

REVIVAL PRAYER MEETING -SAT., MARCH 2

- > At 7:00 PM in the Auditorium
- > A special time of prayer for the upcoming revival meeting

REVIVAL MEETING SUN.-WED., MARCH 3-6

- Speaker: Dr. Sam Davison
- Sunday: Regular service schedule (adult/teen Sunday school combined)
- Mon.-Wed. services at 7:00 PM

LADIES' CONFERENCE -SAT., MARCH 9

- > Location: Bowie, Maryland
- *More details at the Welcome Center*
- \$30 per person if you pay at the door (deadline passed for discounted rate)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - SUN., MARCH 10

- > Remember to "spring forward" one hour that Saturday night!
- BIBLICAL MISSIONS MODULE TUE.-FRI., MARCH 26-29
- > Seminary class with Dr. John O'Malley
- **RESURRECTION SUNDAY -**SUN., MARCH 31



SUNDAYS

Sunday School at 9:45 AM Morning Service at 11:00 AM Evening Service at 6:00 PM

TUESDAYS

Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM Seminary Second Class at 7:40 PM

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting at 7:00 PM King's Kids (age 3 to 6th grade) at 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM Seminary Second Class at 7:55 PM

SATURDAYS

Soul-Winning & Visitation at 10:00 AM

The Mission Continues - Part 2

Acts 19:1-7 | Pastor T. H. Moore

ere in the opening verses of Acts chapter nineteen, we find the apostle Paul on his third missionary journey arriving in the city of Ephesus. At the tail end of his second missionary journey, Paul was in Ephesus with Aquila and Priscilla. When he arrived there, he entered into the synagogue and preached to the Jews that were there. We read in Acts 18:19-21, "... but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus." Now, he is back in Ephesus, and when he arrives there, he runs into a group of men that have a unique story. Let's take some time to look at this story. Notice, first of all:

I. The Missing Ingredient (vs. 1-4)

We read in these verses, "And it came to pass that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

> When the apostle Paul

returned to Ephesus, he came into contact with twelve men (vs. 7), and he asked these men if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed. Their reply was, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." The apostle Paul then asked, "Unto what then were ye baptized?" They answered, "Unto John's baptism." Evidently, their understanding of salvation was somewhat the same as that of Apollos before he met Aquila and Priscilla. Acts 18:25 tells us, "This man (Apollos) was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John." Like Apollos, these men

(Without a biblical understanding of Jesus Christ, no one gets to Heaven!

were confused, and their answer to Paul revealed where they stood with regard to salvation. By that, I mean that their knowledge of Jesus Christ was deficient for salvation. This is not at all uncommon! It is possible for people to know about Christ and to not *know Christ*—in other words, to believe the historical facts about Jesus Christ, but not know Him as their personal Saviour. This is where these men were, so Paul responded to them in verses 4-5 saying, "... John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him,

that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Paul explained to them that they had to simply believe on the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved.

Now, salvation is *very* simple, but there are certain things that a person must know and believe in order to be saved. There are many people in this world that believe in God, say that they believe the Bible, speak of Jesus, and even claim His deity, that are going to die and go to hell for all eternity. That is because salvation is more than merely believing those things. Salvation is even more than simply acknowledging the fact that Jesus Christ died on the cross. Salvation is when a person first believes that they are a sinner, lost in their sin, and deserving of hell. They must believe that they have violated God's Law and are deserving of God's punishment. They also must believe the good news that Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, came to this earth, shed His blood on the cross of Calvary to die as payment for our sin, and then rose from the dead three days later. They must then place their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone for their soul's salvation and receive Him as their personal Saviour. It's that simple!

I have confronted thousands of people about their soul, and I have heard many tell me why they think that they are going to Heaven. I have heard some give crystal-clear testimonies of salvation, but I get very concerned when someone gives me their salvation "testimony" and leaves out the most important ingredient—Jesus Christ! Without Jesus Christ, no one gets to

Heaven!

foin us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH: looking for a *church property*
- FUTURE CHURCH PLANT
- LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST (MATT. 9:38)
- THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL: especially Janet Schroer's relatives in the military
- PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: financial need to be met; Elisha House remodeling
- CHARLOTTE ARSENAULT: rehab and homecare after two major strokes
- **BURTON BETTS**: *chemotherapy* (*pray for remission*); *heart monitor (going into a-fib)*
- BOBBY BIBLE: surgical procedure on March 11
- BILL BLEAU: doctors' wisdom for treatment of blood disorder
- **JANNA CARROW**: MRI results & upcoming cortisone injections on Friday, March 15
- CAROL CHURCH: recovery from high blood pressure (home from hospital stay)
- ELIANA HASSLER: toe surgery recovery
- **IIM HERRON**: weak heart; wisdom for doctors concerning possible medication
- TOM HÖRNE: knee replacement surgery on Monday, April 22
- DOT MEGONIGAL: recovery from kidney stent placement (home from the hospital)
- KAREN SMITH: oral surgery recovery
- TERESA ZIMMERMAN: success of alternative cancer treatments; wisdom for her and the doctors
- BILL: congestive heart failure, on hospice; salvation (Cindy Prange's dad)
- VANÍTA: gallbladder surgery recovery & bleeding behind her eyes (Genevieve's daughter)







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rom the Mission Field / Help Ministry MATTHEW & REBECCA ROSE - KENYA

Dear Friends,

The end of 2023 was a very happy time for us as we watched God form a new church. Faith Independent Baptist Church opened on Sunday, October 22. The Sunday before opening, five believers followed Jesus in baptism—four men and one young man. These men were the first members of the new church. Since then, five more believers have been baptized, and one more has transferred his membership to our church. The church now has eleven members—ten men and one woman. You have been praying with us concerning this church for several years. God has answered our prayers, and we praise Him for what He has done.

There were many people helping us during the week of opening. Seven independent Baptist pastors from neighboring areas came to help with canvassing and outreach; they even brought some people from their churches. Our pastor and his family also came to help. Six people trusted Christ during that week, and sixty-eight people attended the first service! We praise the Lord for all of the people who prayed and for all of those who helped during that week.

Since the opening service, four new men have been saved and have become faithful to attend services. Our people are so excited about their church, and they are hungry for the Scriptures. Some asked us about having more time to learn the Bible. We proposed starting a Bible institute on Sunday afternoons, and many have agreed to study together. We are planning to begin classes at the end of January.

Some of our men have begun helping us with Saturday visiting. It has been a blessing to watch their compassion for souls and their ability to Email: matthewrose87@gmail.com

October-December 2023 Prayer Letter share the gospel grow. We have been visiting in a new neighborhood and have seen several people trust Jesus. We are encouraging these people and praying for them that one day soon they would begin to attend our church.

> Thank you for all of your prayers for our family and our ministry. During Christmastime, we received many cards and monetary gifts from our supporters. We are grateful for each one. Our family is well. Our youngest child, Jason, celebrated his first birthday in October. We trust you will enjoy the updated family picture at the top of this letter. We are praying for you that you will have a wonderful new year of serving Jesus. He is worthy!

We praise the Lord for:

- The new church in Kericho
- Those who prayed for and helped with our opening service
- The spiritual growth of our people
- The 17 people saved in the last three months

We pray for:

- The saved who need to begin attending church
- Our members to continue to grow
- The beginning of the Bible institute
- God to continue to save those who are lost

Your Missionaries to Kenya, Matthew & Rebecca Rose Deborah, Hannah, Esther, Lydia, Priscilla, & Jason