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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

Roger Rush, Minister

WELCOME!

We invite you to all our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

WISE OR FOOLISH?

God spoke through Isaiah: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8, 9). Paul wrote something quite similar when he observed that the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:25).

In God’s dealings with his people, from the human perspective, there may be absolutely no logical connection between what God requires and the blessings which follow. This is illustrated in the well-known Bible story of Naaman (2 Kings 5). Naaman was a leper. He had come to the prophet of God in search of a cure for his leprosy. When told to dip seven times in the Jordan River for cleansing, Naaman became very angry. There was no logical reason for such a demand. He would not do it. But he reconsidered. He went down to the river and dipped. Six times he plunged under the water and six times he came out the same old leper. The seventh time it was a different story. He obeyed and God healed him.

There were no special healing agents in the water. The Jordan River had not cleansed the leper. God had done it, but He did not do it until Naaman had obeyed the divine command. It made no sense, but it worked. And,

it worked because God said it would. What seemed a foolish thing to that leper was a clear demonstration of the wisdom of God.

What is the lesson for us? Many respond to the demand for baptism in much the same way Naaman responded to the command to dip in the Jordan. From the human perspective it makes no sense, and they will not do it! I don't mean to suggest for a moment that there is some special cleansing agent for the soul in water. We are cleansed by the blood of Christ (Ephesian 1:7). But, when does that cleansing occur? I submit to you that it does not take place until our faith is expressed through obedience to the divine will. Baptism is demanded (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). We must comply. It may seem foolish to us, but it expresses the wisdom of our Maker.

Remember, God's thoughts and ways are higher than our own. If we are wise, we will not argue with His demands. We will obey!

---Roger

*Welcome! We are thankful for your presence.
To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and
place it in one of the collection plates.*

Sunday a.m. Attitudes toward Christianity 1 Cor. 1:18-31
Sunday p.m. Besetting Sins Hebrews 12:1-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *There will be a soup luncheon following services this morning, all are welcome to join.*

<u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Mike & Karen Grove, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Helena Tewksbury, Hazel Leep Joyce Starrett		<u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost		
<u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> Bill and Peggy Albright (friend of the Starrett's), Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Betty Cox (Diann Bachmann's sister), Ryleigh Farson, Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), Tim King and Mary King (Fawn's brother and sis-in-law), Wendy Waugh (Fawn Wayble, sister), Tina Keith, and remember to pray for one another .				
AM Study	Sun. AM	Sun. PM	Giving (\$2,331)	WED.

REMINDERS:

Check the bulletin board for all upcoming events.

If there are any updates or changes to the prayer list please let Jennifer Douglas know. Thank you.