

## You Must Die First

by Glen Elliot Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

Since I married my lovely wife nearly forty years ago, I've been asked to comply with some unusual requests. Few as strange, however, as asking me to allow her to be the first one of us to die. Such a request can catch you by surprise and leave you a bit confused. What should I say? "Sure, no problem. I'll see what I can do about that."? Or, "I'll see if I can get that on the prayer list at church." I understand what she is saying—she does not want to be left alone.

I can relate to that because I feel the same way. We joke about it. But, we both know that we are not in control of such matters. While it is appointed once to die, the time of our departure is unknown (Hb. 9:27). Besides, the Lord may come first and we may be among those "who are alive and remain" (1 Th. 4:15). Either alternative is acceptable to the one who is in Christ.

When it comes to being in Christ, death is a prerequisite. We must die before we can come into Christ. Death describes our relationship to sin. We must die to sin (Rm. 6:2). Essentially, death is separation. In coming to Christ, we turn away from sin in repentance—a process that continues in a life of devotion to the Lord. We are crucified with Christ—a long, lingering and painful death (Rm. 6:6). One cannot go through the conversion process—the process of coming into Christ—unless he or she dies to sin in repentance. We must die first.

Baptism is a burial. Burial follows death. We are baptized into Christ's death. Our sins are washed away and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Rm. 6:3-4; Acts 22:16).

What a blessing to be in Christ! (Eph. 1:3). What hope! What assurance! But, we must die first—we must die to self—we must die to sin. Are you afraid to die? You won't be alone.

God has promised: "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid' (Hb. 13:5-6).

Remember, that it is in dying that we live and it is in surrender that we are set free (Rm. 6:7).

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

|                             |          |
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| Sunday AM Bible Study       | 9:45 AM  |
| Sunday AM Worship           | 11:00 AM |
| No Sunday PM Service        |          |
| Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday PM Bible Study    | 7:00 PM  |

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### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

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## Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”

**Prayer List** *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

**Those that attend:** Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Dennis & Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Sonny & Linda Stine, Brenda Nelson, Diane Mellott, and Wilma Patterson.

**People in other places:** Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Frank's niece, Betty & Dennis Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Tony & Eglar Grana, George Beckwith, Cindy, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Gloria, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Irene Jurek, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Williams family, Mary, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Gary, Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, Emily Sestack, Debbie, Minnee, Holly Leistner, Leonard Amanatey, Martha, the Rogers family, Eric Kauffman, Lynn Gomez, Ivey Shoemaker, Holly Brown, Dean, B.J. Boyle, Jim & Edith Faery, Randy Heller, Haskell Paden, Leonard - Zach Hansen's girlfriend's grandfather, Becky Torres, Jeanette Casey, Gloria Zachery, Lewia Frett, Lewia's wife Kate and also their son, Laura Lynum.

### Updates:

**Eddie Sumner** Her lymphoma has returned. She was in the hospital this weekend for a couple of rounds of strong chemo. She will also have a stem cell transplant in the near future. Let's keep her in our prayers.

**Marvis Garrett** had oral surgery recently.

**Elliot Derosa**, Louella's great grandson, hasn't been feeling well but is doing better now.

**Jimmy**, Bruce Brink's brother, has pneumonia.

**Joanne**, Carol Jones' sister in Brantford, ON, had foot surgery on Tuesday. Let's pray for a good recovery.

**Haley**, Tahlia's friend, suffered a broken leg recently.

**Chris McKenzie**, a friend of Louella Hopkins, thanks everyone for the prayers when he was having heart troubles.

**Let's pray for those impacted by hurricane Michael.**

**Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.**

### Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**Oct. 20** Movie outing - free. Please see posting.

**Oct. 21** Men's Business Meeting

**Oct. 26** Ladies Devotional 6:30 PM at the building. Hosted by Carol Jones

**Oct. 27** Preacher Search Committee meeting. 10 AM at the building.

**Oct. 27** Charles and Bruce will be showing the movie “Case for Christ” at 7 PM at the building. Open to the congregation.

**Nov. 04** Potluck Groups 4, 5, & 6 to setup and cleanup.

**Nov. 9-10** Workshop 7-9:15 PM Sponsored by Fenwick church of Christ (Canada) Please see posting.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Book of James

**Sermon Topic Today:** *Be Holy Because I Am Holy*

**Scripture Reading:** *1 Peter 1:13-16*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel

## TODAY

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| Announcements    | Wayne Carter    |
| Song Leader      | Marvis Garrett  |
| Direct Communion | Mark Dailey     |
| Serve            | Wayne Carter    |
| Serve            | Ron Cameron     |
| Serve            | Richard Wheeler |
| Clean Trays      | Jean Cameron    |

### New address and phone number .....

Please check the Message Board for new info for Jeanne Johns and her daughter Jeanette Casey.

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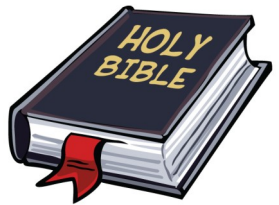
“Love One Another” and “Answered Prayers”

boards in the back of the auditorium.

### Movie Outing Free

Saturday October 20 at 4:00 PM  
Four Seasons Cinema 6  
2429 Military Rd. (Behind Big Lots)  
The movie is “Christopher Robin”

You must sign up in advance so we have a count for the theater. I am putting a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Cost is free to church members. Thanks, Denise Garlitz



2 Timothy 2:15



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



**A smile is a gently curved line that can set a lot of things straight.**

**“If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you have to do is wake up.”**

**There's a new and improved computer available. It combines a word processor and a food processor. It is really helpful for those times when you have to eat your words.**