

Summer Celebration (8-27-2017)

Communion: Remembering & Revealing

a) Remember

Matthew 26:26-30 (ESV)

(26) Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." (27) And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, (28) for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Notes: We are told to remember Jesus, and when we remember him, we reveal Him

b) Reveal

Luke 24:30-32 (ESV)

(30) When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. (31) And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. (32) They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Notes: When we see him, we see each other!!!

1) Review 2017

Story-telling:

Pictures - Easter / Men's & Women's Retreats / Mission Trip

Giving – Josiah's House & Grace Chapel Mexico (Navajoa)

Brian & Rochelle Ray to Share

Finances:

2016: \$144,000 came in from individual people giving (25% / 75% split)

2017 thru June: \$55,000 individual's giving/tithing (30% / 70% split in giving between Knox & Franklin)

Our Goal – to be self-sustaining, fund growth, and be generous givers to our community & abroad

2) Vision 2017

Reminder of our Theme from January this year: Refine, Deploy, Grow

You guys stepped up (share about kids area & setup crew teams!!)

We have had a massive increase in involvement & serving . . .

3) Now - Action Today

Deploy & Grow – We need you!!!

Numbers – we want more people

Maturity – we want growing people (learning together – Sundays, Lifegroups, Personal)

Home – The House & The People living in it!

What can you bring:

Time – Serving (meeting the needs of the body)

Talent – Gifting & Passion

Treasure – where your treasure is, there will your heart be also - if you believe & benefit, give!

Specific Actions:

Attend & Engage – be a consistent attender & engage with people (remember building a home)

Invite – bring people to church & special events, we want to impact community in a relational way

Give – consider giving consistently & sacrificially (tithe 10% - it's a reminder that all we have belongs to God)

Serve – Kid's ministry needs you, Setup Crew (practical)

Flexible – as we grow we will adjust, be open to change!!

Life groups – Launch in a few weeks. Join one & engage in real community.

Water Baptism . . .

a) What it is (and isn't)

1 Peter 3:21 (ESV)

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Romans 6:4 (ESV)

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Salvation Review:

Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)

(9) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Notes: A **moment** of acceptance, and a **lifetime** of following Jesus

Salvation - produces assurance of eternity & a new life of Grace.

We walk by Faith, believing in Jesus as Savior, & walking with Him as my Lord.

New life in Jesus isn't about Earning, but Enjoying!

Jesus – saves me from my old life (darkness, slave to sin, living in & leading to death)

Jesus – saves me into a new life (light, freedom in Christ thru life in the Spirit, living eternally & abundantly)

Colossians 2:12, 16-17 (ESV)

(12) having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. . . (16) Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. (17) These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

So, Why do we get baptized then?

b) Why we do it: Obedience & Declaration (or testimony)

- **Obedience**

Jesus did it (Gospel accounts) , His followers did it (Acts), and we are told to . . .

Mark 16:15-16 (ESV)

(15) And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (16) Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

- **Declaration (Or Identification)**

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (ESV)

(12) For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (13) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. (14) For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

c) **When we do it** . . . (not as babies, but as understanding allows – it's a choice following salvation)

What about Infant Baptisms? Condition of our small children's souls?

Baptisms after church today: Gathering at the Cove – Food, Fellowship, Fun, & Baptism Celebration