

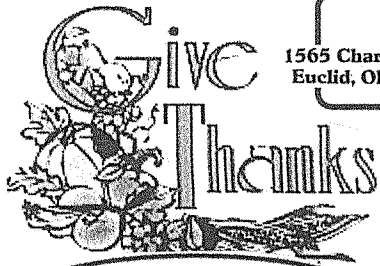
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"Magnify him
with THANKSGIVING"

A MAGAZINE THAT IS NOT
OUTSPOKEN IS
A LITERARY NUISANCE

The following words by Charles Spurgeon are from *The Sword & Trowel*, 1870: "This Magazine has not been conducted in a timid, crouching spirit, neither have we pandered to popular tastes.

Some of our articles have brought down upon us upbraidings which we have borne without regret.

Our reviews, when we have felt conscientiously bound to censure, have cost us many a postal lecture.

We are not, however, penitent; we have nothing to retract, but doubt not that we shall 'sin' again; we would not needlessly irritate, but we will not be silent in the presence of error, neither will we bespatter with flattery where honesty demands denunciation.

A magazine which is not outspoken, and is destitute of principle, is a literary nuisance. We use the *trowel* wherever we can to aid every good cause, but we have a *sword* also and mean to use it.

We expect to receive blows, and therefore when we do we are not overwhelmed with dismay.

Christ's truth is too dear to us for us to flinch from its defense. In the widespread defection which is now so sadly apparent in certain quarters, we see not only signs of coming struggles, but calls to duty, stern and arduous, from which only cowards will desire to be excused. The ancient faith, assailed by foes on all hands, must not lack for champions."

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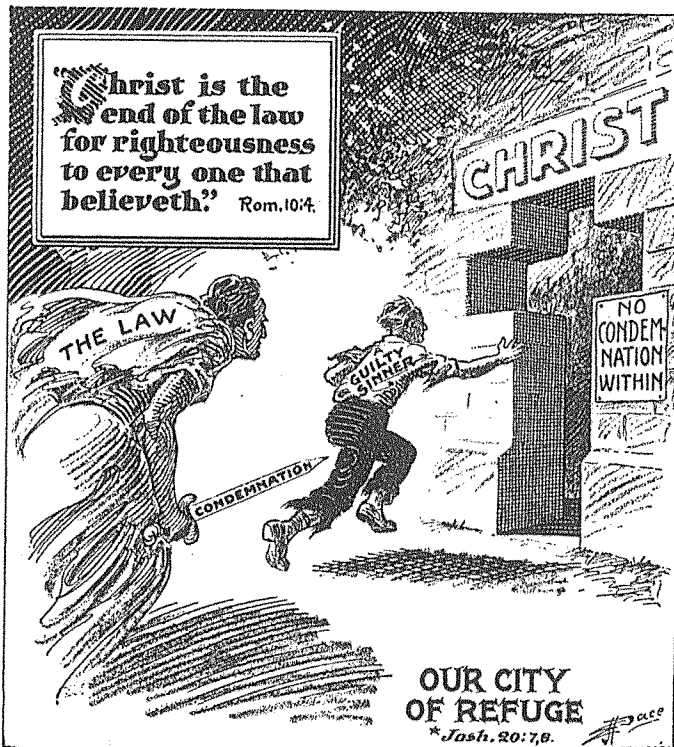
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

A common theme and practice in the Bible is that of PRAISE and THANKSGIVING to God our LORD! It is hundreds of times in the Psalms. It is an essential part of the worship of Israel as they sang and praised God Who gave them victories in battles and provided them with food, homes, protection from enemies, etc.

In the New Testament it connected with the Christian's joys, prayers and salvation in Jesus Christ 'by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.' (Philippians 4:6)

It is to be a major part of the New Testament church and its services.

