

Capitol Baptist

CAPTIONS

Church Activities

MARCH 6, 2015

- **TUESDAY, MARCH 10**
D. A. C. S. State Competition for Capitol Baptist School held at Milford Christian Academy
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 7 & 28**
Easton Literature Distribution; meet at the church at 8am
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 14**
Mandatory Workers' Training from 8am to 12:30pm; breakfast and lunch will be provided
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**
"Lovely in Silhouette" Ladies Seminar; 8:30am to 1:30pm; \$10 per person until March 14, \$15 per person after March 14
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**
Business Meeting for all church members after the evening service

Weekly Events

SUNDAY

Early Service	8:30am
Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Service	11:00am
Choir Practice	4:30pm
Prayer Meeting	5:30pm
Evening Service	6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Teen Meeting	6:15pm
Children's Service	7:00pm
Bible Study & Prayer	7:00pm

SOUL-WINNING & VISITATION

Wednesday	3:30pm
Saturday	10:00am

HOW TO AVOID DECEIVING OURSELVES

James 1:19-27 | Pastor T. H. Moore

We read in James 1:19-27, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Twice in this text (vs. 22, 26), we read about self-deception. The word "deceive" means, "to mislead the mind". The most serious self-deception of all is in the area of salvation. Many people are deceiving themselves into thinking that they are saved, when in reality they are not (Matt. 7:22-23). But the book of James was written to believers. So it is possible for those of us who know the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior to deceive ourselves. We can deceive ourselves concerning

our Christian walk, convincing ourselves that we are right with God, when in reality we are not. So how can we avoid this? The answer is in our text.

First: Receive the Word of God (vs. 19-21)

Verse 21 tells us to "receive with meekness the engrafted word". Don't miss the connection here. Previously, James was dealing with the subject of trials and difficulties. He says in verse 13, "Let no man say when he is

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tempted, I am tempted of God:". In other words, there are basically two philosophies for life in this world. There is a man-centered philosophy and a Christ-centered philosophy. A man-centered philosophy is based on the ideas, reasoning, and opinions of men. A God-centered philosophy is based on the Word of God. James is telling Christians, that if we are going to avoid deceiving ourselves, then we must follow God's words and not man's.

In 1 Thessalonians 2:13, we read, "when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." When Paul and Silas came to Thessalonica and preached to them the Word of God, these people received it, not as the word of men, but as it is in

truth, the Word of God.

Too many of God's people hear God's Word, but do not hear God's Word. In other words, they hear or read the words of the Bible, but instead of being convicted, ashamed over their shortcomings, and anxious over their spiritual condition, they let it go in one ear and out the other! If that is the case, we are deceiving ourselves! Sixteen times in the New Testament, the Lord said the phrase, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear". Why is that some Christians attend churches services, listen to preaching, even read their Bibles, but never seem to grow? One reason could be that instead of receiving the Word of God as the Word of God, they excuse it away as the opinions of men. And they say things like, "That's just what our preacher believes. He thinks we ought to be faithful to church, tithe, give ourselves to God and be separated. Those are just his standards". When the truth is, if it can be clearly seen in the Bible, then it is not the opinion of the preacher, but the declaration of God.

Another reason could be that many Christians have trained themselves to "tune out" the truth. They have become "dull of hearing" (Heb. 5:11) What once bothered them doesn't bother them any more. They have learned to quench the Spirit of God.

Jesus said in Luke 16:15, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts:" The foundational truth needed to avoid self-deception is to simply receive the Word of God. But are we doing this, or are we justifying ourselves?

Join us in prayer for...

- › **EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH:** *Reid family; financial support; literature distribution; Get-Acquainted Meetings (March 29th - April 2nd)*
- › **BUILDING RENOVATION:** *God's guidance and wisdom*
- › **PAM CORDREY:** *cancer and mother's cancer*
- › **SCOT & KATIE DAKU:** *safety while on furlough; increased support*
- › **JIM DUNN:** *eye surgery recovery*
- › **IAN GONZALEZ' COUSIN, IRIS:** *heart transplant needed*
- › **HEISHMAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER, ELLIE:** *heart complications*
- › **MIKE JAGER:** *eye surgery recovery*
- › **DON JOHNSON:** *recovery*
- › **HEATHER REECE:** *radiation treatments*
- › **RICK SCHROETER:** *recovery from stroke*
- › **LES SUTTON:** *in Delmar Nursing Home*

Sunshine Corner

RICK SCHROETER
Kent General Hospital
Room #3024

Rick has recently suffered a stroke and is in KGH. You can be a blessing to him this week by praying, calling, and/or visiting him.

Harvest from Heaven

CHURCH SERVICES
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Easton BAPTIST CHURCH

Week of 3/1

SUNDAY AM - 16

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From the Mission Field

THE KNICKERBOCKER FAMILY - BURKINA FASO

February 2015

Dear pastors, supporting churches, and praying friends,

The Children of the Bible: Praise the Lord for the opportunity to minister to children! Since we have moved to Burkina Faso, children in our neighborhood have always gathered around our property to play and greet us. Because many of them already gather near the house, the Lord put it in our hearts to start a Bible Club. Most of these children are unfamiliar with the Bible so we decided to tell them the stories of Children in the Bible and encourage them to be children of the Bible. Through these stories, we familiarize them with Scripture and point them to their need of the Savior. We have an average of 40 children in attendance each week. We praise the Lord for the privilege to influence children for God.

Mission Trip to Togo: This month, we had the honor of hosting a group of 9 Americans who were on the way to Togo (a bordering country). This was our first large group to host as missionaries! They invited us to join them and take a look at the ministry in the poorest region of that country, a small village named Gbentchal. A ministry was started with a strong church and a christian school. The church and school are financially independent. The school has excelled in education, rating in the top schools of the country. This caught the eye of the Togolese government who wants help improve the overall education of children in Togo. It was a blessing to hear of how this church was planted and how the work associated with it began. I had the privilege to listen and help translate the conversation with the French speaking government officials who came to visit

the work and to translate during part of the church's pastor's conference. Julie also had opportunity to help translate for a women's meeting. We were thrilled to have the Whetstone family (president of our Mission Agency) also stay with us this month. Brother Whetstone had the opportunity to preach at the church here in Burkina and to speak to several pastors. His family was a much needed source of encouragement to us and to the Burkinabés. We are thankful for times like these when opportunities arise for us to see and learn about different church plants here in Africa.

Friend Day: At the end of the month, the church that we are helping and serving in organized a special day to invite friends and neighbors. We were thrilled to see several people that we invited show up and some of them make a profession of faith. We are continuing with our weekly Bible studies and are seeing small, gradual changes in the disciples that the Lord has given us the privilege to teach His word. Thank you for several of you who are following our ministry closely; we feel as if you are here in Burkina Faso with us, seeing our need, praying for specific requests and encouraging us every step of the way.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in the work of the Lord.

Looking unto Jesus,

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