-2).

A sister, a servant, a saint, and a helper. Paul's description of Phoebe is quite impressive. Obviously, she was a remarkable woman of God. She was a child of God, for she was a sister in Christ, having obeyed the gospel. She was lowly in spirit, for she was a servant, making her great in the kingdom. She was a saint, indicating her life of holiness and separation from sin. She was a helper of many, implying she was a diligent worker for the Lord and His cause.

May we all strive to possess such a spiritual resume. It may not impress the world or be viewed as marks of success. But that's okay,