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MONTHLY BULLETIN

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ANGELS ARE REJOICING!

Luke 15:7⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

Several years ago, the elders here at Williams had asked me to bring a series of lessons on telling others about the Lord and His gospel. One of the things I have emphasized in my lessons are the many examples we have in the book of Acts in regard to those who were converted to the Lord. I presented a lesson on the Ephesians that Paul came in contact with in Acts 19. One of the things that make this example unique and powerful is those whom Paul found were immersed into water, but after further questions, Paul discovered they had been immersed into John's immersion rather than into Christ's.

For those who know the Scriptures know these 2 baptisms are different from each other. As Paul explained to them in Acts 19, John's baptism was one that looked forward to the Christ's coming death and subsequent resurrection as taught in **Acts 19:4 --⁴ "Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."** Whereas the baptism into Christ as taught in His gospel was in the name of Christ (for He had died and resurrected by this time). It became apparent these people had been immersed well after the gospel had been preached. Therefore, their baptism was not valid. Immediately after hearing this, they chose to be immersed again, but this time in the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins.

This is a unique example because it showed a need to be baptized again, when the first one was not in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins. For those of you who know me know this was my circumstance. I had been baptized as an older child, but it was not in the name of Jesus for the remission of my sins. The denomination I was attending did not believe that baptism was essential to salvation. They believed in what many call the "Sinner's prayer", and most of you know there is no such prayer found in the New Testament. It was invented by men. It is a false teaching with no basis in the Scriptures. Therefore, I chose to be immersed again, and this time into Christ for the remission of my sins.

At the conclusion of my lesson, a young man came forward with a desire to be immersed into the Lord. He has been attending the assemblies for a couple of years with his wife, who is already a christian. After talking with him I discovered he had been baptized as a youth, but he came to the conclusion that his former baptism was not valid. That he needed to be immersed again, but this time in the name of Jesus for the remission of his sins. Of course, we were thrilled!

We then had to find a body of water to do this in, and this took some time. The church at Williams does not have a baptistry. If this were in a warmer time of year, they generally would use a lake. So, we had to search for another method, because we wanted to get this done as soon as possible. The Scriptures teach this should be as immediate as possible for obvious reasons. The Lord opened a door! We paid for a room at a local motel, which has an indoor heated pool. We had to rent a room for insurance purposes, but that was a small matter considering the importance of getting this done!

A soul was born into Christ anew yesterday afternoon! We rejoice with the angels! God was Merciful once again! Not only did He allow His Word and His gospel to convict this young man, but He also provided a means by which he could be born again by being immersed.

The Lord was merciful on so many levels! Why do you suppose that is the case? Because God is not willing that any should perish, for He wants all men and women everywhere to be saved. And He provides so many blessings to that end. Yes, indeed, the Lord's mercy continues to endure forever!

Jay Graham

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 2024

Elder: Mark M

SUNDAY 9:30 AM	7	14	21	**28**
<i>Song Director</i>	Steve P	Joe B	Gordon C	Glen W
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Bill F	Jim B	Tim M	Gerry A
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Travis S	Jess B	Steve P	Bill B
<i>Prayer</i>	Jess B	Mark M	Marty E	Tom A
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Glen W	Bill B	Jeremy M	Gordon C
<i>Attendants</i>	Thomas A	Marty E	Tom A	Marty E
	Boom B	Philip C	Mark M	Jerry B
	Jeremy M	Tyler S	Joseph J	Jess B
	Joe B	Steve P	Thomas A	Travis S
<i>Sermon</i>	Tyler S	Travis S	Jerry B	Sam W

**Sunday afternoon service 1:15 p.m.

SUNDAY 6:00 PM	7	14	21	**28**
<i>Song Director</i>	Steve P	Joe B	Gordon C	Glen W
<i>Bible Drill</i>	John 9:1-12	John 9:13-23	John 9:24-34	John 10:11-18
<i>Leader</i>	Joe B	One Week Study Update	Glen W	Sam W

WEDS 7:00 PM	3	10	17	24
<i>Song Director</i>	Joseph J	Dylan R	Brad R	Tyler S
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Thomas A	Peter M	Jordan R	Philip C
<i>Prayer</i>	Philip C	Bill F	Peter M	Jerry B

Announcements: Gordon C
Business Meeting: Tom A

Upstairs: Tom & Vicki A
Downstairs: Tyler & Nikki S

CLASSES	SUNDAY TEACHER	WEDNESDAY TEACHER
Pre-school	Jenny J	Michelle M
K-6	Callie B	Steve P
7 th & Up	Cindy M	Lisa S
Adult	Jared G	Jeremy M
Bible Drill	Joseph J	

SPECIAL DAYS		
Apr 1	Jane Hill	Baptized
Apr 2	Jamie Crossley	Baptized
Apr 3	Josiah Crossley	Birthday
Apr 7	Mark & Cindy Morris	Anniv.
Apr 7	Tom & Vicki Amos	Anniv.
Apr 8	Thomas Amos	Birthday
Apr 9	Cerine Proudfit	Birthday
Apr 12	Mark Morris	Baptized
Apr 18	Brenda Clevenger	Baptized
Apr 26	Emelia Proudfit	Birthday
Apr 28	Tyler & Nikki Schreck	Anniv.
Apr 30	Vicki Amos	Baptized
Apr 30	Callie Barringer	Birthday
Apr 30	Jerry Bennett	Baptized