

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

Dr Jack Cottrell recently passed away. Over the years I have read several of his books and returned to his counsel found there in my preaching. Following is an article that reflects the teaching I have found so helpful; I pray you do as well.

Brother Bob Hentrich, minister of the Chillicothe (IL) Christian Church, wrote me this not long ago: "Dr. Cottrell, I plan to preach on Romans 6 next Sunday, and I want to display this quote of yours on the screen: 'Both faith and baptism are conditions for salvation, but faith is the means and baptism is the time. Please take care: do not equate condition with means, and do not confuse means and time.' I think it would be helpful to then use an illustration to help make clear the condition/means and means/time ideas. Can you suggest some illustrations that might clarify this for our folks? Thanks!"

(Here is how I answered Bob:) Yes, I have used several illustrations, especially for

showing that the MEANS of bringing something about is not the same as the TIME when it happens. My favorite is the simple process of getting light out of a lamp. Here we can distinguish three things, all of which are "conditions." First, the SOURCE of the light is the electric power that comes through the wiring of the house. Second, the MEANS of transferring this power to the lamp is the insertion of the lamp's plug into a socket. Third, the TIME when the light actually comes on is when you flip the switch on the wall (or on the lamp). As applied to salvation, the source is grace; the means is faith; and the time is baptism.

Another illustration is the happy occasion of eating lunch in a nearby restaurant. The SOURCE of the food is the Cracker Barrel (e.g.) down the road. The MEANS of transferring the food from the Cracker Barrel to your stom-

ach is the *gift card* some kind soul gave you for Christmas. The TIME when the food fills your tummy is when you visit the restaurant and eat the meal. It is quite obvious that you do not receive the food just because (or just as soon as) you have the gift card in your possession. You have to take your gift card to the place where the food is served.

A similar illustration is actually seeing the Super Bowl *live!* You may have a ticket to the game in your hand; the ticket is your MEANS for seeing the game, but you do not see it AS SOON AS you have the ticket. You have to go to the place where the game is played, at the TIME when it is played.

In these illustrations, the "means" transfers the desired effect (light, food, visual experience) into your life, but not AS SOON AS the means alone is present. Even if the lamp is plugged in, the light

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does not come on until the switch is flipped. Even if you have the gift card in your hand (free food!), you do not actually *have* the food until you go to the place where it is served. The same is true of the Super Bowl ticket. These are simply examples of our common distinction between a "necessary" condition and a "sufficient" condition. Something can be the former without being the latter.

As applied to salvation, the point is that the

Serving in November

Deaconesses:

Jane Runyan & Cindy Horton

Elder Schedule:

6—Dave Beerbower
13—Doug Haase
20—Jim McPeak
27—Mark Rhodes

Nursery:

6—SS/2nd—Garry & Sandi Oberlin
13—SS—Eric & Angie Murphy
2nd—Stacie Beerbower & Kim Snively
20—SS/2nd—Stacie Beerbower
2nd—Sam Ryan
27—SS—Terence & Beth Clingaman
2nd—Jessica Arend & Sharon Blinzler

Children's Church:

6—
13—
20—
27—

Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Sandy Gordon
3 Greg Hartman
6 Ashley Grimm, Traci Hartman, Jane Runyan, Marilyn Sanders
7 Karen Roose
9 Bryce Gambler, Lydia Snively
11 Chuck Salisbury
16 Nick McCarthy, Mark Rhodes

17 Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy, Denver Thornburg
18 Charlene Gambler, Annabelle West
19 Dan Olds
21 Brian Rogers
25 Angie Murphy
29 Terry Hallett
30 Sophie Hull



4 Vince & Nola Girardot (71)
7 Derek & Makayla Murphy (2)
15 Chuck & Madelon Salisbury (68)
16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (38)
18 Scott & Pam Hartman (22)

Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Garry & Sandi **Oberlin on the death of Sandi's** mother, Victoria Sutter.

Congratulations!

The church family celebrates the safe arrival of Tatum Scott Subaisic who was born 10/14/22 to Adam & Kortney.

