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A common denominator in each of these attempts to authorize is the word “I.” It’s amazing and absolutely astonishing what we can justify in our own minds by starting a statement with the word “I,” as if what “I think” or “I like” constitutes authority in religious matters.

One lady from another church told me that she had been immersed but her husband had been sprinkled. She said, “I think that’s okay.” She went on to say that if she had to be baptized again she would be immersed, “Because that is how I was raised; but my husband would be sprinkled because that is what he prefers.” Does it really just boil down to a matter of man’s personal preference?

Actually, it boils down to God’s preference. It has everything to do with divine authority (Col. 3:17). It’s a matter of obeying Jesus out of love (Jn. 14:15). It’s an issue of submitting to inspired Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17). It’s the resolve to accept only what is authorized (Lev. 10:2). It’s a call to self denial (Lk. 9:23). It’s replacing pride with humility (Jas. 3:6; 10). Rather than spout off silly sayings to justify religious practices. Simply submit to God’s word in humble obedience.

—James Cudd

BELIEF IS NOT ENOUGH

Belief in God is not enough Satan believes in God. (Job 1:6; 2:1). Demons believe in God (Mk. 5:6-9; Jas. 2:19). Sinners believe in God (Lk. 18:13; Acts 17:23). But neither Satan, demons, or sinners obey God. “*Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and NOT BY FAITH ONLY*” (Jas. 2:24; Romans 10:16-17). “*And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him*” (Heb. 5:9).

—Richard Stevens, III

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10:15am - Bible Study
6:00pm - Worship
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LIFE'S LESSONS

I’ve learned that you can’t hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. (age 7)
I’ve learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. (age 9)
I’ve learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. (age 14)
I’ve learned that although its hard to admit it, I’m secretly glad my parents are strict with me. (age 15)
I’ve learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advise. (age 24)
I’ve learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. (age 39)
I’ve learned that the greater a person’s guilt, the greater his need to cast blame on others. (age 46)
I’ve learned that singing “Amazing Grace” can lift my spirits for hours. (age 49)
I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things; a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. (age 52)
I’ve learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terrible after they die. (age 53)
I’ve learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage. (age 61)
I’ve learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. (age 62)
I’ve learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. (age 65)
I’ve learned that whatever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. (age 66)
I’ve learned that everyone can use a prayer. (age 72)
I’ve learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one. (age 82)
I’ve learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love human touch—holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. (age 85)
I’ve learned that I still have a lot to learn. (age 92)

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Wednesday, January 25, 2012

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship (Jan. 22)	275
Bible Study	180
Evening Worship	159
Midweek Bible Study (Jan. 18)	132
Contribution (Jan. 22).....	\$6,092

HOSPITAL

Kimberly Penney, Man. Medical.

AT HOME

Kenneth Poff, Dan Mullins, Susie Hastings, Aaron & Alcena Stone, Dorothy Bramblett, Glenda West, Susan Sparks, Betty Vigdorth, Eugene Warren, Ruth Baskin, Mary Reed, Shelba Miller.

NURSING HOME

Eva Sims, Horizon Health & Rehab.

CARE TEAM MEETING

Coy & Jewell Noblitt's Care Team #1 will meet at their home for breakfast, Saturday, Feb. 11th @ 8:30am.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ricky Milburn. His funeral was today (Wednesday) at the Manchester Funeral Home. He was the father of Stephanie Vaughn

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:

Michael Broadrick & R.V. McMahan.

BAPTISM

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the recent baptism of Robin Meek. She lives @ 555 Expressway Dr. #88, P. O. Box 882, Phone: 952-5533. We welcome her into the family of God at Main Street.

PANTRY ITEMS

2# Bag Corn Meal, Canned Pinto Beans, Canned Tomatoes.

T.A.B.S.

T.A.B.S. will meet Sunday, January 29th @ the Hillsboro congregation @ 6:00pm.

