

Shell Point

BAPTIST CHURCH

sharing Jesus, one person at a time!

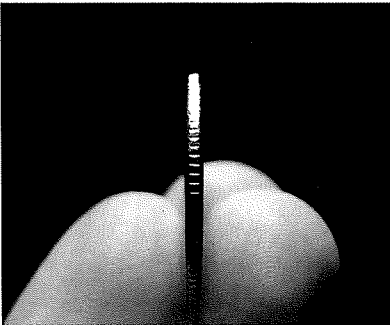
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Faith and Repentance

"I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

~ Luke 13:3 ~



The word "repentance," is a biblical word that unfortunately fails to be thoroughly taught in many churches these days. The word itself (*metanoia* in the Greek) literally means "to change one's mind or attitude." And occasionally, I'll get the question that goes something like this: "Is repentance necessary for salvation?" Of course, this is certainly an important question since the Scriptures often relate the miracle of salvation with the idea of repentance. For example:

- ◇ Jesus says, "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32).
- ◇ Jesus told his disciples to proclaim "repentance for forgiveness of sins" in His name to all the nations (Luke 24:47).
- ◇ When the apostles preached in Acts, they called people to repent of their sins in order to be forgiven (See Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30, 20:21, 26:20).
- ◇ The Apostle Paul makes it clear that those whose lives are characterized by sin "will not inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10; see also Rom. 8:12-13, Gal. 5:19-21, Eph. 5:5).

So, simply put, yes; repentance is absolutely necessary for one to be saved.

However, some may say, "If repentance is necessary for salvation, doesn't that go against the foundational truth that salvation is not by works but by faith alone? Isn't repentance a work?" I will answer that with a fervent "NO!" Repentance, like faith, is ultimately a sovereign gift from God! In fact, as it is often said, faith and repentance are two sides of the same coin. There is never one without the other. The great 19th century English pastor JC Ryle states it well when he writes,

True repentance... is never alone in the heart of anyone. It always has a companion – a blessed companion. It is always accompanied by active faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Wherever faith is, there is repentance. Wherever repentance is, there is always faith. I do not decide which comes first – whether repentance comes before faith, or faith before repentance – but I am certain enough to say that the two graces are never found separate, one from the other. Just as you cannot have the sun without light, ice without cold, fire without heat, or water without moisture, so you will never find true faith without true repentance, and you will never find true repentance without active faith. The two things will always go side by side.¹

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WOMEN ON MISSION (WMU)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I hope all of you are doing well. Boy, are we having fun or what! The VBS Backyard Bible School has been doing very well. The kids seem to be having a blast. They are learning about God. He is the one and only true God. He is everywhere, He is all-

powerful and He knows everything. The science projects have been very interesting. On July 23, 2021 we compared diapers and the amount of liquid they can hold. We had great acting with the story of Jonah and the Big Fish. It was a crazy ride, but God was there all the time. If you know of any children between the ages of 3 and 6th grade we would love to share Christ with them on August 6th and/or August 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. I cannot express my gratitude enough for those who have been there to help each week. Thank you so much!

It is that time of year again. Time, for "Christmas In August" and our collection for school supplies. We will again this year be collecting school supplies to go to a local school to give to those children in our own community in need. Start watching for those sales. We need everything from backpacks, crayons, markers, composition books, glue, pencils; if a child can use it at school, we need it. There is a table at the back of the sanctuary for those items, let's overflow that table. AMEN!

Just a short thank you, we were able to put together 15 migrant kits this year. I can't say enough about how God is working in this church, we may be small but God's heart is very large in this church, overflowing with love, kindness and gratitude, may we never lose the desire to please our Lord and Savior with our actions and words.

My prayer will be that each of us continue to praise and worship a risen Savior. He is everywhere, He does know everything and He truly is all-powerful. Thank you, Lord, for such a loving family at Shell Point.

In Christ's Love,

Jenny Durham, WMU

Always Collecting

<u>School Supplies</u>	<u>Items for Senior Christmas Bags</u>	<u>Christmas Shoe Boxes</u>
Pens, pencils, notebooks, erasers, backpacks, Kleenexes, socks, etc.	Paper towels, toilet paper, mac & cheese can veggies, tooth paste, spaghetti noodles & sauce, etc.	Small items that can fit in shoe boxes for boys and girls of all ages

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(Faith & Repentance continued from front page)

This biblical reality concerning faith and repentance should drive us all as confessing Christians to self-examination. If the Bible teaches that genuine active faith must include that we change our minds and attitudes about our sin (repentance/*metanoia*), then we must ask ourselves if we see this truth working in our own walk with Christ. True repentance will result in what the original Greek text calls *epistrephō*. This is the result of faith and repentance. It literally describes “the action of turning away from sin and turning to God in obedience.”

We find *epistrephō* used in Acts 11:21 where it speaks of what happened to the people of Antioch when they first heard the gospel, “And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned (*epistrephō*) to the Lord.” These believers not only turned to God – they turned away from sin! A deep and radical change took place within the hearts of those believers at Antioch.

