

ARBC

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Craig Johnson: I was glad when they said unto me Let us go into the house of they Lord.

Help us sing this. (Singing...Words on Large Overhead Screen)
You should have a smile on your face! Put your hands together. Come on!
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord everybody.

Brother Dave: Ya'll have a seat, when I say ya'll have a seat then ya'll have a seat. I don't know if I was supposed to do this but this is Mr. Craig Johnson and he is the director of choral activities at Shiloh High school. Give him a warm welcome and we are honored to have him this morning.

A few announcements: tomorrow is first of 3 or 4 packing parties for Operation Christmas Child which you have all been bringing in items all year, we have a "store house". We will start putting them in the boxes; tomorrow at 10:30 come by and help us to start packing them to ship off to a distribution place here and then sent around the world. We will have 3 packing parties. Come and help and fellowship with us.

Green envelopes in front of you for Rebuild the Walls; please take them and put your gift in there we need about \$4500 almost done for the inside of the building. The money will go for the renovations for the fellowship.

Wednesday night starting new program for children. Be a part of that new bible study.

Brenda: Good morning we have our ladies Heirloom luncheon next week. Started here in 199 and is a great time of fellowship and wonderful food. Jim & Judy Crutchfield will be guest speakers. Wonderful servants and shine like a light. Please sign up for the luncheon. Also extended deadline for cookbooks till next spring. Would like to have some men and would like some international recipes for the cookbook. Keep them coming in. Thank you.

Pastor Donnie: We are currently in the midst of Operation Freedom; next week Sunday school lessons and pastor Tim's lessons will be focused on that.

Fall festival is October 30th. Many Sunday school have already been contacted to help with the different activities. Please plan on being a part of that.

Lastly, we are grateful for you that are visiting with us. Please fill out the portion of the bulletin that lets us know you were here. Also prayer requests go on that form as well. Also on the same form, register for Wednesday Night Supper. Will be really great.

Good to see you this morning.

Pastor Tim: I guess it's better to be late than not here. You have already met Craig Johnson. He has been a great encouragement to me, let's worship together as the orchestra leads us in "I worship you Almighty God".

(Orchestra Playing)

(Applause!)

Pastor Tim: Amen, I worship you Almighty God, the Lord loves for us to sing praises to him. Psalm 121; I will lift up my eyes to him. He who keeps you will not slumber! You and I get tired, but God almighty watches over us. The Lord is our keeper, our shade, our right hand. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil. He will preserve you from this time forth and forever, Amen.

Craig Johnson: (Singing...Words on Large Overhead Screen)

Come on you can lift up holy hands; it's a sign of surrender!
Father I stretch my hands to thee.

(Applause!) Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus!

Craig Johnson: I forgot the program, (laughter) praise the Lord everybody. When I first came to Shiloh High School 5 years ago, where is Melody? Wave your hand. We started there together; I was a brand new teacher to the school. Only moved here to settle a divorce and planned to move back to Ohio. This time I started saying a prayer before going into the building and it was "lead me, guide me". All the degrees that I have accomplished don't compare. I started with 12 students and now have 300. Nothing we are doing there that is good or positive all of my help comes from the Lord. If you take God with you, it totally enhances everything you have done. If you have made friends with God, stand up now and let's sing this together. He is my friend. We can put our hands together. It's a Baptist church!

(Singing...Words on Large Overhead Screen)

Come on put your hands together; praise him with your hands! God Almighty!
Sing the words! He sits high and is the Lord of Lords and still calls me friend.
Let's give God a hand, it feels good in here; a sweet spirit in this place and it is the presence of the Lord.

Pastor Tim: We are singing unto the Lord this morning. I love this, James 2 tells us "was not Abraham our father He was called the friend of God". Okay. Don't think that in the year 2000 that someone said I will be chummy with God; it has been going on forever. If you know him today, He is your friend. Praise God. We will take time for

prayer now.

