

Capitol Baptist CAPTIONS

Church Activities

DECEMBER 22, 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE - SUN., DECEMBER 25

- › We are having our usual service schedule!
- › Our annual candlelight service will be at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SUN., JANUARY 1

- › Usual service schedule
- › Fellowship after the evening service

MOMMIES & MINISTRY MEETING - FRI., JANUARY 6

- › At 7:00 PM at the Moores' home

SECOND QUARTER P.A.C. - FRI., JANUARY 20

- › At 9:30 AM in the Auditorium
- › Our Capitol Baptist School students will present the recently canceled "The Gift of Christmas" program.

MEN'S RETREAT - FRI.-SAT., JANUARY 27-28

- › At The Promised Land Camp in Conestoga, Pennsylvania

Weekly Events

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 7:55 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 DISCIPLES WERE CALLED CHRISTIANS - PART 3

Acts 11:19-26 | Pastor T. H. Moore

For the first time in the entire Word of God, we read the word "Christian" in Acts 11:26, "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Today, we apply a rather broad definition to the word "Christian." We call anyone who has trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour a "Christian," but in its truest sense, the word "Christian" in the Bible is used to describe someone who is not only saved, but whose life also reflects the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, they are *Christ-like*. That definition "thins the herd" quite a bit of who to apply the word to.

Here in our text, it was the believers in Antioch who were first called Christians—and the question begs to be asked, *Why?* What caused people to call them *Christ-like*? We find several reasons in our text. Last week, we saw the first reason:

I. They Understood the Work of the Lord. (vs. 19-21)

This week, we will look at the second reason:

II. They Reflected the Ways of The Lord. (vs. 22-23)

We read in these verses, "Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

When the saved Jews in Antioch were leading many Gentiles to the Lord, word got back to the church at Jerusalem. When the church at Jerusalem heard this, they sent Barnabas,

one of their church members, to Antioch to see what was going on. When Barnabas arrived in Antioch, we read in verse 23 that, "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad ..." Notice the phrase "seen the grace of God." How does someone "see" the grace of God? Like love and hate, isn't "grace" something that is invisible? Intangible? How did he see it?

We do not technically "see" things like love, hate, and grace, but we do see the effects of them.

May the Lord help us all to truly be Christians!

We see the effects of love by the kind things that people do for others. We see the effects of hate by the unkind things that people do to others. It is the same with grace. The effects of the grace of God are seen by the changed lives of those who receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. When Barnabas came to Antioch, there was visible evidence of the grace of God in the new believers' lives.

There are many ways that this could have been seen. At the time of the writing of the book of Acts, the city of Antioch was a city with a population of about 200,000 people. It was the third largest city in the Roman Empire. It had in it, *The Sanctuary of Apollo*, which was a place where lost people came to worship the false deity Apollo. This included the most licentious forms of "worship" imaginable. Perhaps many of these Gentiles in Antioch that got saved once

worshipped Apollo, forsook that pagan deity, and began living a life of obedience to the Lord.

What are some other ways that the grace of God is "seen" in people's lives? According to the book of 1 John, some evidences of the grace of God in people's lives are the following:

A. We Desire to Keep His Commandments.

We read in 1 John 2:3-4, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Obviously, none of us are perfect—but do we have a desire to obey His Word? Are we striving to be an obedient child of God?

B. We Love the Brethren.

1 John 3:14 tells us, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." A life that has received God's grace possesses a desire to be with God's people. The ways and philosophies of the world have no appeal to us anymore.

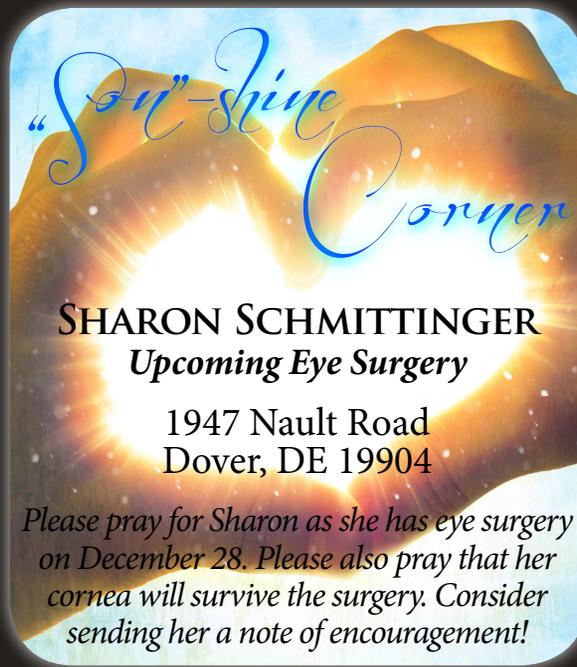
C. We Sense Holy Spirit Conviction.

