



## BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*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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## Is There Anything In A Name?

—David A. Sargent, Mobile, Alabama

Ask “Talula Does The Hula From Hawaii.” That was the name given to a little girl in New Zealand by her parents. The now 9-year-old girl has been so embarrassed at the name that she kept it from even her closest friends. She asked to be called “K” instead.

But she won’t have to wear that name anymore.

A family court judge in New Zealand, Judge Rob Murfitt, made the 9-year-old girl a ward of the court so that her name could be changed. In his ruling, the judge stated, “The court is profoundly concerned about the very poor judgment which this child’s parents have shown in choosing this name. It makes a fool of the child and sets her up with a social disability and handicap, unnecessarily.”

Sin causes each of us to have a bad name. Unlike “K,” we have no one to blame but ourselves. It is because of our wrong choices that we incur the names “sinner,” “transgressor,” “offender,” and “condemned.” Sin ruins our reputations, disgraces us, separates us from God, and condemns us (Proverbs 14:34; Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23).

God wants to give us a new name. This new name, “Christian,” does not mean that we are sinless, but it does indicate that we are forgiven. When we are given the name Christian, it reveals that our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross so that we might have the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 1:7).

We are given this new name when we believe in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

The name Christian is a name which is to be worn honorably (1 Peter 4:16), for wearing the name brings the responsibility to live a life that reflects Christ. Instead of “sinner,” we can be called “saved” because of Christ! He will change your name if you will submit your life to Him.

Won’t you?

***And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Acts 11:26***

## What Can Christians Do About Racial Prejudice? — Bob Prichard

One of the truly tragic problems in our society is racial prejudice.

Jesus was born into a very prejudiced society, and He worked to break down the barriers. To the first-century Jew, there was nothing worse than a Gentile, except a Samaritan. Jesus, however, showed the brotherhood of all mankind with His Parable of the Good Samaritan, in which a hated Samaritan showed himself to be the good neighbor to the Jew who had been beaten and robbed on the road to Jericho (Luke 10:30-37).

Racial prejudice has no place in the heart of any Christian. James wrote, *“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself . . . if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin” (James 2:8-9)*. We must treat people of other races as we wish to be treated, which is Christ’s Golden Rule: *“All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets” (Matthew 7:12)*.

*“There is no respect of persons with God” (Romans 2:11)*. God does not show favoritism for one person or one race over another. All are equal in His sight. Jesus died for all people and came to unite the world in Himself (1 John 2:2).

Conquest of prejudice begins in the home. Parents must bring up their children *“in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4)*. This includes teaching children the brotherhood of man, the necessity of respecting all people, and the creation of all men in God’s image (Genesis 1:26-27).

Paul wrote, *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28)*. Paul was not saying that there are no differences between Jews and Gentiles, the free man and the slave, or males and females. He was saying that all are equal in God’s sight, and all deserve respect.

We must foster the spirit of brotherly love among races. As the children’s song reminds us, “Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight.” *“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (1 John 4:20)*.

## Humor

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turned to the other and said: “Slim, I’m 83 years old now and I’m just full of aches and pains. I know you’re about my age. How do you feel?”

Slim says, “I feel just like a newborn baby.”

“Really? Like a newborn baby!?”

“Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.”

## Family News

- Last Sunday evening **Eugene Stone** asked for the prayers of the church for guidance in dealing with some personal matters.
- **Syble Buck** passed away last week and her funeral was yesterday.
- **Jimmy Jones** is expected to have heart surgery in early February.
- Friday, beginning at 7:00 pm, the Southside church in Mt. Pleasant will host their annual singing night.
- Next Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2:00 p.m. we are to conduct the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House.
- Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, **Gary Fallis** will provide a mission update.
- On Feb. 4 & 5, the church in Mt. Vernon is having a “Make Me a Servant Workshop” with a variety of speakers. Details are posted on the bulletin board.
- HRR pantry item for January is canned green beans.

## “Up” Rules from God

1. Wake Up !! Decide to have a good day.

**“Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalms 118:24**

2. Dress Up !! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

**“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart.” I Samuel 16:7**

3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

**“He who guards his lips guards his soul.” Proverbs 13:3**

4. Stand Up!!... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

**“Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...” Galatians 6:9-10**

5. Look Up !!... To the Lord.

**“I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13**