The future 'church' in heaven will be Praising the Lamb, 'give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever.' (Revelation 4:9)



SATAN'S INTENTIONS, GOD'S INTERVENTIONS

"Satan never has been, nor will he ever be, a worthy opponent of God Almighty. Our Lord so far surpasses the devil in wisdom that He can take the very temptations the enemy uses to batter the saints, and use them instead to build a tabernacle of grace and comfort for His children!

This is the noblest of conquest - to wrestle the devil's tools from his own hands and use them to rebuild what he has been so busily tearing down. Thus God lays, as it were, His own plans under Satan's wings and makes him hatch them.

(Remember how he used the evil plot of Joseph's brother to accomplish His own grand design.)

All the while Satan is planning evil, you can be sure God is providing for your good."

- William Gurnall (1655)

'The Christian in Complete Armour'

["If I might read only one book beside the Bible, I would choose 'The Christian in Complete Armour'

- John Newton (1725-1807); converted slave trader who wrote, 'Amazing Grace']

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies
& Kids' Bible Club - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"He who burns bridges better be a good swimmer."

"Whatever keeps me from my Bible is my enemy." (A.W. Tozer)

"The heart is prepared for faith, not by faith."

"When you have a fight with your conscience and lose, you win."

"Every man's learning is dependent upon the knowledge of others."

"STANDARDS insulate us, they do not isolate us."

"He that knows nothing will believe anything."

"If I had never joined a church until I found one that was perfect, I would never have joined one at all. And the moment I did join it, if I had found one, I should have spoiled it, for it would not have been a perfect church after I had become a member of it. Still, imperfect as it is, it is the dearest place on earth to us." - Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)



JOHN THE BAPTIST RELICS

"In various churches all over Europe there are three shoulder blades, four legs, and five arms, all that are supposed to have belonged to John the Baptist. There are also fifty index fingers, all relics that John the Baptist is reported to have used when he pointed to Jesus and called him the 'Lamb of God.' - copied ("365 Fascinating Facts about Jesus")

LOOK AT
OUR CHURCH'S
NEW WEBSITE

www.biblebaptisteuclid.com

it includes ...

Church information
Radio Preaching messages
Monthly NewsLetters
Bulletin articles

We're still working on adding and changing a few things, but I'm sure you'll find it helpful and encouraging. Be sure to let others know!

"Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." - Psalm 97:12

Repentance Necessary

“Repentance is not arbitrary.

It is not left to our choice whether or not we will repent, but it is an indispensable command.

God has enacted a law in the High Court of heaven that no sinner shall be saved except the repenting sinner ... Though all the angels should stand before God and beg the life of an un-repenting person, God would not grant it.

The LORD God, merciful and gracious, ... Keeping mercy for thousands, ... and that by no means clear the guilty.

(Exodus 34:6-7). Though God is more full of mercy than the sun is of light: *‘He will by no means clear the guilty!’* Till a sinner repents, God and he cannot be friends:

“what communion hath light with darkness?” (II Corinthians 6:14).

How can the righteous God indulge him that goes on still in his trespasses?

I will not justify the wicked” (Exodus 23:7).

If God should be at peace with a sinner before he repents, God would seem to like and approve of all that he has done. He would go against His own Holiness.

It is inconsistent with the sanctity of God’s nature to pardon a sinner while he is in the act of rebellion.

... If God should save men without repentance, making no discrimination, then by this rule He must save all, not only men, but devils ... “

- Thomas Watson,

‘The Doctrine of Repentance’, p 59-60

THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

Popcorn & Pilgrims

“The Pilgrims ate popcorn during the first Thanksgiving dinner.”
- copied

Muskets & Bows

“Officials at Yale University altered a campus stone carving of a Puritan and a Native American to make it appear less ‘hostile’. The two figures are depicted side by side, each holding a weapon, but the settler’s musket has been covered over with cement because a committee deemed it ‘not appropriate.’ The native’s bow was left as it was.”
- *The Week*

Harry Potter Books

“June 26 th marked the 20 th anniversary of the first Harry Potter books’ publication. The books have sold 450 million copies worldwide, 167 million in the United States.” - copied

NFL Arrests

NFL Players are arrested every seven days on average. The National Football League is in a golden age right now: It’s been 23 days since one of its players has been arrested.”

