

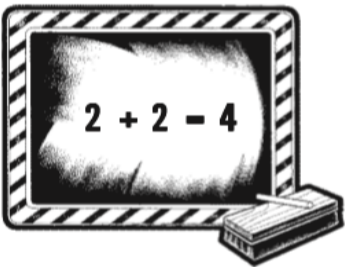
**Today's Sermons**  
 Morning: TBA  
 Afternoon: Song Service

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	40
Sunday AM Worship	46
Sunday PM Worship	35
Wed. Bible Study	40
Offering	\$1629

## Sin's Arithmetic



- + Sin adds to you trouble.
- Subtracts from your energy.
- x Multiplies your difficulties.
- = And its wages are death.

**GOD'S ARITHMETIC & EQUATION FOR SALVATION**

Belief + Repentance + Confession + Baptism - {

*of Sins*      *of Christ*      *immersion in water*

- Salvation
- Forgiveness of sins
- Added to the Church
- Promise of Heaven

**SIN WILL . . .**

<b>TAKE ONE FARTHER          THAN YOU WANTED          TO GO.</b>	<b>KEEP HIM LONGER          THAN HE WANTED          TO STAY</b>	<b>COST HIM MORE          THAN HE WANTED          TO PAY</b>
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**HOW ARE THINGS ADDING UP WITH YOU SPIRITUALLY?**



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**Times of Services:**  
Sunday  
 Bible Study:.... 10:00am  
 AM Worship:..11:00am  
 PM Worship:...6:00pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday  
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program  
 Sunday:.....7:30am  
 "Back to the Bible"  
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**We Extend A  
 Warm & Cordial  
 Welcome  
 To All Our  
 Visitors!**

### Why I Should Strive To Be In Every Assembly Of The Saints? Bill Burk

1. The Lord commanded that such should be done: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some..." (Heb. 10:24,25)
2. By doing so I put the kingdom of God first rather than social, recreational, or personal interests (Mt. 6:33; Luke 12:31)
3. By doing so I exhibit the right type of example and influence. It demonstrates where my priorities are and causes others to see how important God is in my life (Mt. 5:16)
4. By attending the services of the church I place myself in the position to be edified, uplifted and instructed. By attending the services of the church, I have the opportunity to have fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ as well as the opportunity to collectively worship God with others of like precious faith.
5. By attending the assembly of the saints, I have the opportunity to learn of the needs of my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Thus I am able to serve my

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brethren, which in turn blesses my life. (Acts 20:35; Gal 6:2, 10). By attending the assembly of the saints I am able to hear God's precious Word proclaimed, which helps me throughout the week.

6. By attending the services of the saints I demonstrate to God my appreciation for things sacred and divine.

Can you imagine a husband asking his wife how often he needed to kiss her and give her attention to keep her happy? "Give me the specific amount honey, I don't want to do anymore than I have to!" Can you imagine the wife's response? Well how do you think God feels when we ask, "how many services do I have to attend?" THINK ABOUT IT! God does.

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## Baptism

David Bragg

The most controversial of religious responses must be the simple act of baptism. Confusion reigns as this doctrine is complicated by the conflicting conclusions of the religious world. What emerges in actual practice is often vastly different than what was originally delivered at the hands of inspired men. It is possible and imperative to cut through the confusion to rediscover the simplicity of Christian baptism.

What is baptism? It is an immersion in water. Although many have sought to alter the form of baptism, no support is offered in scripture for sprinkling, pouring or any other employment of water to replace complete submersion (John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39; cf. "buried" in Romans 6:4).

Why should one be baptized? When Peter first called upon individuals to accept baptism in the name of Jesus he encouraged it as a means of acquiring the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; cf. 22:16). Paul wrote that baptism is the point of entrance into a relationship with Jesus (Galatians 3:27). But perhaps the clearest statement is Peter's declaration that baptism now saves us (1 Peter 3:21).

Who should be baptized? Only those who believed were baptized in the New Testament. Those incapable of understanding the action involved in baptism (because of age or mental status) are therefore not valid candidates for baptism. Every adult believer must be baptized in order to be saved and none can serve as proxy for another.

When should one be baptized? Now, if all the above conditions can be met. Why wait? The stakes are too great to delay obedience to such a simple, divine command, especially when it produces such profound spiritual blessings.

## Does God Exist?

J.D. Conley

I heard this story this week and thought you might enjoy the "insight". The story went something like this.

A gentleman was seated in his barber's chair. During the course of the haircut, the topic of the existence of God came up in conversation. The barber stated, "I do not believe that God exists." The gentleman, shocked at this statement, asked "Why not?" "Well," replied the barber, "all you have to do is go out into the street and see the pain and suffering that humans endure. If God existed, He would not allow this to happen!"

The gentleman did not want to engage in an argument, so he did not respond. After the haircut, the gentleman left the barber shop. He saw, sitting on the sidewalk, a man with dirty clothes and long hair. He turned and went back into the barber shop. "Barbers do not exist!" he exclaimed. "What do you mean?" said the barber. "Of course we exist! Here I am standing right here to prove it!" The gentleman replied, "There is a man with long hair sitting on the street! If barbers existed, he would not have long, unkept hair!" "That's a ridiculous conclusion" said the barber. "People don't always come to me to get their hair cut!" "That's right" the gentleman responded, "and people don't always come to God!"

If all people always went to God and submitted to His Will, then every person on the planet would not be hungry! All the sick and dying would be well cared for! There would be no poverty! God's Will would be "done on earth as it is in heaven"! However, most do not submit to God's will. Hence, the earth endures many things that God does not desire that it endure! God does exist! God to Him!

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*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan12 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service (Song Service)
- Feb 2 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters