

The Church of Christ



MESSENGER

Journeying together through the trials of life,

with no less than our very most, to eternity!

"Conversion Of The Ethiopian Eunuch

by David Padfield

In the eighth chapter of the book of Acts we find one of the many cases of conversion in the New Testament. These examples have been recorded for us to demonstrate how men enter the kingdom of God. Like every other case of conversion in Acts, God used the "foolishness of preaching" (1 Corinthians 1:21) to reach the alien sinner. An angel of the Lord sent a preacher named Philip to teach an Ethiopian nobleman (Acts 8:26).

Little is known about the Ethiopian. In all likelihood, he was a black man who had turned to Judaism. We know he was a sincere individual, for he had traveled over 1,000 miles, from Ethiopia to Jerusalem, to worship God (Acts 8:27). It would be hard to believe a man would travel that far across the desert by chariot just for "show." I know folks who claim to love God but won't drive fifteen minutes in a new car to assemble with the saints. His dedication to God is further shown in Acts 8:28, where we find him "reading Isaiah the prophet" as he traveled.

The Ethiopian was a very humble man. When Philip drew near the chariot he asked the Ethiopian if he understood what he was reading. He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:31). After this, Philip got up into the chariot and "preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:35). In the course of preaching Jesus, Philip spoke of water baptism. We know this because the Ethiopian said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36). Philip responded "If you believe with all your heart you may" (Acts 9:37). The man then confessed, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

His confession was an acknowledgment of the Lordship of Christ. In Romans 10:10 we read, "For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation." This confession, as noble as it is, will not bring salvation by itself. "Even the demons believe—and tremble" (James 2:19).

After his confession, "he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him" (Acts 8:38). New Testament baptism was always by immersion in water. It is referred to as a "burial" (Romans 6:1-4). Sprinkling or pouring instead of immersion was introduced by men centuries after the completion of the New Testament. I am certain Philip was not a Baptist preacher, for you will notice that no church voted on the Ethiopian before he was baptized. When a man is saved, the Lord adds him to His church (Acts 2:47).

Furthermore, Bible baptism is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). We are baptized in order to obtain salvation. Some people have

changed the divine order of things by teaching salvation comes at the point of faith, before and without water baptism. This doctrine is out of harmony with the word of God (Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). After his baptism, the Ethiopian "went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39). He had good reason to rejoice, for he was now a child of God, redeemed by the blood of Christ. He was now a "new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Prayers & Praise

Do you have someone to remember in our prayers? Or something you are rejoicing about? Please share

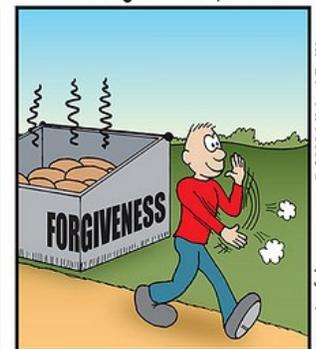
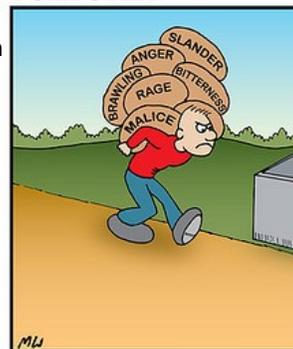
Prayers for each other that we continue to encourage and support God's plans for us

- Freda for her health and well-being and her family
- Bob as he settles in to his new home and his health concerns
- Beth—continued prayers for her sister and family
- Henry's as they deal with outcomes from the RM's decisions
- Fran and continued health concerns for her and her family
- Our search for a preacher
- Gail as she is travelling this month to B.C.



DUMPSTER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
— EPHESIANS 4:31-32 NIV

News/Announcements

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Sunday meeting times

10:00AM-Sunday School
11AM-Worship service
4702 56 Ave, Lloydminster, AB

Midweek

Tuesday 7PM
www.lloydchurch.org

	Song leader	Communion	Message	Opening prayer/ announcements	Closing prayer
Today	Sean	Brian & Kevin	Sean	Sean	Kevin
Next week	Kevin	Kevin & Sean	Dan Davidson	Kevin	Brian

September readings

16	19
Isaiah 22:1-24:23	Isaiah 30:12-33:9
Galatians 2:17-3:9	Galatians 5:1-12
Psalm 60:1-12	Psalm 63:1-11
Proverbs 23:15-16	Proverbs 23:22
17	20
Isaiah 25:1-28:13	Isaiah 33:10-36:22
Galatians 3:10-22	Galatians 5:13-26
Psalm 61:1-8	Psalm 64:1-10
Proverbs 23:17-18	Proverbs 23:23
18	21
Isaiah 28:14-30:11	Isaiah 37:1-38:22
Galatians 3:23-4:31	Galatians 6:1-18
Psalm 62:1-12	Psalm 65:1-13
Proverbs 23:19-21	Proverbs 23:24
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	Isaiah 39:1-41:16
	Ephesians 1:1-23
	Psalm 66:1-20
	Proverbs 23:25-28

News & Notes

- projected completion for the basement the end of October
- there is accessibility grants and info and we need someone to look more into it
- the ministry search is going well. there is a few men who will be contacted. Larry Boswell is one of the applicants and will be preaching here on September 30th.
- fall community clean up date November 10th - more info to come
- family and friends Christmas dinner- December 9th - more info to come
- Blessing bags outreach- project starting now until December 9th. our goal is to put together 20 blessing bags 10 for men and 10 for women to be shared with the interval home and men's shelters. items should fit in a ziplock bag. talk to winona for more information
- fall bible study starts Tuesday September 11th. 7pm at the church building. Everyone welcome!
- Sunday school starting at 10 am. this is a 13 week bible study that can involve everyone from the oldest to the youngest. please join us
- our next congregational meeting will be November 5th
- Hey Ladies! Would you be interested in a woman's day? Paige Freser and Dawn Mitchell offer a ladies workshop. See back bulletin board for brochure.
- October 12-14: Harvest Fellowship 2018, Weyburn church of Christ, Keynote speaker: Jay Bailey, Family Resemblance: Attributes of God and His Children.. see poster on back bulletin board

Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



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KINGDOM	BOAT	GALILEE	NETS	BELIEVE
ANDREW	REPENT	SEA	BROTHER	FATHER
GOOD	COME	FOLLOW	JAMES	LAKE