Therefore, let us ask ourselves the question: “Do I have an active and authentic faith in Christ and His word?” If the answer is “yes,” then I must ask myself if I have experienced a change of mind and attitude (repentance)? If the answer is once again “yes,” then, as the Scriptures clearly teach us, I will see myself turning away from my sin. If you are not turning away from what you know to be sin in your life, maybe it would be best to go back to the beginning – and evaluate your faith? If that is you, then let me encourage you to trust in the finished work of Christ on the cross as the one and only acceptable offering that will appease the wrath of God against your sin. Like faith and repentance, belief and behavior are inseparable, and belief in Christ will result in holy behavior.

In His Unfailing Word,
Pastor Darren A. Jones

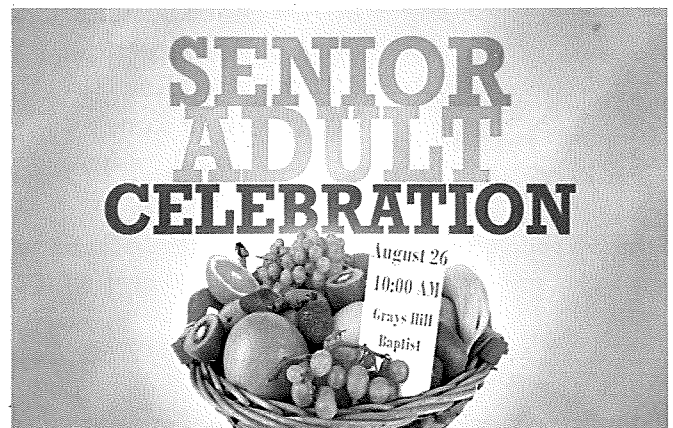
¹JC Ryle, *Repentance: What it Means to Repent and Why We Must Do So* (Aneko Press, 1878), 6.

“Crying Softly”

Lying awake through early morning hours, Whispers
of truth flooding my soul;
Pressed to cry softly in the shadows of prison
teardrops to my pillow flow.
For myself the tear drops flow, each crying
out for rain, of the cleansing of His blood
refresh my soul again.
Slumber comes to those about me, prayers
spring up to the Father swell, rejoice in them
I have no problem, for they spring from Father’s well.
Crying softly to the rhythm of the teardrops He’s
emplaced, greater tear drops
Now to offer to my fellow human race.

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Anthony C. Settles



“FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT”

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP,
MUSIC, INSPIRATION, DOOR PRIZES!!

TICKETS: \$10.00

SPECIAL NOTE

SEATING IS LIMITED THIS YEAR

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY BY CONTACTING THE
ASSOCIATION AT (843)726-8294.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS/TICKETS: AUGUST 10

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See Alice, church secretary, if you want
her to order your ticket.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August Calendar

Tues, Aug. 3	Church Council Meeting, 7pm
Fri, Aug. 6	Outdoor VBS, 10am
Sat, Aug. 7	Men's Breakfast, 8am (church)
Tues, Aug. 10	Deacons Meeting, 7pm
Fri, Aug. 13	Outdoor VBS, 10am
Thurs, Aug. 26	SRBA Senior Adult Celebration 10am at Gray's Hill Baptist Church

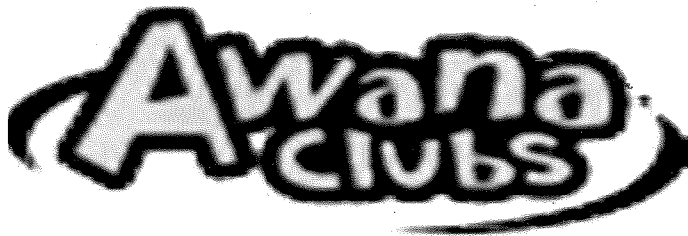
Weekly:

Wednesday: Evening Services, 6:30pm

Saturday: Plant the Seed Meal Ministry, 11am

Birthdays

08/02	Katy Fillinger
08/06	Lisa Hartzog
08/08	Janice Shelton
08/09	Alice Sosdorf
08/11	Will Green
08/19	Mary Rex
08/19	Flora Roney
08/23	Roy Hankins
08/24	Lex Oglesby



Awana starts

Sunday, September 12th

5:00—7:00pm

Bonnie Richard, Commander

Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors kids,

All kids are invited.

Listeners and Assistants are still needed.

Coming in September

Mon., Sept. 6—Church Office Closed (Labor Day)

Tues., Sept. 7—Church Council Meeting, 7pm

Sun., Sept. 12—Awana starts 5pm

Tues., Sept. 14—Deacons Meeting, 7pm

Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering September 12-19



It is time to start thinking ahead for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. There is no better time than right now to be getting the school supplies needed like:

Paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, rulers, scissors, crayons. These are basics we place in every box if we can. Other essentials are washcloths, soap, toothbrushes.

We will also need any small toy that will fit in a shoebox like jump ropes, balls, tennis balls, small cars, jacks, stuffed animals, small dolls, coloring books, whistles or any toy that you would like to go into a box. Even things like water bottles, t-shirts, socks etc are good items to purchase for them. If you can help with any of these purchases it is very much appreciated and there is a collection box in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Last year we packed over 250 boxes, that was over 250 children that learned about the love of Jesus plus their family members. Let's increase that number this year. I would love to see more this year. Let's work together in making this a great year to share in the joy of giving with the Mission of Operation Christmas Child.

In His Love and For His Glory, Bonnie Richard