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NCC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

J Morgan Gravley “Once Saved, Always Saved”

Most of you know that I was discipled as a new believer in a Southern Baptist church (GASP!!!). In this setting I was shown love, taught to put the Word above all else, and shown how to reach out to people in the name of Jesus. I was most importantly taught how to read my Bible for myself. The danger in reading our Bibles is that God has a pernicious little habit of using it to cause us to question what we are taught and what we believe. In my discipleship journey I had heard the phrase “Once saved, Always saved”, and honestly, I grew to hate it. To this day, I feel like this phrase is too shallow and too trite to be used for the deep truths pertaining to salvation. To make matters worse, indeed eternally worse, is to couple this phrase with “Easy-Belivism”, that is the modern Christian movement in many circles that all one needs to do is say a prayer or walk an aisle and they will be saved. God forbid those of use who preach and teach to ever lead someone down such a dangerous path. Salvation requires that we die to ourselves and live to Christ, giving him everything. (Luke 9:23, Ephesians 4:22-24, Galatians 2:20, among others)

This teaching has become a dividing line for many. Some reject it all together, as if we can NEVER be confident in our salvation and we must work ourselves to the bone to continue to earn it. Others accept this phrase as if an emotionally charged “decision” in VBS at the age of 6 means they can live however they want and never truly follow Christ. Both, in my view, go too far.

We would all do well to remember the truth from Ephesians 3 that salvation is a gift. Any true and deep life change, any filling of the Spirit, any entrance into Heaven will only ever ALWAYS be as a gift given from the hand of God through His Son Jesus. Whether you believe it can be lost or cannot, remember that it is a gift from a loving God.

SERMON 08/07

“At the Name of Jesus”

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COMMUNION 08/07

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ATTENDANCE 07/31

102

GIVING 07/31

\$4450

UPCOMING EVENTS

08/07 - Anderson Wedding Shower **2PM @ the building**. Monetary gifts are requested to go toward repairs on their new home.

08/12 - Savvy Senior Game Night **6PM @ the building**. Bring a favorite game and a finger food or dessert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

08/14 - Second Sunday Singing **2PM @ Southland in PTC**

08/27 - NCC Family Luau **4PM @ the building**. Sign up at the Luau table in the foyer.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Speakers Wednesday - This Wednesday we will hear from Danny & Gayle Swafford about their recent trip to the Holy Land!

MAGI Boxes will be distributed on **Sunday, Aug 21st** in the foyer. The deadline to return them will be **Sunday, Sept 18th**.

August 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Ladies Class @ 2pm	2 Ladies Class @ 10:30am Men's Prayer Group @ 8am	3 SUMMER SERIES END POTLUCK @ 6:30PM	4	5 WELL WOMEN DINNER & DEVO 6PM @ The BLDG	6
7 Communion - Paul Ferguson ANDERSON WEDDING SHOWER 2PM @ THE BLDG	8 Ladies Class @ 2pm	9 Ladies Class @ 10:30am Men's Prayer Group @ 8am	10	11	12 SAVVY SENIORS GAME NIGHT 6PM @ THE BLDG	13
14 Communion - David Boswell 2ND SUNDAY SINGING @ SOUTHLAND 2PM	15 Ladies Class @ 2pm	16 Ladies Class @ 10:30am Men's Prayer Group @ 8am	17	18	19	20
21 Communion - Craig Jackson MAGI BOX DISTRIBUTION	22 Ladies Class @ 2pm	23 Ladies Class @ 10:30am Men's Prayer Group @ 8am	24	25	26	27 NCC LUAU & SPLASH DAY
28 Communion - Chip Denton	29 Ladies Class @ 2pm	30 Ladies Class @ 10:30am Men's Prayer Group @ 8am	31	1	2	3
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