He weighed in at 8# 2.9 oz.








and was 20.5". Maternal grandparents are Greg & Traci Hartman. Maternal great-grandparents are Ron & Ellen Walker.



Attention Senior Saints:

We will do Lunch Bunch on 11/29 at 11:45 AM at The Pizza Barn in Pioneer. No transportation will be provided.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Craft Group	2 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:15 Club 225 6:30 Adult Bible Study	3	4 	5
6 8:00 Wor-ship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship 	7	8 	9 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:15 Club 225 6:30 Adult Bible Study	10	11 	12
13 8:00 Wor-ship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	14	15	16 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:15 Club 225 6:30 Adult Bible Study	17	18	19
20 8:00 Wor-ship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	21	22	23 No Wednesday Night Activities	24 11:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner 	25	26
27 8:00 Wor-ship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	28	29 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Pizza Barn	30 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:00 MOPS 6:15 Club 225 6:30 Adult Bible Study			



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Office Hours: Monday—
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM



Facts & Figures

October 2

Attendance SS 31	Worship 46/78
Offering	\$4,667.06

October 9

Attendance SS 29	Worship 50/70
Offering	\$4,339.86

October 16

Attendance SS 22	Worship 49/72
Offering	\$4,640.73

October 23

Attendance SS 31	Worship 39/92
Offering	\$7,939.63

Needed for Budget \$5,091.46



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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Our Service Personnel:
Austin Brandeberry (GA),
Lindsey Carter (FL), Patrick
Rendleman (GA), Josh Severs
(AL), Braxton Singer (NC),
Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley
Tressler (Europe).

Cancer: Gwen Acker-
Dickinson, Nathan Bailey,
Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bev-
er, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie
Case, Andrew Dell, Adam
Farger, Carrie H., Sheila Hart-
nett, Jim Henson, Molly John-
ston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron
Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Chloe
Merrilet, Rexann McCrary,
Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway,

Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman,
Elaine Purdue, Sue Secoy, Ter-
ry Shinaberry, Annette Snavelly,
Lyle Snavelly, Amy Tobin, Lin-
da Walker, Kathy Walton,
Drew Wayman. *Other Con-
cerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Trevor
Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene
Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Bren-
da Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach
Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene
Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Tay-
lor, Keely Strouse, Gene Craw-
ford, *children's ministry,* Dan-
ny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin
Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marsha
Fisher; Marty, John Fry, Jack-
son Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran

Mavis, Nathan Ray, Gene
Johns, Nehemiah Haase, Ray-
mond Folk, Holly Sprow,
Shawn Gambler, Randy Fisher,
Braxton & Trish Snavelly, An-
nie Engel, Joanne Allison, Car-
son Strouse, Jason Gregg; *Shut
Ins:* Fountain Park: Esther
Krill;
Hillside: Charlene Gambler;
Home: Barb & Ramon
Alpaugh, Annie Engel, Ron &
Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy,
Leona Puff, Edith Wagner
SKLD: Gloria Wright.



And we know that for those who love God

**ALL THINGS WORK
TOGETHER FOR GOOD,**

for those who are called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28



phrase "BY faith" is simply NOT the same thing as "AS SOON AS faith appears." The means and the time are not the same thing, and they do not necessarily occur simultaneously. This is clearly seen in Colossians 2:12, which says the sinner is "raised up," i.e., regenerated (see v. 13), "through faith in the working of God"; but this happens specifically "in baptism." *This is what the text says!* Both faith and baptism are conditions for salvation, but not the same kind of condition. Faith is the *means by which* we receive saving grace ("by faith"), while baptism is the *time during which* we receive it ("in baptism").

Destined to Win,
Larry Snavelly



MOPS and MOPS
Next meet regularly. .
There are now Tues-
day (1st & 3rd Tues-
days) gatherings 9-11
AM at the church.

Wednesday night
gatherings (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)
are 6-7:30 PM. Childcare will be pro-
vided. Contact Stacie Beerbower or
Kim Snavelly for questions. Check out
their Facebook page @ MOPSoftbry-
anfcc. You may also contact them via
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