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ROGERSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST DECEMBER 29, 2024

Below is the final segment of a four part series written by Jason Bybee, lead minister at Mayfair church of Christ. I truly hope you have been able to read these and appreciate the love of the gospel shown in the written words. May God grant us more and more opportunities to share this beautiful message with others.

What is the Gospel? (Part 4)

For too long, the Gospel has been reduced to a series of propositional doctrinal statements one must intellectually assent to in order to experience personal forgiveness of sin and receive the promise of going to some sort of ethereal, non-material, spiritual "heaven" after death. While it is impossible to ignore the implications of the Gospel on a personal level and its attendant benefits, this treatise is an attempt to recover a more holistic understanding of the Gospel in light of its corporate elements that have implications not only for eternity but also for the present reality of Christian existence.

Gospel Defined: The Gospel is the story of God's activity in salvation history to reconcile creation to God as revealed in Scripture. From creation to the call of Abraham, from exodus to exile, from Christ to church to consummation, God has been at work in the course of human history to bring about salvation. Salvation occurs when the Gospel is both encountered and embodied in the life of the believing community.

Reconciliation: The Kingdom of God. Reconciliation is our communal ministry. Scripture affirms that God is actively reconciling all things back to God. As reconciled bearers of God's image, we actively participate with God in God's mission to reconcile creation. The Christian life bears witness to the goodness of God and the power of God to liberate from exile. As those who have experienced reconciliation, Christian engagement with the world is congruent with the mission of God. Christians seek to bring others into restored relationship with God. Christians also seek to embody the love and shalom of God in relationship with each other and the world. By doing so, the Christian community becomes the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God in the present realm. Although the Kingdom awaits consummation in the yet-to-be-revealed eschaton, the confessing community also embodies the principles of the Kingdom in the present. Christ's church exists to embody the Kingdom principle of new creation and to reconcile the world back to God through acts of justice, mercy, discipleship, worship, and service. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper identifies the confessing community with the death and resurrection of Christ and functions as a rehearsal of the Messianic banquet the reconciled community will enjoy in the eschatological new heavens and new earth. God is present in the confessing community through the indwelling of God's Spirit until God's reconciling activity is fully consummated in the coming Kingdom of God.

-- Jason Bybee, Lead Minister Mayfair church of Christ --

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Table with service details for December 29 and Wednesday January 01, including morning and evening services, prayer services, and attendance/contribution information.

Sick

Genell McLemore has Covid.

Peggy Williams is sore and bruised from a fall.

Sam Adams had surgery for a torn ACL.

Christy Reeves is improving.

Faye Bedingfield is now at home.

Clay Bedingfield has Covid.

Betty Grisham is in NAMC room 5111.

Linda Haraway had a knee replacement. She is now at home.

Mary Ann Kerr is now at home and her husband, **Jerry**, is back in the hospital.

Martha Flanagan is at home.

Extended Illness: **Genell McLemore**, **Cecil Haraway**, **Dude Weathers**, **Jerry Bedingfield**, **Sylvia Lentz**, **John Embry** (father of Melia Owens and brother to James Embry), **Barry Bedingfield** (brother-in-law of Linda Chambers), **Whitney Skipworth** (friend of Shirley Haraway), **Oaklynn Jackson** (daughter of Eli & Taylor Gordon Jackson and granddaughter of Tammy Gordon), donations to **Bank Independent "Oaklynn Jackson Benefit Fund"** to help with expenses, **Kim Grimes** (daughter of Glen & Vauda Wilson), **Marleigh Gilbert**, **Rachael Weir**, **Keith Davis** (cousin to Donnie Lane), **Dennis Raney**, **Mattie Pugh**, **Larry Pugh** (relatives of Floyd & Millie Goode), **Larry Bailey** (friend of Gearld Whitman), **Julia Bedingfield**, **Sara Wolfe Butler** (friend of Kim Lane), **Harrison Bobo** (great-grandson of Randy & Glenda Pyle)

Shut-Ins

Diane Embry (home), **Mary Ann Kerr** (home), **Vera Cox** (LCNH), **Neal Trousdale** (home), **Vella Green** (Rm 2308 Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home, 7054 Veterans Pkwy, Pell City, AL 35125), **Willie Mae Eldridge** (El Reposo 4), **Alice Ezell** (home), **Bob Fay** (Avita of Brunswick, 89 Admiral Fitch Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011), **Mahlon & Gladys Graham** (home), **Dixie Kelly** (home), **Emma Smith** (22050 Indian Trace, Athens, AL 35613)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Cannon & Abby Cornelius on the birth of their son Dustin Archer. He was born December 19. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Rob & Becky Cornelius and great-grandparents Thomas & Barbara Cornelius.



Fifth Sunday Contribution

Today all contributions above our regular budget will be paid on debt service for the bus and the church building.

Thank You

Thank you for your visits, food, and to the young people who visited with me.
-Alice Ezell

Wednesday Service

January 01 – New Year Prayer Service – All classes meet in the auditorium

Tuesday Bible Class

The Tuesday morning Bible class will not meet again until January 7.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals will resume January 8.

Week 1
January 05-11
Genesis
(50 chapters)



Week 2
January 12-18
Exodus
(40 chapters)

2024 Year in Review

Always in our thoughts – Forever in our hearts
In Memory

Glen Wilson, Dillon Bayes, Tyler Hooie, Wayne Lentz, Ruth Comer

Births

Benjamin Cornelius, Connor Newton, Dustin Cornelius

Baptisms

Ella Pigg, Gracie Stevens, Paisley Phillips, Kiley Durham, Sydney Speake

Placed Membership

Bonnie Glass, Frances Murphy

Events

January Freedom House Ladies Night

March Lads to Leaders, Collections for: Shoals-Sav-a-Life, Potter Children's Home, Clearview Cancer Center

May Men's Breakfast, Senior Recognition

June VBS, Service at Cedar View

July Widow & Widower Cookout, ICYC

August Church Picnic, Collections for Beth's Babies, Wayne Barrier and Ice Cream Supper

September MAGI Box Collection, Outdoor Service

October Town Trick or Treat, Fall Festival

November Friends & Family Day, Friendsgiving, Harvesters Banquet at HCU, Collections for: Healing Place, Heart of AL Save Rescue Adopt, UNA Christian Student Center Diaper Drive

December Christmas Party, Ornament Exchange

Year-Round Events Fellowship Meals, Bible Reading Program, Youth Devotionals, Tuesday Adult Bible Study