



Joannie Barnwell for the church, and for Sally; Steven Bartee and family; Donald Boone and Lois Boone for spiritual growth, sons and their families to return to God; Cynthia Marie Burks for family and for Brenda; Julie Buller for herself and daughter and grandchildren; Doris Brandon for Carrie Williams and Lynn Vaughn; Betty Daniels; William Earl Davidson, Sr.; Terrie Dear and family; Vernet and Nadine Ellis for family, especially sons; Danyae Fuller for Aunt Hilda and or good grades and family; James Green for physical and spiritual strength; .Shenette Greene for family and Danyae's medical exam; Gracie Hackett; Erika Hamlet and daughter Helena; Alice Hardng; Lonnie Herron, Jr.; C. Faye Hudson and family; Freddie Jackson for healing and health; Michael and Wendi Martin for their health and health of parents (Wendell and Earlee Greene), and to always put God first; Olivia McClendon for family and health; Sheila Morris for family; Sherriel Murry good health, for Luvenia Moore, Edward Greer and Kenneth Cross, guidance and strength; Fernell Perryman and family; Valerie Quick and family; Norma Rucker; Wade and Barbara Shoemake for health; Roger and Christine Sims; Nathaniel and Rose Singleton; Ann Stewart for her sisters and brothers to come back home to the Lord; Erma Stinnette for Steve, Rose and family; Doris Toldson; Joshie Torrero; Leonard Williams; Leona Willis for herself and family; Tamara Woolery for health, strength and her mother.

2010 RECORD	APR 25	2010 RESPONSES	APR 25	YTD
BIBLE SCHOOL		BAPTISMS	2	19
10:20 A.M. WORSHIP	313	PLACED MEMBERSHIP	-	-
5:00 P.M. WORSHIP	158	PRAYER/RESTORED	1	75
		TOTAL	3	33

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CHURCH MOTTO:

"IF IT CAN BE DONE, CHRISTIANS AT NORMANDIE CAN DO IT THROUGH CHRIST"
Phil 4:13

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2010 Theme: "First Things First" (Matt. 6:33)

May Theme: "Kingdom Relationships"

What is so important about baptism?

"See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36) Today this question would meet a superabundance of argument and combative dialogue. What is baptism all about? Is baptism really essential to salvation? In order to get the right answer, let's remove the hindrances of effective bible study (pride, prejudice and pressure), and lets allow scripture to do the talking.

1. Baptism is indispensable to salvation because "The Christ" commands it. The sovereign ruler of heaven and earth says that baptism is necessary for salvation (Mk 16:15-16). The King of Kings commissions it for the entire world (Mt. 28:18-20). In fact, Jesus says we cannot see His kingdom without it (Jn. 3:3,5).

2. Baptism is essential to salvation because it comes before the spiritual benefits revealed in scripture. Throughout New Testament scripture, baptism precedes some marvelous blessings. Salvation (Mk. 16:16), the circumcision of God (Col. 2:11-12), putting on Christ (Gal.3: 26-27), washing sins away (Acts 22:16), and the destruction of the body of sin (Rom 6:3-7) are some of the benefits that are a result of baptism. These spiritual benefits are not accessible before or without baptism.

3. Baptism is indispensable because all spiritual blessings are in Christ. Baptism is the bridge to these blessings. Eternal life is in Christ (1 Jn. 5:10-13). Salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). There is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ (Rom 8:1). The bible teaches that one gets into the place of these blessings by baptism. Paul says that we are baptized into Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3).

4. Baptism is essential because it is included in every conversion case of scripture. In the New Testament, no one became a Christian before they were baptized. About 3,000 people in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost were baptized (Acts 2:37-42). The Samaritans were baptized (Acts 8:12). The Eunuch was baptized (Acts 8:26-38). Peter commanded Cornelius to be baptized (Acts 10:47-48). Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:14-15). The jailor and his household were baptized (Acts 16:25-34). The Ephesians were baptized (Acts 19:1-5). Paul was baptized (Acts 22:16). The Romans were baptized (Rom 6:1-7). If we want to be Christians, we must be baptized.

5. Baptism is essential to salvation because there are not any other examples of men and women becoming Christians without it. Calling on the name of the Lord includes baptism (Acts 2:21, 38; Acts 22:16). "The sinner's prayer" is not any where in the bible, the word of God. Isolated experiences of grace are not the evidence of obeying from the heart the teachings of God (Rom. 6:17-18). When penitent, heart pricked believers wanted to know what to do to be saved, Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:37-38).