MEN TO SERVE

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. JAN. 29:

9:00AM
Announcements: Bill Hollins
Song Leader: Jonathan Hall
First Prayer: Bob Gillen
Closing Prayer: Jamie Johnson

6:00PM
Song Leader: Jonathan Hall
First Prayer: Scott Vaughn
Closing Prayer: Gene Parker

A.M.: Speaker: Duane Hill

P.M.: Speaker: Duane Hill

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. JAN 29.

David Green & Nathan Brown

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. JAN. 29:

Penny Barnes

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. FEB. 1:

Devotional: Bill Hollins
Announcements: Carl Russell
Opening Prayer: Wayne Rigney
Closing Prayer: Pierce Green
Song Leader: Jayson Little

Please remember to notify David Sullivan @ 607-1580 if you are not able to serve at your appointed time.

BABY GIRL SHOWER

There will be a Baby Girl Shower honoring Amber Duke Moody, Saturday, February 4th, 1:00-4:00pm @ the Club House @ Manganolia Glen.

TAX INFORMATION

If you want the office to keep a record of your contribution for tax purposes for 2012 please let Penny know ASAP.

ITEMS NEEDED

The youth are doing Valentine Baskets for the shut-ins. The items needed for this are: peanut butter crackers, raisins, individual fruit

cups, hard candy, gum, chocolate candy, canned drinks, sugar free items, Little Debbie snack cakes. These items are needed by Wednesday, February 8th. For more information see Chris Little.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01-Jimmy & Zora Jetton
03-Dwayne & Kim Mullins
22-Joe & Jeannette Verner

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01-Winfred Duke	17-Heidi Barnes
01-Jonathan West	17-Dwayne Mullins
04-Dale Farless	18-Polly Hoover
04-Jewell Noblitt	18-Gene Parker
04-James Smith	21-Amy Eppes
05-Juanelle St. John	22-Rachel Farless
10-Virginia Nunley	23-Amber Crosslin
10-Mary Smith	23-Julia Henson
11-Penny Barnes	23-Seth Little
11-Melissa Dickerson	24-Adam Willmore
12-Mallory Rogers	26-Jayson Little
14-Kevin Rowe	29-Dawn Willmore
16-Carol Russell	

YOUNG AT HEART BANQUET

All members of the congregation age 55 and older are invited to the *Young At Heart Banquet* scheduled for Sunday, February 19th in the fellowship hall immediately following Bible Study. Please RSVP the church office by Wednesday, February 15th if you plan to attend.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (1/18-1/24).....	862
Requests For Personal Contact.....	0
Students served	345

'TAINT'

'Tain't what we have, But what we give,
'Tain't what we are, But how we live;
'Tain't what we do, But how we do it-
That makes this life Worth going through it!

SILLY THINGS PEOPLE SAY

Religious people show intellectual silliness and shallowness when attempting to justify unauthorized religious practices. Some of the arguments used to approve such practices are not biblical but foolish. They reflect ignorance of the Bible. They reveal that somebody hasn't been reading God's word closely. From a casual reading of Scripture, a clear and unbiased mind is compelled to conclude the following:

That women teaching/preaching in public assemblies where men are present is forbidden (1 Cor. 14:33-34; 1 Tim. 2:12).

That failing to observe the Lord's Supper every first day of the week as worship to God is falling short (acts 20:7); eating it on Saturday, or at weddings, or at funerals is going too far; unauthorized by Scripture.

That employing instrumental music in worship is unauthorized; the Bible says to sing; not play, not sing and play (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

That baptism is by immersion; (that is the meaning of the word itself—to bury, to plunge, to submerge) (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12). Sprinkling or pouring water on someone's head does not constitute a burial, and therefore does not qualify as baptism; it just can't; that shoe doesn't fit.

Now notice some of the silly attempts to authorize these unbiblical practices. Folks will say such things as:

"I don't see anything wrong with it."

"I think it's okay."

"I don't have a problem with it."

"I like it."

"I don't think it makes any difference to God."

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