

Upcoming Events...
Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Labor Day: September 4
Business Meeting: September 16 at 4:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class: September 16
Barnabas Group Meeting: September 25

WELCOME

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September Birthdays

2 Linda McGraw 3 Wendy Cortes 11 Marie Burruss
15 Marcos Perales 16 Jim Burruss 24 Mason Perales
30 Dortha Gentry 30 Kurt Hoffman

September Anniversaries

13 Wendy & Luis Cortes

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Jesus, Hope for Families

By Lawrence Barr

Even Jesus experienced the sad condition of his own brothers (Joseph's and Mary's children, John 7:3-5) not believing in him. But the conquering of sin and death by Him in His crucifixion and resurrection led at last to the numbering of His family among the believers (Acts 1:14).

In an amazing revelation we're told that Jesus counts all who put their faith in Him as brothers (Hebrews 2:10-13). So even if family members turn against us because of Jesus (Matthew 10:36) we are all brothers in the family of God.

But the very relationship we enjoy in the family (church) of God gives us practical ways to have better families (Ephesians 5:21-6:4). Instead of being antagonists to each other, we instead submit to one another. We put our own selves in second place to the ever-present need to serve, love, respect and care for each other. Men are even told to die (to themselves and sometimes literally) for their wives. Women stop trying to control, but willing submit to the loving leadership of their husbands. Parents care for and train (by example and by teaching) their children to follow the Lord's way. If you haven't tried it, come join us as we learn how! It works!

The Best of...

By Russ Lawson

Have you seen the music albums, book collections that they are making now titled, "The Best of ." and then some artist is named. This is supposed to be an album or collection where they have

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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compiled the best music, the best stories (or whatever) that this person has done.

I was thinking about that concept the other night and wondering how that might apply to my own life (or maybe yours). What if we were asked to recount the "Best of our lives?" Now stop and think for a minute about that question. Just what would you list as the best things you have done in your life? For me I'm not sure just what that would be, but I know it would not be the times I lost my temper, the times I lost patience with someone. It would not be the times my faith was weak or my example even weaker. I like to think that "The best of my life" would be the times I was most like Christ (as few as they may be). Paul writes that we are to "have the mind of Christ," Philippians 2:5. Paul goes on to recount the unselfish nature of Christ's life here on earth, His willingness to give up everything so that mankind might be saved.

Let me encourage us this week, not to worry about doing some great deed, or what might have been the best of our life in the past, but what will be our best today, each day. Live one day at a time for Christ and our life will all be "The Best of."

Paul also said in Philippians 3:13-14 "*Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*"

You see, we might be tempted to dwell on "The Worst of ." our life. But God doesn't want us to do that. The writer of Hebrews 12:2 gives us an idea of how refrain from doing this, when he talks of, "*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*" So this week, look to Jesus and we will be the best we can be.

May God make all of our days, "The Best!"

Why Be Baptized?

by Mel Martin

The Bible Says...

Mark 16:16 "*He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved...*"

Acts 2:38 "*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.*"

Acts 22:16 "*Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.*"

Romans 6:3, 4 "*Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*"

1 Corinthians 12:13 "*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.*" This one body is the church (Ephesians 1:22, 23).

Galatians 3:27 "*For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.*"

Ephesians 5:26 "*That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the church, which is his people) with the washing of water (baptism) by the word.*"

1 Peter 3:21 "*...baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*"

Any Questions! Need More Reasons?