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THIRD SATURDAY	WEBSITE	FAX/E-MAIL
WORSHIP 10:20 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M. 7 P.M.	PRAYER /BREAKFAST/ BUSINESS MEETING 7, 8 and 9 A.M.	normcoc.org	(323) 750-5180 normcoc@speakeasy.net



6. Baptism is essential to salvation because of the Holy Spirit. The spirit testifies that we are God's children (Rom. 8: 25-16). The spirit is given through obedience (Acts 5:32). Biblical obedience includes: baptism (Acts 2:37, 38; and Acts 16:30-33).

7. Baptism is essential to salvation because God said it was through His revealed will in the Holy Scriptures. When a penitent person simply follows the examples of scripture and chooses to participate in the Gospel of Christ, they are baptized into the death of Jesus. By that same baptism they are buried with him and from baptism they are raised with Him to walk in new life, resurrected life (Rom. 6:3-7). God will free you and fill you according to His word, His work, and His will. Follow Him today!

Through God's word, we learn exactly why baptism is essential to salvation. If a person would lay their lives along side the word of God and adjust their lives to match up with the pattern of scripture, then you will become what scripture teaches and calls you to be. This is an honest pursuit, by those desiring to be honorable.

God's Man,
C.L. Thomas

Normandie Family News & Notes



Condolences To:
The Family of Lillie Blackmon
The Family of Thelma Chatman
The Family of Jackie Jones

May you find comfort in the word of God, during this time of bereavement.



On Saturday, April 17, God blessed us with a beautiful, warm day and special people who helped to make the Nigerian Fundraiser a success. Many, many, thanks to all of the hard workers, willing donors, ticket salespersons, and extraordinary cooks. Over 600 fish lunches were purchased, many of them were customers from previous years. Again, thanks to all of the special people, who always give 100%. All of the glory goes to God.

"It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived."

Nigerian Mission Committee



NEW BABES IN CHRIST: Vanessa Hill was baptized April 25. She resides at 545 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles 90014, her birth date is December 20; Tersa McGee was also baptized April 25. She resides at 2325 Harcourt Street, Los Angeles, her telephone number is (323) 731-4712, and her birth date is April 6.

Several of our members are attending the National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference in Atlanta, GA this weekend.

"And the Lord added..."

19	Miss Vanessa Hill	Apr-25	
18	Miss Tersa McGee	Apr-25	(323) 731-4712
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02	Miss A'lea Render	Jan-24	(323) 750-2180
01	Mr. Christian Render	Jan-24	(323) 750-2180



RESPONSES/ASKED PRAYER APR 25

Margaret Simpson requested prayer for Gerald Davis, the father of Roxanne Turner, a former Normandie member. Mr. Davis has blood clots in his leg, that was recently broken.

SICK & SHUT-IN

"And, the prayer of faith shall save the sick..." James 5:15

Cecily Allen...Bennie Bellfield...Bobbie Chapman...Victoria Dias...Deloris Davis...Jennie Drake...Geneva Ensley...Geneva Jenkins...Alan Jones...Clem and Gladys Long...Jeri Montorio...Hattye Faye Murray...E.W. Singletary...Marion Thomas...Arnene Mangram.

United Christian Women's Annual Walkathon will be held Saturday, May 15 at 7:30 a.m., Earvin Magic Johnson Park, 905 East El Segundo Boulevard Los Angeles. Please come out for a morning of fun, fitness and fellowship! If you are unable to attend, you may contribute to this fundraiser or sponsor one of the sisters who is participating. See Diana Darty for a pledge sheet or sponsorship information. Save the Dates: SonQuest Rainforest VBS, July 5-9.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY
10:20 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION
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CHESTER HAWKINS

RESPONSIVE READING
BOOKER HINTON

PRAYER
JAMES WILLIAMS

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JERRY COOKS
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Server—JAMES GREEN
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Usher—JAMES HERVEY
Usher—IRA THOMPSON
Usher—WOODROW BAILEY
Usher—KEN TALLEY
Usher—EDGAR FLEMMING
Usher—CLIFFORD MATLOCK
Usher—MAURICE WHITE

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