Many unspoken requests. Where you are sitting reach out and touch the person next to you. I have a thank you note from Brother Jim and Sister Judy Crutchfield. Thanking us for our support during her illness. To be able to send them on a dream trip that they have been wanting to do and will be leaving next week to go to Hawaii. I call him MY pastor. Good to have him close.

As we are meeting, Father God, we thank you. Your word tells us that you are our help. Nothing can strike us down, but we can stand on you and your holy word. What a test Abraham was put through to kill his son and you saved him and you say Abraham was your friend. This morning all across the room, hearts are overflowing with excitement with what you have done, we praise and thank you for that. Also people that are hurting that may see no end. We lift those up too. We pray for Loraine Redman, thank you for our worship and as we continue to sing your praises and look into your word, we pray in your name, amen.

Craig Johnson: I say praise the Lord you say hallelujah! This hymnal, I grew up in the Baptist church and it will become obsolete if we don't use this. I want to remind the young people that these are hymnals from our church and we want you to learn them so they will continue. If you know all the words of "Blessed Assurance" please stand up. You don't even need to look up there! Yes, let's sing together now.

Yes, God is good! Help us sing.

(Singing...Words on Large Overhead Screen) Help us sing this.

Come on help us sing! Again praising my Savior, you can lift your hands, let's praise him for this is my story. A blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.

(Applause) All day long. All the day long. Amazing Grace. Help us sing.

(Singing...Words on Large Overhead Screen)

This is somebody's testimony right now.

Think of the words this time. Think about it.

Don't just sing it, internalize it this morning. How precious did that grace appear? Verse 3.... The Lord has promised. His word my hope secures.

This is my favorite verse right here. Through many dangers toils and snares....Think of His goodness. It will lead me to glory. This last verse sing with conviction in your voice. Hallelujah.

It's God's amazing grace. It's God's amazing grace. One more time. It's God's amazing grace.

Yes, (applause) yes. Without the music just sing the last verse.

Praise God, praise God, we lift our hands and just praise him. Praise God praise God, for he is worthy. Praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God, praise God. Love him with your hands.

Pastor Tim: Amen, praise God. Let's pray. Father we thank you praise you and bless you for the assurance that we have through Jesus Christ our Lord. I pray you help us to be hilarious givers unto you. May we give full of love and outpouring for what you have done for us. We worship you through this, in your name, amen.

Cathy Hatfield singing:

Darkness around me, sorrow surrounds me, and though there be trials, still I can sing.
For I have this treasure, my God reigns within me, I am determined to live for the king.
I am determined to be invincible, till he has finished his purpose in me.
Nothing shall shake me for he will never forsake me, I am determined to live for the king.

Hells gates are trembling from saints' prayers ascending
darkness is crumbling from praise as we sing
our sovereign victorious he is marching before us
we are determined to live for the king
I am determined to be invincible
till he has finished his purpose in me.

Nothing shall shake me because he will never forsake me
I am determined to live for the king
I am willing to go through this phase
I will trust in his grace trust in his grace
I am determined to be invincible
till he has finished his purpose in me
nothing shall shake me
because he will never forsake me
for I am determined yes I am determined
I am determined to live for my king.

(Applause)

Pastor Tim: Father God, we are grateful for our worship time and celebration and for Ms Cathy, singing and reminding us that whatever comes our way we can be excited about you and the work you are doing in and around you. There are people hurting with challenges in their life and Cathy is a great witness and example to us. If she can walk a committed life and be faithful to you we all can. Lead us to be witnesses for you. We pray in your name, amen.

What a wonderful way to begin. Next week we will start our Operation Freedom series, I get a lot of reports from people saying that so and so has been attending our church for many years, come and serve maybe observe and leave, I look up in our membership and many have not been baptized or have become members.

