



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### *Time of Services:*

*Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship*

*Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class*

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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## No Water in John 3:16

I used the following story in last Wednesday night's lesson and thought others might benefit from the thought. ~ Larry

*B. J. Clarke tells about a time when he was sitting inside his car in a parking lot and saw a woman get out of her car and start placing literature on the windshields of parked cars. Soon she made her way to his car, and he took the track from her which said on the front, "Jesus Loves You." "Certainly that's true," he thought "and the world needs to know it." He said he then turned to page 2, and the only thing on that page was John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son and whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

*"John 3:16 is a good passage and I have no objections to anyone reading John 3:16," he thought. But then page 3 said, "If you would like to respond to Jesus, then say the following prayer and ask him to become the lord of your life and the savior of your soul. Say these words now and if you prayed this prayer you are now in the family of God." Bro. Clarke noted that no scripture was given on this page.*

*The last page of the pamphlet said, "Now go and tell others."*

*Bro. Clarke said he processed the information rather quickly and politely asked the young lady if he could say something. She agreed and he began by commending her for her courage to pass out religious literature in a time when many are antagonistic toward religious matters. "You're going car to car telling people that Jesus loves them and that God loves them enough to give His only begotten son is commendable." Then he said, "But I have a problem with page 3."*

*She asked what his problem was to which Bro. Clarke said, "I read the words here on this page, but I have never found them on any of the pages of my Bible. Can you show me where any inspired man of God ever told someone to do that in order to be*

saved? Can you show me where that is in the New Testament? You would be my friend if you could show me where that's found because I hear about this all the time, but I have never seen the verse for it. Can you show me the verse where anyone was ever told to do that?"

She said, "Well, it's in there."

"Can you show me?" he insisted.

Then she said, "It's over here on this page – John 3:16"

"That's a great verse, but it's not a prayer, and it doesn't say anything about saying these words to become a follower of Jesus."

She said, "Well what do you think is necessary?"

Bro Clarke said, "What I think is certainly not going to judge us in the last day. I had rather show you what Jesus actually said instead of what I think if that's alright?" He started sharing the gospel message and when she saw where he was going, she stopped him and said, "Sir, there isn't any water in John 3:16, so you can't go there."

Bro. Clarke said, "Ma'am, can I ask you two questions? No. 1. Do you think repentance is necessary in order to be saved?" She said that she did. "I couldn't agree with you more, but you don't see repentance in John 3:16."

She replied with, "Well the word is not there, but it is implied in the words 'believe in him.'"

"Well the same 'believe in him' you use to include repentance I will use to include 'repent and be baptized – Acts 2:38.' But here is the second question. Did Jesus need to mention water again in John 3:16 when He had already mentioned it in verse 5? Jesus said 'Except a man be born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'"

Brother Clarke said the woman walked away without any hostility, and he hoped that he had planted a seed to cause her to study.

Prayer is more than asking God to bless our will....it is reporting for duty to do His will!

Pray for more spiritual strength -- not fewer problems.

Pray for broader shoulders -- not easier loads.

## **Family News**

- We rejoice in the baptism of **Braden Holland** last Sunday. We look forward to watching Braden grow both physically and spiritually.
- **Kay Walsh** will be going to a wound care center to try and get the wound in her leg to heal.
- **Patti Lopez** has been sick from what she thinks is pneumonia.
- **Dwayne Porter** was sick a few days last week.
- **Gary Fallis'** schedule has changed, and now he will be here on Wednesday, September 13 to give us a mission report.
- **David Ballard** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27 to give us a mission report.

## **ADDRESS UPDATE:**

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## **Storm? What Storm?**

Several years ago a submarine was being tested and had to remain submerged for many hours. When it returned to the harbor, the captain was asked, "How did the terrible storm last night affect you?" The officer looked at him in surprise and exclaimed, "Storm? We didn't even know there was one."

The sub had been so far beneath the surface that it had reached the area known to sailors as "the cushion of the sea." Although the ocean may be whipped into huge waves by high winds, the waters below are never stirred.

Even though the waves of the world surround us each day, as Christians, we remain calm and secure in the cushion of Jesus; He blesses us with peace.

*In life, what will matter is not what you bought, but what you built,  
not what you got, but what you gave.*