

## CAN YOU HELP?

Northpoint has supported **Joshua Aidoo** in Ghana for 6 years. His evangelistic work is greatly hampered because of transportation difficulties—he has no vehicle. When he goes into new areas with the Gospel he takes a team of men with him. Having either to hire a driver with a van or rent a van is expensive and at times unreliable. He also needs this vehicle for use by his family (5 children). The vehicle (used) he needs will cost a minimum of \$16,000.00, to which Northpoint has contributed \$2,000.00 to get this fund started. The elders of the Bellview Church (which also supports Joshua) are handling these funds. We ask brethren to help us help this good man by sending your check to **Northpoint** or to:

Bellview Church of Christ, 4850 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32526.

[Thanks to the generosity of various ones, the fund now totals \$6,000.00. DM]

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

### Let us pray for...

**Jerry Douglas**—fighting bone and lymph cancer (Danny Douglas's twin brother)  
**Alice Haddon**—fighting cancer (Sheri's friend)  
**Vicki Hightower**—malignant lung tumor (Terry has preached here several times)  
**Judy Reid**—sister in NJ, planning to move here  
**Brian Ritter**—fighting rare autoimmune disease (son of Rick Ritter, Gospel preacher)  
**Jeff Simmons**—"our boy" in the US Navy (Saratoga Springs, New York)  
**Don Smith**—faithful brother in Ohio prison, ordered to cease teaching fellow inmates  
**Stephanie Tigner**—who has been restored to Christ (Kourtney's sister)  
**Joshua Aidoo**—Gospel preacher in Ghana we support  
**Samuel Bagsangi**—Gospel preacher in Philippines we support  
**Danny Douglas**—Gospel preacher in US we support

### Records you helped make last week...

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Bible Classes                    | 23         |
| Sunday AM Worship                | 23         |
| Sunday PM Worship                | 23         |
| Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship | 10         |
| Contribution                     | \$1,427.00 |
| Contribution average (2016)      | \$997.48   |

### Internet and YouTube Sermon broadcasts...

- Both sermons each Sunday are broadcast, beginning at approximately 10:45–10:50 a.m. and 1:12–1:15 p.m., via Internet through our Website, [www.northpointcoc.com](http://www.northpointcoc.com).
- Our **YouTube** channel at *Northpoint Church of Christ* has a growing collection of Northpoint sermons available for viewing.

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# The Northpoint Lighthouse

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## Sinful "Surnames"

- **T**heistic evolution is wrong because **evolution** is wrong.
- **Social drinking** is wrong because **drinking** is wrong.
- **Chaperoned dancing** is wrong because **dancing** is wrong.
- **Chaperoned mixed swimming** is wrong because **mixed swimming** is wrong.
- **State sponsored gambling** is wrong because **gambling** is wrong.
- **Legalized abortion** is wrong because **abortion** is wrong.
- **Legalized adultery** is wrong because **adultery** is wrong.
- **Legalized pornography** is wrong because **pornography** is wrong.
- **Legalized prostitution** is wrong because **prostitution** is wrong.
- **Legalized tobacco use** is wrong because **tobacco use** is wrong.
- **Legalized homosexual behavior** is wrong because **homosexual behavior** is wrong.
- **Legalized same-sex "marriage"** is wrong because **same-sex "marriage"** is wrong.
- **"Safe sex" outside of Scriptural marriage** is wrong because **sex outside of Scriptural marriage** is wrong.
- **Neo-Pentecostalism** is wrong because **Pentecostalism** is wrong.
- **Neo-Calvinism** is wrong because **Calvinism** is wrong.
- **Doctrinal "Unity in diversity"** is wrong because **doctrinal diversity** is wrong.
- **Little "f" fellowship with error** is wrong because **fellowship with error** is wrong.
- **Postmodernism** is wrong because **modernism** is wrong.

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**Sunday**  
 Bible Class 9:30 AM  
 Worship 10:30 AM  
 Worship 1:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
 B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

- **The Independent Christian Church** is wrong because **the Christian Church** is wrong.
- **Fellowship with the “pious unimmersed”** is wrong because **fellowship with unimmersed persons** is wrong.

