

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christ assigned His church two ordinances—baptism and the Lord's Supper. Ordinance means decree or command. Baptists refer to baptism and the Lord's Supper as ordinances that are commanded by Christ. Other denominations view these acts as sacraments. The word sacrament implies that the act itself conveys grace to the believer. Baptists believe that Christ gave baptism and the Lord's Supper to His church not as sacraments but as pictures and affirmations of grace.

Baptists observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper because Christ commanded us to. Our faithful obedience to Christ's commands testifies of God's grace. The ordinances are thus illustrations and remembrances of grace and sources of blessing to believers. They do not bestow sacramental grace on the participants or on the observing congregation. Rather, believers receive grace and blessing when we obey Christ's commands and remember His saving acts.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, instituted by Christ Himself, points back to the Last Supper, which Christ shared with His disciples just before His crucifixion. At that meal Christ explained His atoning death in terms of bread and wine. The bread, Christ said, symbolizes His body, broken for believers. This theme is deeply rooted in Old Testament passages like the Suffering Servant texts in Isaiah (see Isa. 42; 44; 53). The broken bread points to what Christ accomplished through His active and passive obedience on the cross. His body was literally broken for us. The fruit of the vine, Jesus said, represents His blood. The theme of blood atonement runs throughout Scripture. The Bible asserts that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins (see Heb. 9:22). The Book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus, our Great High Priest, once and for all entered the heavenly tabernacle and the holy of holies, not by the blood of an animal but by shedding His own blood.

The Lord's Supper is not merely a memorial to be received by Christians. It is a congregational act in which the covenant community, in obedience to God's command and united in one faith, one Lord, and one baptism (see Eph. 4:5), obeys Christ by memorializing His sacrifice (see Luke 22:19). The Lord's Supper is not a simple reenactment of the Last Supper, it is a post-resurrection celebration and commemoration of the completed work of Christ.

When the local church celebrates the Lord's Supper, we proclaim the death and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ even as we anticipate His return, when the church will celebrate the wedding supper of the Lamb (see Rev. 19:7).

The Baptist Faith & Message—Kelley, Land, Mohler

Morning Worship Services

September 27, 2009

Prelude	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	Stainer
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>	Tomlin
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message		Rev. Hayes
	(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)	
Responsive Reading 684	Cross, Suffering, and Death	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn	<i>He Touched Me (vv 1,2)</i>	Gaither
Offertory	<i>Sinner Saved by Grace</i>	Trio
Sermon Text	1 Corinthians 11:26	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>Oh, What a Savior Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>	Choir Choir
Message	The Lord's Supper	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 210	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	Featherston
Observance of the Lord's Supper		Dr. Gambrell
Response 397	<i>Blest Be the Tie</i>	Fawcett



The flowers on the organ are given by Jean Thomas in loving memory of her husband, Charles M. Thomas.

The flowers in the baptistery are given by the LaPierre family. Happy 11th birthday to our "Katie-bug". You are a joy and blessing to all those around you. We love you very much! Mom, Dad, Kayla and Tyler



Welcome to Worship

*For whenever
you eat this bread
and drink this cup,
you proclaim
the Lord's death
until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:26

Evening Worship Service

September 27, 2009—6:30 p.m.

Message	Outside My Space	Dr. Gambrell
Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.		
Front Door:	Tom and Agnes Roller	
Side Door:	Jerry and Margie Branscome	
Drive-Thru:	Charles and Betty Brewer	
Welcome Desk:	Nesbeth Fisher	
Today's Ushers		
8:30 a.m.	Ken Plummer and Boo Boo Todd	
11:00 a.m.	Pete Bellamy, Charles Brewer, Ralph Bussey, Porter Kennington, Bronson Summers	
6:30 p.m.	Wayne Carey and Dwain Spivey	
Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers – 11:00 a.m.		
Nursery:	Meghan Holt	
Children's Church:	Meredith Worley	
Security Duty Next Week		
Oct. 4—Oct 7:	Ralph Bussey and Dwain Spivey	

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

Let's all assess where we are personally with our tithes as well as with our commitment to Building on Our Heritage. Continue to pray, asking "Lord, what do you want to do through me to fulfill your will for our church?"

Flu Shots—Today

Please note the date change: Walgreens will be in the fellowship hall today, **September 27** from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. administering flu shots. The cost is \$24.99.

Nifty-Fifties Organizational Meeting

There will be a Nifty-Fifties Organization Meeting, Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Blood Drive—October 4

The Faith, Hope and Love Sunday School class will host it's second annual church-wide blood drive as a continuing part of their 40 days of Community project. The drive will be Sunday, October 4 from 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you would like to sign up to give blood, please see a member of their class or call the church office. Their goal is 50+ pints.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 27

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Flu Shots

Sunday, September 27

5:00 p.m.
Building on Our Heritage Finance Committee Meeting
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 3

7:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Friendly's

Sunday, October 4

11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Blood Drive
Family Life Center

Sunday, October 4

4:30 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

11:30 a.m.
Lunch Bunch
Calico Jack's Restaurant

Thursday, October 8

6:00 p.m.
Steering Committee Meeting
Faith, Hope and Love
Sunday School Classroom

Sunday, October 11

World Hunger

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 p.m.
Quarterly Church Conference

Sunday, October 25

Homecoming

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Flu Shots	10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Christmas Cantata Choir Practice	3:30 p.m.
Building on Our Heritage Finance Committee Meeting	5:00 p.m.
Children's Music	5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
TeamKid	6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting	10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
"Uplift" Movement Exercise Class	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
RAs, GAs and Mission Friends	6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Thursday

"Uplift" Movement Exercise Class	6:30 p.m.
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Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast at Friendly's	7:30 a.m.
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Sunday

Blood Drive	11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting	4:30 p.m.

YTD Budget Offerings—Week 38		
YTD Budget Needs	YTD Budget Receipts	Variance
\$420,192.60	\$387,300.66	(\$32,891.94)
Building on Our Heritage		
Commitments: \$1,335,442.00		
Commitments Received as of 8/31/09: \$902,070.17		

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