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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**  
 Bible Class 10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
 Bible Class 7:00 PM



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## Romans Chapter 6

The vast majority of the denominational world says baptism is not necessary for the forgiveness of sins and to be saved. But let's see what the Bible says, particularly Romans chapter 6. Romans 6:3-6 says, "Or 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. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

The only way the Bible says for one to get into Christ is to be "baptized into Christ". Before baptism one is outside of Christ, and this is where Satan wants to keep people. There is no entrance into Christ and the benefits of His death prior to being baptized into Christ and into His death. Why should one be in Christ? Ephesians 1:3 says that God "has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ." If every spiritual blessing that God has is located in Christ, then there are no spiritual blessings for those who are outside of Christ.

When one is raised up out of the watery grave of baptism, it is then that the "walk in newness of life" begins (Romans 6:4), not before. Romans 6:6 says that it is in baptism, "that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin". Before baptism one is still an old man of sin, who is a slave to sin. When one is baptized into Christ "he is a new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17). If one is still outside of Christ, he is still an old sinful creature and without any hope.

Romans 6:5 KJV says that in baptism "we have been planted together in the likeness of His death". It is in baptism that we die to sin. Before baptism one has every sin he has ever committed. But when one comes up out of the watery grave of baptism, he is no longer a slave to sin. All of his past sins have been forgiven. A burial implies a death. Baptism is the death and burial of one who has died to sin. Just as death and a burial separates one from his physical life, so being buried by baptism into the death of Christ, separates one from sin. Romans 6:7-8 says, "For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him."

When we died with Christ in baptism, then we were freed from sin, not before. And if we died with Christ in baptism, we will live with Him eternally in Heaven.

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**Those Privileged to Serve**

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr	Announcements	Harold Tincher
First Prayer	Irvin Williams	Bible Reading	John Keaton	Lord's Supper	Grover Blanton
Second Prayer	Jerry Montgomery	Selection	51	Offering	Hayward Blanton
Scripture	Robby Stocksdale	Prayer	David Blackwell	Usher	Haydn Blanton
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Robby Stocksdale
Lord's Supper		Closing Prayer	Greg Blanton	Assist Count	Joe Sweeney
Message	Caleb Hamblton	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>		<i>Do not be slothful in zeal,</i>	
Attendant	Jeremy Montgomery	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or</i>		<i>be fervent in spirit, serve</i>	
Attendant	Marc Owens	<i>Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>		<i>the Lord. Rom 12:11</i>	
Closing Prayer	Jerry Casey				

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## You Are with Me

David Wright

At Ernestine Turner's cemetery service on Monday, I had the privilege of reciting Psalm 23. The pastoral language of the Shepherd Psalm implies abundance and contentment. The person who trusts the Lord will never lack a thing (v. 1). God provides green meadows and streams of water to rest by (v. 2). The Lord also gives renewal and guidance. "He restores my soul," David says, and "leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (v. 3).

An Oriental shepherd never drives his sheep but walks in front of them. It is inconceivable that God would ever lead his people in a wrong or foolish direction. However, a close relationship with him is no guarantee of perfect bliss. Even a sheep in the care of a tender shepherd is subject to danger, injury, and death. A walk through "the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps. 23:4) is one of His right paths as surely as the way of meadow and fresh water. Other guides may turn back at the entrance to the valley of darkness, but the Lord remains a faithful escort.

This thought introduces what may be the most treasured aspect of divine care: In times of deep trouble, the Lord provides companionship. "I fear no evil," David writes, "for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4). God's club would provide protection from attack, and his crook would give control and discipline. The assurance that "thou art with me" is the psalm's greatest gem. Nothing can equal the promise of the Lord's presence. When our dear sister Ernie entered death's valley, she did not walk alone.

### Sermon

Acts 4:32-37

Remain True to the Lord (a.m.)

Be Filled with the Spirit (p.m.)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:1-6

Romans 6:17-18 KJV says they had "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine, which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin." When they "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine," they "were baptized into His (Christ's) death"... "were buried with Him (Christ) through baptism," and were raised up to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). It is when we obey this form of doctrine that is a form of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, that we are made free from sin.

If one does not believe what God's word says we must do to be saved, then there is no hope of salvation for him. The denominational world says baptism is not essential to salvation, but God's word says it is. Anything that is more than, less than, or different from what God says in the Bible is false doctrine which is designed by Satan to deceive man and cause him to be eternally lost.

Ron Boatwright

**Prayer List:** Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), Katie Blankenbaker, (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, MARTIN BONNEY, Ruth Bumpus (Polly), JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED

ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Stacy Forrest (Jean), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Estin Martin (Jean), POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Sam Sellers, Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

**Military Service:** Matt Bartram, Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Jeremy Whitlow

### Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Building Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Signup sheets are available for the Elizabethtown Church of Christ Bible Bowl. Due to the Spring Mill Bible Camp schedule, Caleb requests that you let him know if you are interested in participating by Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Senior Saints (50 and up) will eat together at Bob Evans at 6:00 on Friday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>. So that a count can be submitted to the restaurant manager, please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

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