

**TIME OF SERVICES**

**Sunday:**

**Bible Classes** 10:00 a.m.  
**Worship Service** 11:00 a.m.  
**Worship Service** 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

**Bible Classes** 7:00 p.m.

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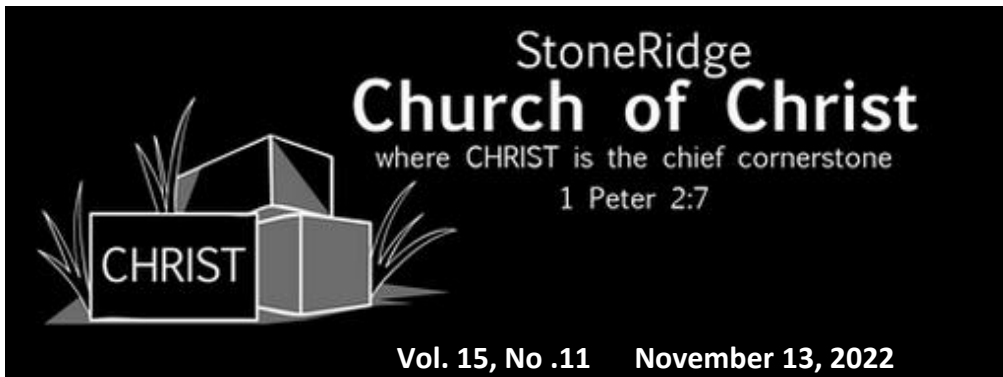
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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES  
CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY.  
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED  
OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT  
JOINED A DENOMINATION.**



**2 Out of 3 IS Bad!**

Meatloaf sang a song, "Two out of three ain't bad." I think that is the bad theology many have in deciding to be baptized!

1. PAST - They want to be saved to escape the guilt of their past. "With many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "Be saved from this corrupt generation!" So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them." (CSB'17 Acts 2:40-41)
2. FUTURE - They want to be saved from future judgment from their sinful past. "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him." (CSB'17 1 Peter 3:21-22)
3. PRESENT - They don't want to be saved from living their own life in the present, so nothing happens. They ignore, "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, since a person who has died is freed from sin." (CSB'17 Romans 6:6-7).

If nothing changes after you were baptized, consider nothing changed before because repentance and conversion mean change. If nothing changes after you were baptized, consider nothing will be changed for eternity. Why would God save ►

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you in the next life when you've demonstrated you don't want saving from this life?

Two out of three is bad! -Perry Hall



*Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heat of gratitude will allow.*

*Thanksgiving is possible only for those who take time to remember; no one can give thanks who has a short memory.*

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

## *News/Notes/Quotes.*

**THE SICK.** Beth Cossey has shown some improvement and is breathing on her own. We are grateful to God for any progress...**Marshall Lands** (Steve's dad) is still facing some difficult days and remains in St. Bernard Hospital...**Bob Evans** is in 5134 at NEA Hospital and has been having some difficult times...**Lynessa Davis** is being treated for Lupus. Please pray that her medications will work...**Phealon Suell's** family has been sick with the flu. Most of them are better but **Kaelynn** is still having some difficulty... **Owen Mundy** is still improving, but it may be a while before his prognosis is known... **Jane Cureton** continue to deal with challenges following a stroke but we were really glad to see her able to come to services last Sunday **Charles Wayne French** (Nola Christenberry's brother) has been cleared to begin his treatments for cancer again....Continued prayers needed for all of these...**Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer...Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Bob** and **Jean Evans** are also confined at home...**Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.



The only nation that, in some way, does not become Babylon is the holy nation of God, the body of Christ. God's nation today is not marked off by physical boundaries or ruled by earthly kings. It is the nation of which Christians are citizens first and foremost. Let us act accordingly:

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Pet 2:9-10)

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain." (Phi 2:14-16)

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." (Phil 3:20-21).



***If every member were just like you, would we need to build more seats or close the doors?***