- Joseph Curl, *Daily Wire*
Sep. 25, 2017

Hurricane Irma - A Christian Viewpoint

Hurricane Irma hit mainland Florida on September 10.

I am a native Floridian and I travel there to visit Mom (age 93) and other relatives. Growing up in Florida, I experienced many hurricanes. As a nine year old, I was staying with my grand-parents north of Lakeland when the eye of Donna came right over central Florida in 1960. It came ashore as a category 4 with sustained winds of 130 mph. On September 8, Irma looked like it would be much, much nastier than that. I have no doubt that God answered prayer and showed great mercy in regard to Irma. We cannot forget that there are still many God-fearing people in America, and God has mercy on the nation for their sake and for their prayer’s sake.

The day before Irma hit, when it was a category 5 storm and when it looked like Florida would be devastated like the Caribbean islands, some of which are currently uninhabitable, I sent the following note to some of my relatives: “Grandma used to write out her prayers, which I always found to be interesting. Here is mine today, ‘Lord,

America has sinned greatly against the light of your Word. We deserve any judgment you give us. But we are asking for and trusting in your mercy. You told us to pray, and we are looking for answered prayer. We ask that this great storm will not devastate Florida and not harm any of your many people living there. *In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.*” Others were praying after this fashion. Within hours the storm weakened and it hit the

Florida mainland as a category 2 and not the category 4 or 5 that was expected. There was a lot of damage, billions of dollars’ worth, probably, but the damage was *nothing* compared to what it would have been. The storm surge that deluged Jacksonville could have deluged every city and town on both coasts. It could have been a *trillion* dollar storm. In these natural disasters, America’s benevolent spirit is on display. Though America has fallen far in character from what it was in past times because of her general rejection of God’s Word, America is still powerfully influenced by the Bible. Neighbor helps neighbor. Strangers help strangers.

The entire nation responds to these things with an outpouring of compassionate help. The response of the U.S. government itself is a reflection of biblical values. For the most part, the response was benevolent, efficient, unified, and honest. From the local level to the federal, there is little corruption and self-seeking in these events. As an individual who has spent 28 years of his life living outside of America and who has traveled to about 50 countries, I see these things through different eyes. Americans complain about their government, and there is plenty to dislike, but compared to South

Asia or China or South (continued below ...)

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November 2017

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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@ 8:00 pm

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@ 2:00 pm

Saturday Mornings
@ 10:00 am

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@ 7:00 am

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SEEK THE PEACE

“For thus saith the LORD... and seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace ... Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you ... For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.”
- Jeremiah 29:4,7,8,9

America and Africa, even most of Europe, the U.S. government is still the world model of efficiency, justice, and honesty (*again, measured by the standard of this world, not by the standard of God’s Word*). One time I told an Indian man in Nepal that I had never heard of anyone having to bribe to get a government service in America, and he didn’t believe me!

The preparations for Irma were impressive, and the cooperation between the federal, state, and local governments and between government and business and between government and private entities ... was wonderful to behold. Tens of thousands of people moved to shelters as they were instructed, but everything was orderly; little or no pushing and shoving and fighting, not much self-seeking. Theft and looting was the rare exception. For the most part, it was neighbor helping neighbor and stranger helping stranger. This is not man’s natural way; it is a reflection of the powerful influence of the Bible upon a people. When the famous Russian novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn visited America, he said, “The United States has long shown itself to be the most magnanimous, the most generous country in the world. Wherever there is a flood, an earthquake, a fire, a natural disaster, an epidemic, who is the first to help? The United States. Who helps the most and unselfishly? The United States.”

- David Cloud, *Way of Life Literature*, September 13, 2017 (edited)

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