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BRO. MARSHALL'S MESSAGE

The Church

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Our Baptist Faith and Message 2000 states that a New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its two scriptural offices are that of pastor/elder/overseer and deacon. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor/elder/overseer is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

What is the church?

1. We are Christ's. We are to be holy and without blemish by being washed in the Word! Are you in the Word daily?
2. We are autonomous. Each local congregation is under the Lordship of Christ and functions as an individual body of his. Therefore, not all Baptist churches look alike. Some have pews, some chairs, some organs, some keyboards, etc.
3. We are baptized. As believers, we agree that it is important to follow our Lord and Savior in baptism, not for salvation but as a witness and testimony to that salvation.
4. We put the gospel as priority. We associate and are in fellowship with one another because we, through faith, believe the gospel must go forth.
5. We observe only two ordinances. First, baptism and second, the Lord's Supper (communion). These were both instituted by our Lord and Savior and are of utmost importance to the life of the church.
6. We should operate under democratic processes. No one person (or family) should be "in charge". As believers, associating and fellowshipping together under the gospel of faith, we all have the Holy Spirit living inside us and therefore should all be valued in decision making processes. (Now, we all know that there are times when a decision must be made quickly...i.e. a member's home burns down and they need many things...and in that case, the pastor or a leadership team may need to make those decisions without time to have a meeting.)
7. We are individuals. While the church is a gathering of believers, we are each responsible and accountable to Jesus individually. Our personal walk with the Lord is important and improves the overall growth of the body.
8. We believe in two scriptural offices. Pastors (also called elders or overseers-lead pastors) and deacons. Scripturally, men only are qualified to be pastors, while women can serve in many other capacities.
9. We are multi-ethnic. The church is made up of all believers from all places and all time periods!

The beauty of Southern Baptist Churches is that we are autonomous and therefore, may look different in how we function and worship, but we can come together in unity under the banner of the gospel and work to see God's kingdom advanced in ways that no other denominations have ever done.

Till all hear!

Bro Marshall

July Calendar

July 1-5 OFFICE CLOSED

July 8 10AM Pst. Conf w/ Justin Hiens on Stewardship—meal provided

July 22 6PM Pst. Conf w/ Hiens video-Meal provided

BEULAH SPOTLIGHT CHURCH

RIDGELY FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Mickey Hanks

120 S Church St, Ridgely, TN



We just finished another great VBS. God is so good! A team from Thompson Station came in to lead our VBS and the kids loved it. Please come join us:

Sunday School—9:45 am

Worship—11:00 am

Sunday Evening—5:00 pm

Wednesday night includes a Youth Class—7:00 pm

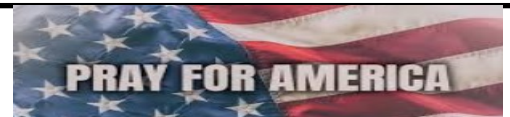
Psalm 22:28

For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nation
Psalm 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

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PASTORS, WIVES & BEULAH STAFF

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/2 Herman & Linda DeBoard—Mt. Moriah/BBA**
- 7/5 Ron & Janette Cox—South Fulton First**
- 7/8 Mel & Darylon Poe—Calvary**
- 7/17 Mike & Angela Sams—Martin First**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/1 Truitt Cockrell—Pleasant Hill—RIVES**
- 7/2 Marsha Fields—Reelfoot**
- 7/6 Heather White—Woodland Mills**
- 7/9 Rick Roberts—Troy First**
- 7/11 Pat Murdock—Antioch**
- 7/12 Linda DeBoard—Mt. Moriah**
- 7/13 John Troutman—Tiptonville First**
- 7/31 Chuck Graham—Willingham Memorial**

