



TRINITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter

January 2019

Weekly Reports

Dec 2		
Sunday School	40	
Discipleship Training	50	
Offering	\$5,588.00	
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69	
Dec 9		
Sunday School	40	
Discipleship Training	N/A	
Offering	\$1,282.50	
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69	
Dec 16		
Sunday School	26	
Discipleship Training	50	
Offering	\$11,833.50	
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69	
Dec 23		
Sunday School	26	
Discipleship Training	50	
Offering	\$3023.40	
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69	
Dec 30		
Sunday School	47	
Discipleship Training	50	
Offering	\$2,792.50	
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69	
Offering Surplus or Deficit		
Five Weeks:		+\$ 10,916.45
YTD through November 30		- \$ 34,534.92

From Pastor Dale

Acts 13:48 NASB - "When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed."

We always have to be on guard against reading a passage of Scripture according to preconceived expectation rather than paying close attention to what is actually being said. In the above passage one might read it with the meaning, "and as many as believed were appointed to eternal life." But this isn't what it says. What it says is quite troubling to some.

What this verse says is that there are some people who are appointed to eternal life and these are the ones who believe. For many, this is untenable. They cannot reconcile election with a loving merciful God. And so, they seek endless remedies to protect the reputation of God. They cannot deny that the Bible teaches God's election, but they recast it in a way that denies God's unconditional election unto salvation. Some teach that election speaks of Israel as a nation or of the church, or of Christ as Redeemer, but not of individuals. Others teach that election involves God's foreknowledge of those who believe, and then God electing them on the basis of this foreknown faith.

But what does this verse say? It tells us that the ones who believed were those who had been appointed to eternal life. This verse is declaring God's election of men. Many immediately respond that this is unfair. They insist that if God did such a thing He would be acting unjustly. The truth is God never treats any man unjustly. All of us have sinned against God and all of us are justly condemned. Justice rendered demands that all go to hell. But God has chosen to have mercy upon a multitude of condemned sinners. These are chosen to eternal life. To leave the rest in their sin is not to treat them unjustly. God treats some men according to His sovereign mercy and others according to His justice, but He treats none unjustly.

The Arminian paints God as unfair if He doesn't treat all men equally and the same. But this charge doesn't line up with the reality of creation. Human beings are not clones. Some are athletic, some scholastic, some handsome while others lack in physical beauty. Is this unfair? God tells Moses, "Who made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind: Is it not I, the LORD?" Is that unfair? That God chooses to save a multitude from their just condemnation is not an act of unfairness, but a wonderful act of mercy.

Pastor Dale Crawford

Morsels For Meditation

"The sublimest virtue according to philosophy is to live the life of nature, but Scripture points us to the perfect Christ as our example."

- John Calvin



SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
AND
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Monthly Calendar at a Glance

- Jan. 5 - Men's Study/Work Day
- Jan. 6 - Elder's Meeting
- Jan. 8 - Ladies' Study
- Jan. 13 - Fellowship Meal
- Jan. 13 - Church Council
- Jan. 27 - Fellowship Meal



- Jan. 6 A.M. - Will & Anisa
 P.M. - Pat & Titi
 DT - Amy C. & Karen
- Jan. 13 A.M. - Chad & Amy
 P.M. - Pat & Nicole
 DT - Amy C. & Karen
- Jan. 20 A.M. - Carlo & Melody
 P.M. - Karen & Angela
 DT - Amy C. & Karen
- Jan. 27 A.M. - Yvonne & Sue
 P.M. - Amy S. & Titi
 DT - Amy C. & Karen



Kitchen Duty

- Jan. 13 Sue Lanclos
 Karen Dykes
 Melody Gonzaga
 Sophia Gonzaga
- Jan. 27 Anna Slayton
 Amy Shelby
 Yvonne Sipe
 Tate Shelby



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Men's Study/ workday
6	7	8 Ladies Study 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13 Fellowship Meal Church Council 4:00	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Fellowship Meal	28	29	30	31		