We are talking about believer's baptism which is only for believers. It doesn't save a person; it isn't essential for salvation but essential because of salvation. Many ask the question what about infant Baptism, I was baptized as an infant but that is what we call a baby dedication. It is having a wet baby on the head instead of the bottom. I can't believe I said that. You have a wet baby, but you are wrapping around and making a covenant between the family and the church. You will pray for that baby that when they become of age will accept the Lord Jesus Christ. What about people that have been baptized a bit later in life.

You may say that you have been saved and trusted in the Lord but today as we look through Mark may clear up some of the questions. God didn't mean for Baptism to be confusing but to be celebrated. It was important to Jesus and should be important to us.

Beginning in chapter 1 verse 4.

Mark 1:4-11

4: John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5: Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

I love this about John.

6: Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He was a vegetarian here.

7: And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

8: I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9: It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10: And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the

Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

11: Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

As we look at believer's baptism I want to look at 3 things.

1) The Preaching of Believer's Baptism - taking us to the water.

4: John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Don't think because John was preaching a sermon of repentance doesn't mean it was watered down. We see that all over, and people flood in. But it won't build a solid church built on Jesus Christ; people learning and growing in scripture. We must be well grounded.

In verse 4 John is preaching for the repentance of sin. A lot of people don't do that because they are afraid it will offend someone. I would rather be disliked for telling you the truth.

Repentance is to be more than sorry for your sin; it means to have a change of mind. I am going my way, my direction, God comes and knocks on my heart, I do an about face and begin to walk God's way.

A change of course.

It's like God sees it and we change our mind about what we are doing in our life; it means to change our mind about sin. When you turn from sin you turn toward God.

John was preaching about remission of sin. Don't let the last part confuse you. He was preaching they had to be baptized because they were saved not to be saved. It is important not to get those two things out of place. We have had many church members baptized but then later have had a revival. You would now need to be baptized if a believer later in life.

Baptism is essential because of salvation. John was baptising people because they were saved.

1) The Preaching of Believer's Baptism
Now 2) The Picture of Believer's Baptism

9: It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10: And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

If you are standing there and I sprinkle you it is hard to come up out of the water.

Here we read where John baptized Jesus. We need to understand the word baptize. It means to dip and dye. It's to dye; not die. To take a garment or your clothing and put your clothing in a vat of dye and let it sit long enough to absorb the color and it comes out as a "new" color. Great example of Baptism. We are immersed into the water one thing and come out a new garment. He makes the change in us. He calls us to Him, not us looking for him. He makes the change. You say what is the picture of believer's baptism?

It is a picture of the life death and Resurrection; It used to be called a "liquid grave". He went into the water-picture of death, under the water - burial; out of the water - Resurrection. Every time a believer is baptized they are making an announcement that they have accepted Jesus Christ. Going into the water is a picture of the death, under is the burial, and out of the water is the Resurrection. There is no saving power in the water. It is a profession of what he has done.

It is a sign of evidence that the person has repented of their sins.

Mark 1:4-11

Believer's baptism is a sign of the new life of what Christ has given us. We have died to ourselves. We have received eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:4, "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Walking into the waters of Baptism is like walking into the witness stand in the courtroom. It's like they have had an eyewitness account of something. We have been called to say we have witnessed the change that Christ has made in my life, he has made a difference and I must tell the people around me. Will you be a witness for Christ through these waters?

It is for believers only. Some folks say, why did Jesus allow John to be baptized? I can tell you why he wasn't.

I remember when I was a boy, spending the night at Grandma's house; when you came forward you were supposed to be baptized right then. I asked her if Jesus had to be baptized right then or what about the thief on the cross. His answer was "those were 2 exceptions".

He did it for us, to show the world the change that was made. We have invitation every week, and people come forward and say this is my profession of faith. But it really comes when we have the boldness to step into the water and tell the world he has made a difference in me.

Isaiah 53:12, "He was numbered with the transgressors." Transgressors are you and I not Jesus. The Bible says he took upon himself the sins of you and me.

