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Just a thought....

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Congratulations
To
Huntingdon FBC
For
Celebrating
125 years
Of proclaiming
The Gospel
In the
Community
And
Around the World

Bi-Vocational Ministers & Wives Retreat

January 30-February 1

LEAD LOVE LIVE
By Example

1 Peter 2:21; John 13:15

Music Road Hotel & Convention Center
Pigeon Forge, TN

Program Personalities
Dr. Randy Davis
Dr. Tony Rankin
Fredrick & Deloris Brabson

Call the CBBA office if interested in attending.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Week of Prayer for International Missions
December 1-8, 2013

TOTALLY HIS
HEART, HANDS, VOICE
Matthew 22:36-39

National Goal: \$175 Million

Last year, the nearly 5,000 missionaries under appointment reported

- More than 266,000 new baptisms
- More than 24,000 new churches
- 133 new people groups engaged

Totally His, together, for the nations!!



I was reading an article by a friend of mine from Georgia the other day and I thought I would use some of his thoughts and add some of my own. You may agree or not, but consider the thoughts that follow.

Is doctrine important today? Does it matter what we believe? Does it matter what the name is over the door of the church? Over the past two decades or so this idea of doctrine has been watered down, mixed with other things and generally been forgotten. I am not speaking of Baptist Doctrine here, but of Biblical Doctrine. I pray that Baptist doctrine is Biblical. However, if not, I don't want any part of that.

From a Christian standpoint of view, doctrine is a system of beliefs based upon the teaching of the Bible. With that thought, if it is not Biblical, it is not doctrine.

1. The Bible teaches that God is the almighty creator of everything that exists. This includes the smallest atom to the largest planet that was hung in space. (Heb. 1:1-3)
2. Belief in the Trinity is another basic Bible Doctrine. I realize the word "trinity" is not contained in the Bible, but the concept is throughout the scriptures. I also realize that this is a very hard concept to explain. None of us finite beings can understand it, but by faith we believe it.
3. The Bible teaches that Jesus is God. (Phil. 2:5-11) Some people of the first century taught that Jesus was a man until he went to Calvary and then he mysteriously became God. Jesus himself said, "I and the father are one". (1 John 5:7) He lived, died, and was resurrected on the third day. Without this doctrine, the rest of the Bible falls apart. He is going to return one day to bring all the activity of the earth as we know it to an end.
4. Baptism is also a Biblical doctrine. The simple meaning of the word is to "dunk". Originally it was not of a religious nature and just simply meant "washing". Many baptistries have been found in ancient ruins. Jesus left us a command to go, teach and baptize. (Matt. 28:18-20) Baptism has nothing to do with our salvation. It is an act of obedience to what Jesus demonstrated. Baptism is also a way or entrance into the local church. It is an outward testimony of an inward experience.
5. One of the most critical doctrines is related to salvation. Salvation is first and last all an act of God. He gives each person a measure of faith and then draws man to Him through that faith. Faith is used to believe that God will save all who are willing to repent, trust and obey Him. (Eph. 2:8-10)

Baptism, works, tithing nor any other form of works will not save a person. How much work would one have to do to be saved? How much works would one have to do to continue to be saved? When you add anything to GRACE, you have works. Our works are as filthy rags or in other words, not good enough to bring salvation. Jesus paid the price on the cross. He defeated death and offered salvation to all who would respond to Him.

This is by no means an exhaustive study. Think on these things and continue to study the Word of God to find other concrete teachings that help us to move from this present evil world to the wonderful world of Heaven one day.

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone

December, 2013

Dec 1-8, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
& Week of Prayer for
International Missions

Dec 5, Pastors/Staff/Wives Christmas Party
Bruceton FBC, 6:30 pm
Sign up by Nov 25th

Dec 9, CBBA Pastors Conference,
Mission Center, 10:30 am

Dec 24-Jan 2, CBBA Office Closed



Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

Jan 13, CBBA Pastors Conference,
Mission Center, 10:30 am
Speaker: Bill Choate

Jan 19, Sanctity of Life Sunday

Jan 28, CBBA Pastors Conference,
Mission Center, 10:30 am

Jan 30-Feb 1, BiVocational Pastors &
Wives Retreat



2014 West TN Ministers Conference Union University

Integrity in Ministry

Jan 7
Integrity in Relationships:
Laymen's Panel

Feb 11
Minsters & Wives
Valentine's Banquet

Mar 4
Integrity in Family

Apr 1
Ask the President

May 6
Integrity in Stewardship

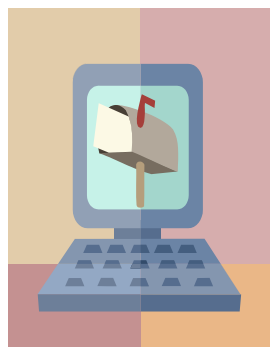


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fellowship & equip churches to
carry out the Great Commission*



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