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Baptism of Moses

"For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea." 1 Corinthians 10:1-2

Were the Hebrews baptized into Moses just as we are baptized into Christ? In verses six and eleven of the same chapter, it says "these things occurred as examples." The main focus of this chapter is about sinning, but we can look at the example of baptism as well.

When the Hebrews were "baptized" in the cloud and sea, they were physically being separated, from slavery into freedom. Their captors were literally buried in the watery grave (Exo 14). On their march to the Red Sea the Hebrews could have turned around to return to their bondage. Once they went through the Red Sea, there was no turning back.

Some religious groups teach that baptism is just a public declaration of your faith. It is definitely a declaration, but it is much more. For the Hebrews, it was the point at which they were really free. They had left their home of bondage earlier (Exo 13:17-18), but until they passed through the Red Sea, they were not free from their former master. To walk through the walls of water was a declaration of faith for the Hebrews, but to have the watery walls fall on the Egyptians was true freedom. In that baptism, the power that once ruled them was defeated.

When we read Psalm 106:6-12, we see the Hebrews were not changed by the ten plagues but by crossing the Red Sea, "then they believed his promises and sang his praise" (v. 12).

News about the parting of the Red Sea spread all over Mesopotamia (Josh 2:10). It was not a story about the works of man, but of God's power and love for the Hebrews. In the same way, our baptism is not about what we do, but about the power and love of God (Rom 6:3-4). We, like the Hebrews, have gone through baptism to experience a new life, to escape the slavery of sin, and to begin the journey toward the Promised Land.

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For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.
For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.
For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the “people in the box” the lost in our families and community.
For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time
For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.
For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri
For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel
Praise Report: Rick Richmond’s recent MRI reveals great improvement in his battle with the brain tumor. He is having a port installed soon to facilitate his chemotherapy and other procedures. He is also having a screen installed to prevent the blood clot in his leg from moving any closer to his heart.
Emerson Coriell had his third round of chemotherapy postponed last week. He has been rescheduled for Tuesday.
Sarah Gilliland had a biopsy of her spine on Thursday. Results of the test in about one week.
Alex Cram had his appointment in Columbus on Monday. There is slight improvement in his bone density condition. He is borderline on the placement of a shunt to drain off excess spinal fluid. Another spinal tap is scheduled in 2 weeks.
Cathy Ramey had her back surgery last week. She is home now but is still in much pain.
Ellen Lemon has her surgery scheduled for 4/23 at OSU in Columbus.
Hannah Ludwick (3 yr old relative of the Lindeman family) in critical condition following surgery for removal of a brain tumor.
Michael Corbin (friend of the Lindeman family) suffered a massive stroke while driving his car in Denver, CO and did not get to the hospital for several hours. He is in a deep coma and his family has been asked to consider taking him off life support.
Becky Blume and Chris Blume (relatives of Donnie Miller) have both been readmitted to OSU Hospital with complications from abdominal surgery and Crohn’s disease, respectively.
Renee Bissell had her surgery on Wednesday and is doing well. No more chemotherapy for her.
Sharon Stewart (Patsy’s sister) is in King’s Daughters hospital for tests and treatment.
Scott Bandom (brother-in law to Steve Miller’s brother) had an aneurysm removed from his brain this week in Kansas City, MO. Prayers for his recovery.
David Harness received a head injury last week and has been taken to a Columbus hospital.

Spirit Club Verse of the Month

I Jn 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.....



Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Diane Piccone** (Lisa Hoskins’ mother) who passed away on Thursday in Columbus.

Family visitation is Monday at the Schoedinger-Norris Chapel from 2-4 and 6-8. The funeral is Tuesday at 10 am at the Parkview UM Church. Address and phone number for the funeral home is 3920 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123 (614) 875-6333. Address and phone number for the church is 344 S. Algonquin Ave, Columbus, Ohio (614) 274-8431.



Spirit Club Party



Ice Cream party tonight at 5:30 pm in the Annex. For all the youngsters who are currently attending the Spirit Club meetings on Sunday evenings. Parents, if you want to make yourself a sundae, give Kim McCray a \$1. At 6 pm we have our regular meeting.

Youth Service Tonight

This evening we will be suspending all of our classes so that everyone can be in the auditorium for our youth service. The young men of the congregation will be leading us in worship. Check the Bible Study Curriculum to see how this affects our classes for the weeks following.

