

Galatians 6:10 “Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.”

February 28, 2016

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS---

- Terry Langley, Roger Key, Sue Whitehead, John Ozley, Sara Ozley, Aladene Jacks, Kynethia Kelley, Amanda Kelley, Myra Garrison, Jimmy Parker, Stefani, Kate Miller, Johnny Richardson, Tim Craven, Mickey Aldridge, Beverly Craven, Tuesday Pierce, Faye Wilkinson Goodwin, Sarabeth Upton, Rhonda Knowles.
- Sawyer Jones, Jeremiah Hughes, Robert Langley, Ana Reichelderfer & all of our servicemen and women who are defending freedom. Our nation and its leaders. Those that preach and teach the gospel; especially those who labor under hardships. Ben Brownfield, Shannon Brown, and Terry Tatum (Christians' at Donaldson) and Robert Gibson and Walter Aldridge (released Christians who are struggling).

BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Donaldson Bible Classes Suspended due to quarantine.

Area Gospel Meetings:

North Shelby church of Christ....Ryan Hasty.....Feb. 28-Mar. 4.....M-F @ 7:00 P.M.
Gardendale church of Christ.....David Thomley...Feb. 28-Mar. 2.....M-W @ 7:00 P.M.



Those Needing our Prayers.....

We rejoice that **Emmie Anderson** was baptized for the remission of her sins Wednesday night. Please pray for her as she grows in the faith.
Eric Heddon will consult with a Cardio- Thoracic surgeon Tuesday and will decide whether to proceed with a risky surgery. His aortic aneurysm is giving him trouble.
Aladene Jacks was admitted to UAB West with an extreme case of urinary tract infection.
Ruth Parsons (Ann's aunt) suffered two strokes this week. One of the strokes has severely affected her mobility. She is in UAB Birmingham
Jimmy Parker (Tim's father) is able to get out some but still suffers from confusion.
Roger Key will go to the doctor next week to determine next steps for treatment of his shoulder.
Becky Oglesby (Melanie's friend who has breast cancer) is scheduled for her fifth chemo treatment this week.
John Ozley will be evaluated at UAB next week for further determination if the antibiotics have been successful.
Dwight Edwards was in the hospital (Sunday-Monday) with dehydration problems due to sickness. He is doing better and hopes to be able to preach this morning at Pleasant Grove.
Terry Tatum (Christian who is incarcerated) has requested prayers.

Black Creek Banner of Truth

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"You have given a BANNER to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the TRUTH. " Psalms 60:4

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Schedule of Services

Lord's Day

9:30 A.M. Bible Classes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. Worship (3 PM on the second Sunday of every month)

Elders

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Truman Wallace 483-7016
Van Cooper 491-9695

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Jeff Swindle 475-3043
Matt Carter 491-0414
Roger Key 491-3723
Mike Wood 522-5703
John Powell 641-5181

Evangelist

Sammy Bynum 368-3511

Who We Are: The Black Creek Church of Christ is simply a group of Christians dedicated to serving God. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and it is to be our sole guide. We are committed to preaching the gospel of Christ, which is man's only hope for eternal life.

We are interested in helping anyone who is searching for the way to God. We welcome the opportunity to privately study the Bible with you. If you would contact us, we would be happy to meet with you. In addition, you are invited to visit one of our public assemblies (information is above). At our public Bible studies, we have classes for adults and children of all ages. If we can help you in knowing more about God and His Word, then please visit, call, or write us.

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Should You Take the Lord's Supper if You Feel Unworthy?

1 Corinthians 11:27 warns Christians not to take the Lord's Supper "unworthily." And I've known many sincere and well-meaning Christians who have kept themselves from partaking of the Lord's Supper on a Sunday because they felt particularly "unworthy" that week. But does that passage really mean if you've sinned this week you have disqualified yourself from taking the Lord's Supper on Sunday? What exactly does it mean to eat and drink "unworthily"?

1. You ARE Unworthy

I appreciate the sincerity of those who have examined themselves and realized they have sinned previously that week or even earlier that day, and thus abstain from partaking in the Lord's Supper. But what bothers me is that when someone says this is their practice, they are implying there are Sundays on which they partake of the Lord's Supper because on those occasions they do feel worthy.

Consider that for a moment, how could we sincerely look at our lives and say, "Yep, I'm good! I'm worthy of partaking of the body and blood of Jesus." That type of attitude is the very opposite of the attitude with which we should approach the Table. We partake, not because we are worthy, but because we are unworthy.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:8-10).

We ought to come before Him – especially in that moment – confessing our unworthiness, not thinking to ourselves, "I think I'm worthy enough to partake

this week."

2. In an Unworthy Manner

Paul, in 1 Corinthians 11:27, is not speaking of how "worthy" the Corinthians are to partake of the Supper. He is writing to admonish them about the manner in which they were taking it. Which is why the better translation reads,

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord."

In context, here are a few of the points Paul makes about how the church can take the Supper in an unworthy manner.

- In a manner that causes division (vs. 18-19, 22).
- In a manner that is self-indulgent (vs. 21).
- In a manner which is not in remembrance of Him (vs. 23-25).
- In a manner that does not proclaim His death (vs. 26).
- In a manner that is not self-examining (vs. 28).
- In a manner that does not discern (honor) the body and blood of Christ (vs. 29).

There certainly may be other ways Christians could profane the Lord's Supper and take of it in an unworthy manner, but feeling sorrow for your sin is not one of those ways.

3. How Can We Take the Lord's Supper in an Unworthy Manner?

When we make the Lord's Supper about anything other than Jesus Christ's sacrifice for our sins, we take of it in an unworthy manner. When we do not approach the table with humility, thanksgiving, reverence, and commemoration, we take of it in an unworthy manner. This is why Paul gives such a strong warning about the manner in which we take of this memorial meal, saying,

"Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

Feeling sorrow for your sins and committing yourself to repentance is the only way a person should take of the Lord's Supper. This feeling is not what disqualifies you to partake; it is a prerequisite to partaking at all. If you cannot realize and admit your sinfulness, then you have no place at the Lord's Table.

4. What if There is Ongoing Sin in My Life?

Some may ask, "What if there is some ongoing sin in my life? Does that disqualify me from taking the Lord's Supper?" I would say the answer is even worse than that. If there is an ongoing sin in your life, a sin about which you have not repented, that disqualifies you from heaven (see Hebrews 10:26).

If you know what you've been doing is sinful and you have every intention of continuing in that sin (even for a little while), you must not think the only thing you're disqualified from is the Lord's Supper. In that state, you are forfeiting your salvation (see Romans 6).

So let us all repent of our sin, and in thanksgiving, proclaim the Lord's death until He comes!

"Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you" (James 4:9-10).

I love you and God loves you, *by Wes McAdams*