

When Are Christians To Partake of the Lord's Supper?

by Gary Colley minister at Getwell church of Christ Memphis, TN

Sadly, many people accept, without question, what their denominations teach rather than what the Bible teaches. This would not be so serious if it were not true that we shall all be judged by the Bible (John 12:48). This is true of many subjects, including baptism, women's roles in the church, mechanical instruments of music, and even when we are to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Some teach that we are to partake of the Lord's Supper monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, even though the Bible does not authorize any of these times. Some people teach that we can partake of the Lord's Supper at a wedding on Thursday night or at other special occasions on any and every day of the week. But, do not be deceived. The Bible authorizes none of these either (Col. 3:17; Gal. 1:8-9; II John 9-11).

What Does the Bible Teach? Christians are taught in the Bible to partake of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week (or every Sunday) and only on Sunday (or the first day of the week). Let us study and act to show ourselves approved unto God (II Tim. 2:15). In Matthew 28:18, after His resurrection (Mk. 16:9) Jesus said He had been given "all authority in heaven and in earth." Before His ascension, He told His apostles to teach and baptize believers by His authority. He then commanded the apostles, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:20). This they did after they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and had done "many wonders and signs" to convince their hearers their message was from heaven (Acts 2:1-4, 43).

The apostles taught those baptized believers what they were to practice in worship when the church was established on Pentecost - the first day of the week, or Sunday. They taught early Christians to continue "steadfastly . . . in breaking of bread" (Acts 2:41). These early Christians who were under the direction of inspired men, partook "steadfastly," but when? Every first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

This will also be true of all who follow the authority of Christ today (I Cor. 11: 1).

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

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.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.



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

Bruce Brink had oral surgery on Monday Dec. 17 and is doing well.

Let's keep the **Sumners** in our prayers.

Ron Cameron is dealing with shoulder issues and waiting on biopsy results.

Logan Bennett has strep throat.

Marissa Stine had kidney surgery recently.

Lula Elder, mother of frequent out of town visitor Jeff Elder, had lung surgery Friday at Roswell.

Let's pray for good results for her.

Denise Garlitz' brother had back surgery on Thursday.

Elaine Fees needs our prayers.

Jim, Nancy Schul's son in Texas, has suffered a perforated bowel and is dealing with severe infection.

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

Also

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time. (Scott Forney, Robert Horrace)

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Holiday

Dec. 30 NO Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Jan. 01 New Year's Day (2019)

Notice:

The minutes of the Men's Business Meeting held Dec. 16 are on the back table.

The **2019 Budget Proposal** is posted on the board in the back.

The weekly amount remains the same as 2018.

This has to be posted for two weeks before final approval.

If you have any questions please ask.

Greetings

Roger talked to Sharron Gantt on Wednesday. She is settling in to her new apartment and she sends her greetings to everyone.

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

Sermon Topic Today: The Face of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:24-32

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study will resume Jan. 8th.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1st Kings

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

We will break for the holidays (no class on 12/25 and 1/1) and resume on January 8, 2019.

CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS

Please let Audrey know by December 31st if you desire a receipt for cash or check contributions made to the LaSalle church for calendar year 2018.

SUFFERING FOR FORGIVEN SINS

by Mel Martin *via BulletinGold*

Forgiveness is not a denial of a deed, but a removing of the penalty of sin. At the risk of oversimplification, let us clarify this point. When a person is forgiven, it is not the case that his past actions really never occurred. They did occur. Furthermore, the sins in which we once participated may have lasting consequences. (We may still have to go to jail, not get our job back, or be able to regain our family. Some things may be lost to us.) But we can rest assured that though we may bear the scar of sin for life, we do not have to bear the penalty of sin. We should not equate the physical suffering brought on by our sin with our spiritual relationship with God. It just may be that some will think that God never has really forgiven them because they are still suffering from some lasting consequence of their sin. Because we may have a strong hatred for our past sins, we may want all things to be as if we never committed the sins, but this cannot be. Forgiveness does not erase the past and deny that the action ever took place. Forgiveness admits the sin and then removes the penalty for the sin. We can be bathed in the comforting truth that we can be as clean and pure, having our sins forgiven, with a clean heart, as one who has never sinned. We can hold our heads high and honestly say, "I am not like that any more!" This is not a denial that we were once a sinner, but a denial that we still serve sin.

Serving Today

Announcements Bruce Brink

Song Leader Marvis Garrett

Direct Communion Ray McArthur

Serve Bruce Brink

Serve Doug Flanagan

Serve Ron Cameron

Clean Trays Sherry Carter



Bring it in! Do you have a change can for Potter Children's Home? Bring it in and give it to Mark. Thank you for your help!

Directory

It is planned to publish an updated *Directory* in January. Please check the paperwork posted in the back of the auditorium.