

NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Minister's Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.	Worship	10:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening	6:00 P.M.	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

“What We Wish People Knew: Baptism”

David B. Smith

Likely, all of us have had conversations with other people on religious issues. In those conversations we have learned that there are broad disagreements on what the Bible teaches. And too, people often misrepresent what we believe about the Bible. So we want to take the next few weeks and think about a few things we wish people knew [understood] on certain topics. Let's begin with baptism—a very contested and emotional subject for many. Here is what we wish people knew:

Attendance Last Week

Bible Class: 119

Sunday PM: 132

Sunday AM: 182

Wednesday: 125

Sunday's Sermons

AM: Truly This Was the Son of God

PM: Presentation from Lads to Leaders

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Art Greer

Announcements – Willard Elsea

PM: Opening Prayer – Rick Essex

Closing Prayer – Bob Doak

Wednesday: Opening – George Farmer

Closing – Joe Anderson

All week: Lock Building – Tom Haithcock

Hall Monitor – Justin Tripp

(Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve)

If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please email them to our secretary at nhcocsec@gmail.com

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson
Nancy Birch
Gladys Blanks
Marjorie Cagle
Riley Dennis
Sarah Grasham

Bill Greer
Susie Hargis
Carole Hubbard
Grayson Ledbetter
Judy Lusk

Tina Margroff
Tony Miller
Carlos Shannon
Janice Smith
Bessie Smithson
Diane Stacy

- **Gladys Blanks** is in Memorial Hospital, room 7021, with an infection and high fever. The chemotherapy treatments she has been receiving reduce the ability of her immune system to fight the infection making this especially trying.
- **Nelda Eustice** had surgery on Tuesday to remove a mass from her brain. The mass was benign and she has been moved to LifeCare of Hixson, room 314, for rehabilitation.
- Darlene Doak's mother, **Marjorie Cagle**, has been placed under hospice care and is now residing with Bob and Darlene. Darlene has asked for prayers for her mother as her passing seems to be very near.

Sympathy

Once again our North Hamilton family is saddened by the passing of one of our long-time members. **Alpha Clements** passed away Monday and funeral services were held on Thursday. She will certainly be missed.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Copies of the complete April calendar are available on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays

7 – Chris Randolph
11 – Cindy Haynes

Anniversaries

9 – Andy & Amanda Stewart
11 – Jenna & Ryan Bellomy

Announcements

- **Lads to Leaders:** This evening we will have a speaker here explaining the Lads to Leaders program. This particular program may involve the entire congregation and we would like to hear your thoughts on it afterward, so please plan to attend. Note: There will be no Kids' Time this evening.
- **Church Raiders:** This Wednesday evening, North Hamilton will host Church Raiders. There is sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those who will supply snacks and/or assist with serving.
- **Egg Hunt:** This Saturday, April 13th, at 3:00 we will have an Egg Hunt here at the building for our kids. There is a sign up sheet for children on the table in the foyer. If you would like to help, see Erica Anderson or Jenna Bellomy.
- **Tennessee Children's Home Visit:** The visit to Tennessee Children's Home in Spring Hill, Tennessee, is this Friday, April 12. Once again, we plan to take the van and depart the building at eight a.m. There is still room in the van if you would like to go. It is a good opportunity to see first hand one of the programs we help to support.
- **Soddy Ladies Day:** There is a signup sheet for Soddy's Ladies Day on Saturday, April 27. They ask that you sign the list if you plan to attend so they may have an approximate number planning to attend. Also, indicate if you are staying for lunch.
- **Children's Home Food and Supply Drive:** The Food Truck from Tennessee Children's Home will be here in just a few weeks. There is a list of needed items on the bulletin board, or you may give money to Rick Essex to purchase the needed items. Note that they are asking each family for a cash contribution, enabling them to purchase perishable foods.
- **Funeral Meals:** It has long been a custom of North Hamilton to provide a meal for the family after a funeral. Monetary donations for the meats for this meal are appreciated and should be given to Ruth Ann Stewart.

1. Baptism is not a “Church of Christ” doctrine. There is no earthly headquarters for the Lord’s church. There is no group of men somewhere on earth determining the doctrine of the church. Our guide is the Bible and our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20). Even though we are autonomous as a congregation and have elders governing this local group of Christians (Acts 14:22-23), we believe and teach only those things already determined by God (Matt. 16:19).

2. Our belief, that baptism is for the remission of sins, is not our opinion. Issues that are clearly defined and essential to salvation are not opinions. These are things that God expects all people to understand, obey and teach in unity (1 Cor. 1:10). When God says that baptism is a condition for salvation (Mk. 16:16), this is what He means. There is not another interpretation.

3. Baptism is immersion in water. This is actually what the word *baptize* means, to be immersed or plunged. It does not and never does mean, “sprinkling” or “pouring.” And since water is the element (John 3:3-5; 3:23; Acts 8:36-38), then baptism is a burial in water (Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12).

4. Water does not save, but it is part of what God requires to save us. We do not believe that there is a magical power in water. We believe the power is in the blood of Christ. But in order to get to the blood of Jesus, a person must go through the water (1 Pet. 3:21). Baptism in water is a condition to the salvation offered by God.

5. Baptism results in the remission of sins. This is oddly the greatest point of controversy in conversations, and yet so easily discerned from Scripture. Peter told the sinners on Pentecost to be baptized “for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).” Baptism is an action leading us to forgiveness. In another passage, we are baptized so that we can walk in newness of life. In another, we are baptized to become disciples of Jesus. All this means that we are not saved prior to baptism. We are saved only when we contact the blood of Jesus by faith in baptism.

The reason we want people to understand this is because we desire for others to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). The devil is a master manipulator, and he wants people to believe lies and cause them to be damned. Let’s change this. Let’s work hard to share truth with others and explain the will of God.