It is impossible to change sinful institutions, practices, or doctrines into those which are innocent by prefixing harmless “given names” to “sinful surnames.”

– Dub McClish  
Denton, TX

[Ed. Note: I got the idea for the foregoing article from an article Steve Gibson authored several years ago. At the time he wrote it, he was sound in his teaching and behavior. Lamentably, he fell away many years ago. DM]

## A No-Baptism “Gospel”?

**A**n incident occurred in rural Texas years ago, the story of which I remember. The denominational preachers in a small town proposed a “union meeting” in which all of them in the town would take alternate turns to preach. There was a certain Gospel preacher in the town who had not been consulted on the arrangement. When he heard about this meeting he called on the other preachers, requesting his turn to preach, and asking to have a time assigned to him. He was informed that an agreement had been made by all that the subject of *baptism* would not be mentioned – that they had agreed merely to “preach Christ” and say nothing about baptism. To their surprise the Gospel preacher promptly accepted the conditions, agreeing to preach without the mention of the word *baptism*. A night was assigned for his sermon, and he announced in advance the subject: “What Must I Do to Be Saved?”

Knowing the convictions of the Gospel preacher, people in the area wondered how he could preach on that subject under that kind of restriction not to mention baptism. They came from the necks of the woods and forks of the creeks all over the area to hear his sermon.

He preached with much animation and eloquence on salvation, and the love of God that brought salvation to man through Jesus Christ. Reaching the point of the question, “What must I do to be saved,” he turned to Mark 16:15-16 and read the words of Christ: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and [doeth that thing I promised not to mention] shall be saved.” He then read Acts 2:38: “Repent ye, [and do that thing I promised not to mention] for the remission of sins.” And he read every verse in the New Testament on baptism, and called it “that thing I promised not to mention”!

It is a strange thing that denominational people will detour around such a plain and positive command, so simple to be understood and performed, so easy to accept and obey – and so much emphasized in the New Testament. When Philip preached Christ, he preached the kingdom of Christ, he preached the all-prevailing name of Christ, and he preached baptism into Christ:

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.... But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women (Acts 8:5-12).

– Foy E. Wallace, Jr.  
Deceased

## Appointments!

**I**sn’t it amazing that Jesus made the appointment to meet with His disciples to give the “Great Commission” before He ascended?

Matthew 28:16 speaks of the appointment. Matthew 26:32 shows that before His death He set it. In Matthew 28:7-10 He mentioned it again after His resurrection. Let that sink in.

Jesus made an appointment and kept it, even though between the making of it and the keeping of it, He was betrayed, persecuted, executed, buried, and resurrected! **It is safe to say that Jesus keeps His appointments!**

That was the message of Peter in 2 Peter 3:2-3, 8-9. Even though many years may pass, even thousands of years, God keeps His promises. So if He promises to return and 2,000 years pass, is He still going to return? Yes, that is no different from a two-day promise to Him! Perhaps in the next day or two, or three, the way Jesus counts time, He may come again! He always keeps His promises!

There is another appointment that He gives us in His Testament. Hebrews 9:27 actually speaks of two appointments. One is to die and the second to stand before Him in Judgment. You will not miss these appointments. You will leave this flesh and blood. You will bow before Jesus and give account for every sin for which you have not been forgiven.

Did you know the word *appointed* is translated from a Greek word that is also translated “laid up”? In other words, there are other appointments that are waiting for the child of God. These wonderful promises are waiting for us:

- **Hope:** “For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven...” (Col. 1:5). This hope is appointed for you if you are God’s child.
- **Crown:** “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness...” (2 Tim. 4:8). Paul knew he had an appointment to wear a crown of victory in the eternal home.

Jesus brought us this hope and offers us this crown. And remember, He made an appointment to give the Great Commission so we would teach others about this hope and crown too! Let us always keep our appointments with Him.

– Terry Joe Kee  
Jonesboro, AR