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Quality Crafts

March

#OCCthemonth

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We really want to keep a focus on OCC all throughout the year. We would love for you to join us in this ministry in any way that works for you. Some of us like to collect items for the shoeboxes throughout the year. Just in case this is you too, and you struggle with ideas for items to save, we would like to provide some ideas for you each month. This month's idea is quality crafts.



The Conductor's Call: "The Beauty of Baptism"

Have you experienced the beauty of baptism? Jesus was baptized, and Jesus and His disciples have taught us about the beauty of baptism, it's all throughout the Bible. Matthew 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

What is BAPTISM? The word itself comes from the Greek word, "βαπτίζω / baptizo". The meaning of this word is to dip, dunk, or immerse. It was used outside of the biblical meaning to describe the washing of things. You would, "baptizo" your clothes in the stream to wash them. You would "baptizo" your dishes in the sink. In the Bible, Jesus set up baptism to be the way we express outwardly what has happened inwardly. Partaking of Communion, for example, is more than simply eating bread and drinking juice. Baptism is much more than simply being submerged in water. Here is an acrostic for B.A.P.T.I.S.M. to help explain only part of the beauty God desires for us to experience in baptism:

Being part of the body of Christ. Not just something you do, it's something we are- 1Corinthians 12:12-13 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **A**ct of dying to self, burying your past, and rising to walk a new life – Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Public Display of Affection for God, acceptance of The Gospel– AC 2:37-41 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

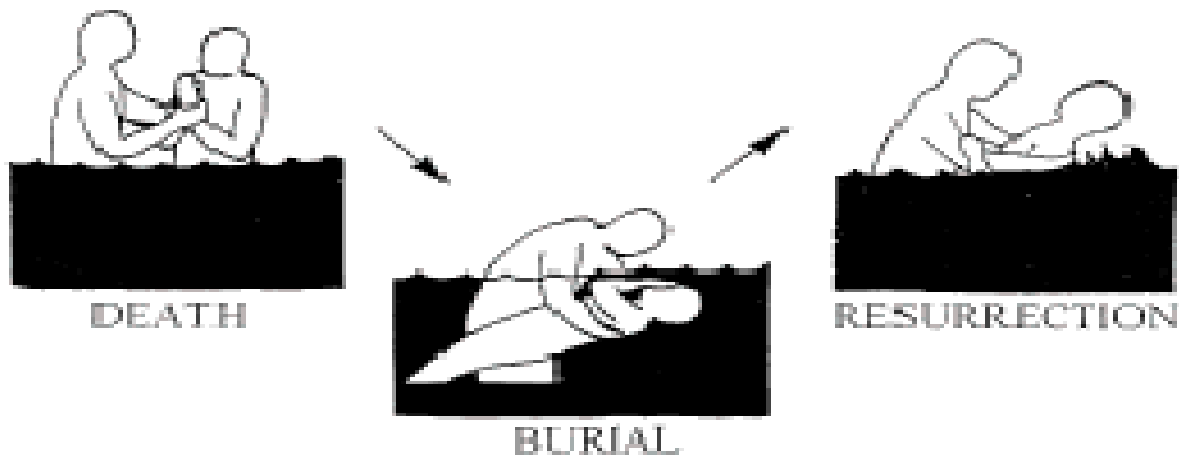
Totally immersing yourself into the Christian life – Galatians 3:26-29 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs

according to the promise.

Imitating Jesus' first act of ministry – Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus. We believe, repent, and call on Him– Acts 22:14-16 "Then he said: 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

Marriage-like vow, a pledge, a physical statement of commitment – 1PE 3:18-22 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.



The work of the cross conveys God's offer of LIFE, through Christ. Baptism conveys the acceptance of the Gospel. Death, Burial, and Resurrection. Perhaps you are ready to experience The Beauty of Baptism. If you are, we are!
Peace Folks!

Pastor Jim

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Anita Tinker	13 Larry Kelly	17 Jack Knoy
5 Ernie Green	14 Devin Lee	19 Jackson Allen
9 Dylan Quintana	15 Vivian Darling	23 Zoie Nichols
9 Arthur Terry	15 Jenny Seitz	26 Bev Pattee
10 Bailey Terry	16 Becky Terry	30 Jeff Hanson

MARCH 2020

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

GREETERS

- 1 The Ortega Family
- 8 Maggie Hanson & Janet Seitz
- 15 The Quintana Family
- 22 The Oxford Family
- 29 The Martinez Family

COMMUNION: Sandy Allen

BAPTISM: Jane Chang

SOCIAL SUNDAY: Julie Nichols & Darlene Franks

DEACONS-BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

*John Lee, Hunter Garrett, Armando P.

MEALS ON WHEELS COORDINATOR

FOR MARCH: Jackie Knoy @591-2459 or 289-2271

DEACONS & USHER

- 1 JD Allen
- 8 Bruce Tinker
- 15 Noe Larralde
- 22 Daniel Quintana
- 29 Calvin Cameron

ELDER MEDITATIONS:

COMMUNION

- 1 Rudy Gonzales
- 8 Corky Seitz
- 15 Jerry Chang
- 22 Chris Franks
- 29 Roger Starkey

OFFERING

- 1 Roger Starkey
- 8 Jason Nichols
- 15 Steve Worthley
- 22 Mario Delgadillo
- 29 Rudy Gonzales

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

- 1 Rudy Gonzales
- 8 Corky Seitz
- 15 Jerry Chang
- 22 Chris Franks
- 29 Roger Starkey

CHURCH LOCK UP

- 1 Roger Starkey
- 8 Jason Nichols
- 15 Steve Worthley
- 22 Mario Delgadillo
- 29 Rudy Gonzales

MARCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

for ages 4 - 3rd grade *Toni Gerbrandt (Michelle Larralde-5th Sunday)*

Nursery is available for ages newborn to age 4



*1 Peter 5:2
Be shepherds of God's
flock that is under your
care, serving as overseers
– not because you must,
but because you are
willing, as God wants
you to be; not greedy
for money, but eager
to serve;*



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SERMONS FOR MARCH:

March 1 st	Who Is The Favorite? Part 2
March 8 th	Who Is The Favorite? Part 3
March 15 th	Holding On VS Letting Go
March 22 nd	The Power That Empowers
March 29 th	God Gives You The Keys

2020 theme: "The Ministry of Presence"

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Birthday Social 1 Kids' Klub & Youth Group	2 Elders	3 Polling Place Delgadillo Bible Study	4 Praise Team Choir	5	Man Camp 6	Man Camp 7 Sewing Class
Man Camp 8 Fellowship Kids' Klub & Youth Group	9	10 Delgadillo Bible Study	11 Praise Team Choir	12	13	14 Sewing Class Friendship Dinner
15 Kids' Klub & Youth Group	16 4-H Stewardship	 17 Delgadillo Bible Study	18 Praise Team	19	20	21 Sewing Class
22 Kids' Klub & Youth Group	23	24 Delgadillo Bible Study	25 Praise Team	26	27 Ladies' Game Night	28 Sewing Class
29 Kids' Klub & Youth Group	30 Women's Min.	31 Delgadillo Bible Study				

Upcoming APRIL Events:

Easter Breakfast—April 1
 Elder's Meeting—April 2
 Fellowship Meeting—April 3
 Men's Breakfast—April 7
 Birthday Social—April 8
 Stewardship Meeting—April 17

Weekly Events:

Sunday--- Kids Klub for kids 4 years through the 6th grade
 Youth Group for Junior and Senior High school students
 Wednesday-- Praise team practice