1 John 3:24 tells us, "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." The Holy Spirit of God convicts us of sin and speaks to our heart.

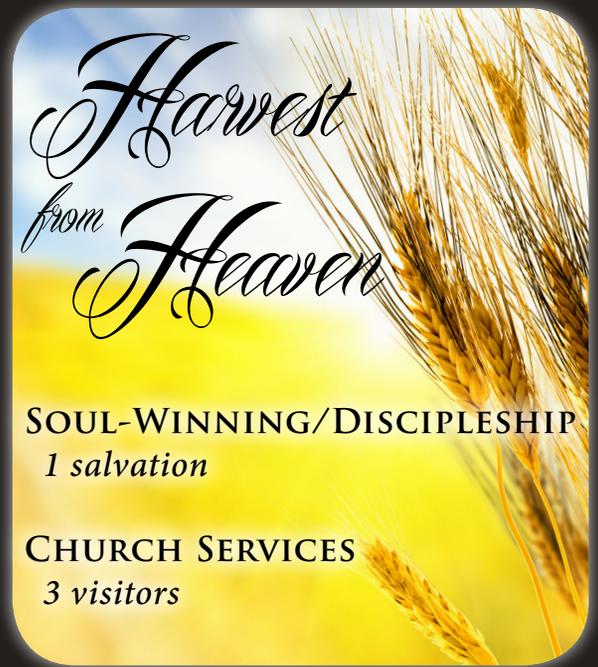
Do our lives bear the marks of a true believer? Are we reflecting Christ in our lives? Is the grace of God seen in our lives? May the Lord help us all to truly be *Christians*.

Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH: *possible purchase of church building*
- FUTURE CHURCH PLANT
- LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST (MATT. 9:38)
- PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: *upcoming pre-application meeting with the city*
- SEASONAL ILLNESSES: *recovery for those who are currently ill*
- BURTON & DEANE BETTS: *health*
- WESLEY DREW: *stomach ulcers & health issues*
- JOAN EDWARDS: *cataract surgery success & recovery (surgery today, December 22)*
- FRAN HORNE: *declining health; kidney infection*
- JACQUELINE HUGHES: *ongoing cancer treatments*
- LISA PULGRIES (DEANE BETTS' RELATIVE): *recovery from serious accident injuries; salvation*
- KAY ROBOTKA: *recovery from infection*
- SHARON SCHMITTINGER: *upcoming cataract surgery on Wednesday, December 28*
- STEVE SCHMITTINGER: *heart problems & serious medical decisions*



SHARON SCHMITTINGER
Upcoming Eye Surgery
1947 Nault Road
Dover, DE 19904
Please pray for Sharon as she has eye surgery on December 28. Please also pray that her cornea will survive the surgery. Consider sending her a note of encouragement!



Harvest from Heaven
SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLESHIP
1 salvation
CHURCH SERVICES
3 visitors



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From the Mission Field / Help Ministry

SCOT & KATIE DAKU - FIJI ISLANDS

September-October 2022

Dear Praying Friends,

II Corinthians 1:11 - "*Ye also helping together by prayer for us*" I often hear the statement, "there is nothing much I can do for missionaries except pray." Can I say today that the best thing you can do for missionaries is to pray! We need God's power, provision, and protection. Our God answers prayers!

In September, Scot was able to travel to Rotuma with his brothers Paul and Josh and niece Jaimie. Rotuma is the northernmost island of Fiji with a population of 1,500 people. After spending seven days there, it was a blessing to see God do marvelous things. Three different schools opened their doors to us, where we were able to share the gospel to almost 400 students and staff as well as distribute John and Romans and gospel tracts.

One of our main prayers is to see souls come to know Christ as Saviour. Even though people in Fiji are religious and have a belief in some "god," most of them are not saved. They are trusting in their good works to save them. Usaia and Isimeli trusted Christ after they finished yard work. Ben trusted Christ

after a Sunday morning service. Praise God souls are still being saved!

Our children are doing well as they adjust from American life and furlough to life back in the islands. They have enjoyed camp, church services, helping with building projects, handing out gospel tracts, etc. Katie was eager to begin school in August with a new curriculum. No doubt, our family makes up a vital part of our ministry here. Thank you for praying for our entire family!

Here are a few prayer requests. Thank you so much for praying.

1. Please pray for souls to be saved and grow in the Lord.
2. Mereani was saved the beginning of the year, but her husband is keeping her from church.
3. Dipinti came to our church because of a volatile marriage.
4. Building/Land Progress

Thank you all for your continual prayers and support for our family, Scot, Katie, Scot J., Jenna, Andrew, Benjamin, Emmie, David, and Mary!

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