We have looked at

1) The Preaching of Believer's Baptism

2) The Picture of Believer's Baptism

last we look at

3) The Picture of Believer's Baptism

We see it all throughout the New Testament. Jesus was our model and our example to follow him. The disciples went about spreading the news about Jesus Christ and the multitudes followed him.

Jesus is not willing for anyone to perish. If you want to learn more about evangelism spend more time with Jesus. Get into the word in Matthew 6 or in John. He is our model in Baptism; though he never sinned. He was acting out in advance what he came into this world to do.

Matthew 3:16-17 say

16: "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. I think it is Mark.

16: "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

And then

17: And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'

If Baptism is good enough for Jesus it should be good enough for you and me.

In Matthew 28:19, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

He says to get up off your pew, or your fence (I added that)

Was Baptism a priority to Jesus? Yes. If he was willing to submit to Baptism we should too. The Bible says that a servant is not greater than his master.

Baptism is not necessary for salvation but it is necessary for obedience. We are the church. If we are going to be obedient we need to be baptized - those who beloved.

10: And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

11: Then a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

When God said that, he was saying "I am pleased with you now, was pleased with you then and will be in the future" We bring pleasure to God, through his son Jesus Christ. You will never bring pleasure to God without Jesus in the middle.

He is either fully Lord or not at all. You may have been sprinkled or forced when you were younger. But that means you are just a wet person. With more hair may take longer to clean up.

If you have been in the waters and stirred them for the wrong reason, it is wrong and it is a sin against God. God calls the believer to follow him in believers Baptism. That doesn't mean, if you are not God loves you any less or not saved but as a follower of Jesus Christ you need to be baptized.

It means what? The most important thing I can tell you is that you need to nail down your experience with Jesus Christ. Have you surrendered all to him. Have you given your life? Seen your life going your direction and God calls you for you to turn your path and go God's way? The first thing you need to nail down, to be a believer in him. If not there are people here to help you with that.

Next week we will be baptizing folks. This is a great time for you to make that decision known. Nail it down and let's be the church that God wants us and calls us to be.

Brother Craig will come and we will sing that song "I surrender all" easy to say the words but is that your heart's desire. Will you give to him today? Give him your life, your all. I will ask you to stand and as we sing come forward and make your decision today.

(Singing...Words on Large Overhead Screen)

Craig Johnson: Let's sing the chorus again.

Sing it one more time.

Pastor Tim: In this quite moment, this is your chance. God is so good this morning. He has blessed us immensely this is your last chance. God bless you all, go ahead and be seated.

Has it been good to be in the house of the Lord today? I have shared with many of you, how we have partnered up with Shiloh and have some things coming up and some students have come in to play. Dr Craig Johnson is Director of Choral Activities. Thank you so much for being here today and leading us. Why don't you introduce them.

Craig Johnson: I have almost 8 year old twins, ya'll stand up. My future wife; please stand up. The ring is in progress. One thing is you will be amazed, I am 43 and never been blessed to worship in a church that looks like heaven. Sunday morning is still the most segregated time of the week, and to see you all and Minister here it is a blessing to see heaven in the pews.

Pastor Tim: Sometimes people come up to me and say "God has laid this on my heart" I think I just said that. But what you said, I have said over and over, what a unique congregation we have. I am so proud of them. Thank you for saying that.

I want to start here with some good friends of ours. Come on down. God bless him and this dear lady always has the smile and joy of the Lord, these are some people I was just talking about. They are not members and are joining today. I will ask you all to stand right here and we have Lisa Changer coming down this morning. Lisa is accepting Christ as her Savior and wants to be baptized.

See all these folks, this is your new family and love you already. If you and your fiancé and your daughters would come down...Are those orange colors? (Laughter) we want our folks to come down and give you all a hug, let them know you love and appreciate them and can I get an amen for a wonderful day? Amen.

I will ask Dr John will you lead us this morning. Lynn and I will meet you in the lobby.

Closing prayer... (Cannot hear him/her)

Amen.