



"A Light to Enlighten"

Do you remember your baptism? If you were baptized by Baptists, is it likely you were immersed in the church's baptistery, or in a river or lake. Maybe you were baptized as an infant in the front of a Methodist, Presbyterian, or Catholic church. You may not recall your baptism, but remember completing a confirmation process. Regardless the mode or timing of your baptism, whether it was administered as a symbol or a sacrament commanded by Christ; you were initiated into the Christian community, setting you on a lifelong journey with Christ.

I entered the baptistery of Walcott Baptist Church, when I was almost thirteen years old. I recall the occasion very well. Two things: first, I was scared to death. It wasn't the water. In fact, I had been swimming the day the church's van came to pick me up for a Wednesday night service. It was all the attention that made me uncomfortable. Second memory is that of hearing I was being "saved from" - hell, life of sin, death, etc. I can't recall exactly how it was articulated, only that it felt like what today I would call "life insurance." I bet you've heard it put in such terms. That is, spiritually speaking, baptism was the goal.

I don't recall that being the case for Jesus on the occasion of His baptism. In fact, His baptism sent Him directly into the

presence of the Tempter himself! He was tested for forty days, but truthfully, the testing never ended for our earthly Lord. Then what was the point of His baptism? To wash away His sins, the sins of a "sinless Lord?" Baptism is not the goal, not the end; baptism is the means to an end, the jumping off point, the starting gun on the great race, as the Apostle Paul might have put it - whether you are 9, 13, 60, or 30 years old. We are not baptized "from" something, but "for" something.

This is the point of my new Epiphany sermon series that actually began last Sunday, on Epiphany Sunday. I call it: *A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS - Christ shines as a light beyond Israel, to the whole world.* On each Sunday of Epiphany, the season that precedes Lent and Easter, we will focus on passages where Christ demonstrated the baptized life, through word and by example. Not by serving Him, but by serving others. After all, it was Christ who stated, "The Son of Man . . . came *not to be served.*" So, how's your baptism going?

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

Full Church Council Meeting

Sunday, January 13
2:00 p.m., CAH

Incoming 2019 and outgoing 2018 Committee Chairpersons should make every effort to attend.

Yoga

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Fridays at 9:00 a.m.
Upstairs in Room 221

"A Missing Piece"

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.
Church Parlor

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, January 27

Join us for this special service as we install and ordain our new deacons for 2019.

Uncle Phil's Diner Youth Dinner Theater

Two Performances
Saturday, February 16, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 17, 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$10. Please sign up and pay in the church office by Friday, February 8. After that, tickets will be \$15 at the door. Limited space available.

Trustees Meeting

Monday, January 14
6:00 p.m.

Family Gathering

Sunday, January 20
11:30 a.m.

Please sign up in Sunday School or the church office.

MLK Holiday

Monday, January 21

Church office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

LLL

Tour of St. George Catholic Church & Lunch
Thursday, January 24

Departing from the church at 10am and returning to the church after the tour for a delicious lunch of jambalaya, gumbo, white beans, french bread, salad, and king cake. \$10, please sign up in the church office.

BBQuilters

The group meets each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to work on quilting ministry projects.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday mornings at 7am
la Madeleine on Jefferson

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Ocshner

Max Futch

Home from the Hospital

Bob Waggener
Hildred Olson
Diane Livings

Woodleigh Rehab

Charles Steele

In Loving Memory

Mr. Iley Lea *united with this church on July 16, 2006 and departed this life on December 23, 2018.*

Congratulations

Amy and Jake LeBlanc on the birth of their son, Wyatt Dean. Proud grandparents are **Angie and Kirk Miller**. Very proud great-grandmother is **Joy Miller**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHOICES

New Wednesday Night Choices "For All the Saints"

Each Wednesday night in February and March, a member or members of our church will offer a presentation of some of the people whose lives have been inspirations and models for them. Some of our speakers may share about great figures from Christian history or from our own congregational history. Others may talk about people they have personally known whose impact on them was transforming.

If you would like to share about the saint in your life, please contact Dr. Ezell or the church office.

Wednesday Night January 9

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Sausage, Red Beans & Rice,
Mustard Greens, Cornbread,
Salad, Banana Pudding

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

Just What Do You Mean....Hell?

Wednesday Night January 16

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Baked Chicken, Potato
Casserole, Broccoli, Rolls,
Asian Slaw, Lemon Squares

Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

Just What Do You Mean....Hell?

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13

9:15 A Sunday School
 10:30 A Worship, Communion
Extended Teaching Care
 Nancy Richardson, Katy Stark,
 Danielle & Faith Gremillion,
 David Marcasse

2:00 P Full Church Council
 Meeting, CAH
 5:00 P Grief Share, CCR
 Uncle Phil's Practice

Monday, January 14

6:00 P Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 15

11:00 A A Missing Piece, Parlor

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:15 P Church Family Dinner
 6:00 P Youth Bible Study
 Children's Programs
 6:15 P Adult Bible Study, CAH
 7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Friday, January 18

7:00 P Young Families meet
 at the PMAC

Sunday, January 20

9:15 A Sunday School
 10:30 A Worship

Extended Teaching Care

Lindsey Duvall, Kelli Rayburn,
 Nita & Chris Hannie

11:30 A Family Gathering, CAH
 5:00 P Uncle Phil's Practice
 5:45 P Belles and Beaux
 6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Monday, January 21

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED-
 MLK HOLIDAY

Tuesday, January 22

11:00 A A Missing Piece, Parlor

Wednesday, January 23

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:15 P Church Family Dinner
 6:00 P Youth Bible Study
 Children's Programs
 6:15 P Adult Bible Study, CAH
 7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 24

10:00 A LLL departs for St.
 George Catholic Church
 tour

YOUTH

Uncle Phil's Rehearsal

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.



An Evening of Food
 and Fun From the
 Fabulous 50's!

Two Performances:
 Saturday, February 16
 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, February 17
 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance
 or \$15 at the door. Lim-
 ited space available.

YOUNG FAMILIES

LSU Gymnastics

@ the PMAC

Friday, January 18

Meet there at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars!

Orion Parade

Saturday, February 23

details to follow

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Join Us for
Communion

Sunday
January 13
 10:30 a.m.

Grief Share

new session begins

Sunday, January 13

5:00 p.m.

Church Conference Room