Big Tents for VBS

We will need to have five outdoor sites for our VBS this year. So we are needing 5 large (200-250 sq feet minimum) tents or canopies to have those classes. We have 2 substantial canopies (20 X10) already promised. Do you have a canopy/awning/tent that you would loan to us for the week of VBS? If so, get with Steve Miller immediately. Otherwise, we will be renting tents.

Meeting in Kenova

The Kenova church of Christ will be having a gospel meeting with Barry Bryson speaking April 20-23. Details for the meeting are posted on the bulletin board.

Solution to Kids Corner puzzle:

Blessings crown the head of the righteous (Proverbs 10:6)

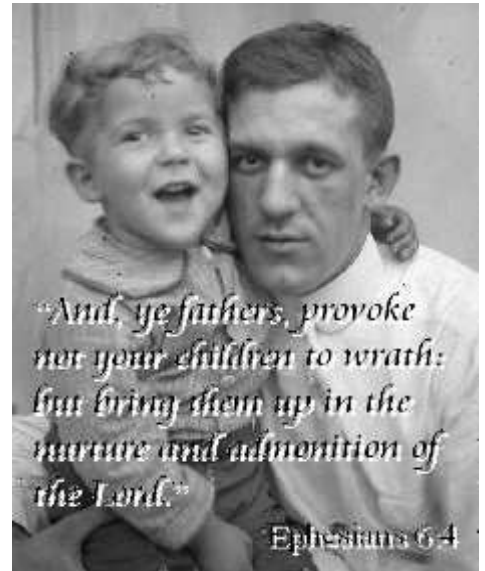
Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

3/30 No class-Teen Service
4/6 Romans 1-2
4/13 Romans 3-4
4/20 Romans 5-6
4/27 Romans 7

Wednesday

4/2 Nahum 1-3
4/9 Habakkuk 1-3
4/16 Haggai 1-2
4/23 Zechariah 1-8
4/30 Zechariah 9-12



3/30 **PM Youth Service** (no classes)
4/8-4/11 **Angel Food Orders**
4/26 **Angel Food Distribution**
4/25-27 **Youth Retreat @ Fort Hill**
May **Elbrooke Pavilion Services**
5/26 **Memorial Day Parade in Minford**
6/23-27 **Vacation Bible School @ Sunshine**

VBS Leaders Needed

We had a great VBS last year, but I think we may have a better one this year. We're working on the theme of **LOST CITIES OF THE BIBLE**. We are going to take our VBS students to 12 different Biblical cities over the course of VBS, three each night. They'll learn something about the city itself, but they will also become part of a reenactment of some Biblical event that happened in that city.

We need at least TWELVE dedicated people to take on the planning and building of a lost city and then to figure out how to portray the event that happened in the city. There are already some ideas in place but the leaders are free to work with the city in the way that they see fit. We have \$100.00 budgeted for each city. Some of our locations will be under tents outside. (Yes, we have run out of room in the building.) At this point, we may be setting up as many as five large open-wall tents for VBS. We're planning a VBS for 200 students and about 80-90 adults and helpers. This will be a huge challenge for us, but I can "see" it happening and it will be a VBS to remember.

THE SHEETS WHICH DESCRIBE EACH CITY ARE ON THE SOUTH WALL OF THE AUDITORIUM. MORE THAN ONE PERSON CAN SIGN UP TO CREATE A CITY, BUT WE DEFINITELY NEED AT LEAST ONE DEPENDABLE PERSON FOR EACH CITY. THERE ARE OTHER JOBS LISTED TOO: Auditorium Decoration, Refreshments for VBS, Picnic Meal for Friday's program, teachers for Cradle Roll, the Two's and the Three's. We are eliminating the craft/activity period and incorporating more activity and craft type things in the "city visits." I would like to have these spots filled by Sunday, April 13. VBS will be held June 23-27 this year, from 6:30-8:45 pm. Pray hard, work hard and God will bless this VBS. Steve.

Choose Wisely

So, how has your attitude been lately? You don't have to get very deep into your day before you encounter someone with a bad attitude, or someone who would like to help you acquire a bad attitude for yourself.

But the truth of the matter is; life is so much better if you choose to let things go and choose a good attitude or outlook. It really is about having the ability to choose – no matter what the circumstance – to have a good attitude.

Consider these thoughts...

"Everything can be taken from a man but—the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's way." –Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - *Philippians 4:4-7*

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross. – *Philippians 2:5-8*

So, how's the attitude? Choosing the right one really does make a huge difference!

—Jamie Riley

