



*Chalmette
Church of Christ*

May 11th, 2014

*Happy Mothers Day
2014*



It Does Matter What We Believe

(Yesterday morning, a brother told me that this news story would make a good article. He even gave me the title for the article. I'm just filling in the blanks).

Just yesterday, I learned of the death of Jamie Coots. Jamie died after being bitten by a poisonous snake during a "snake handling church service." Coots could have received medical treatment, but he refused it based on his religious convictions and died.

Coots became a celebrity of sorts by appearing in the National Geographic television series, "Snake Salvation." This television show documented the beliefs and practices of a Pentecostal church in southeast Kentucky that "handles poisonous snakes."

Members of this religious sect believe that Mark 16:17-18 commands them to engage in this practice. However, a more careful study of the Bible will reveal that Jesus wasn't commanding Christians to be involved in a "side show" involving snakes. He was stating that his followers would be given miraculous abilities that would assist them in confirming the message they preached. An example of what Jesus was talking about is found in Acts 28:1-6 when the apostle Paul was bitten by a poisonous viper on the Island of Malta. Instead of dying as the natives surely thought he would, Paul simply shook the snake from his hand, and he was alright. Furthermore, these miraculous gifts were temporary (1 Corinthians 13:8-10; Ephesians 4:8-13) and were never intended to last for all time.

Sadly, Mr. Coots' misguided faith and interpretation of the Bible cost him his life. While, most of us reading this will not make the same mistake that Mr. Coots did, we may make other mistakes that could be just as harmful to our spiritual health? If we don't give great care and attention to reading and studying the word of God, we too can be hurt.

You see, in spite of what you've heard some people say, it does matter what you believe.

By: Steve Higginbotham

News and Notes

- **Betty Grisham** has been transferred to St. Catherine Rehabilitation Center directly behind Fern Crest Nursing Home in New Orleans. She is suffering from a UTI, Aspiration Pneumonia and severe bedsores. She is expected to be at St. Catherine's for about a month. Please keep Betty, Sondra & Olivia in prayer.
- Please keep **Ms. Margo** in your prayers at this time, she fell this past week.
- **Mary Jo Lance** will be traveling to Tennessee on Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers as she travels this week.
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be May 17th @ 8am. All men from the Chalmette congregation needs to be there at 6am sharp to begin preparations! **Wes Arabie** will be the speaker.
- Our Third Sunday Singing and Fellowship Meal will be next Sunday night. Bring a dish and a friend!
- About three weeks ago, more than 300 Nigerian girls were abducted by an Islamist militant group. Seven of the girls that were abducted in Nigeria have family that are members of the Church of Christ. Please keep these families in your prayers at this time that they may be reunited with their family.
- Congratulations to **Katelyn Lecour** for receiving the MVP at Chalmette High School for Volleyball and for making first team all star in the district and state. **Sarah Russell** made first team all star in the district in pitching.
- **Jessica** is missing her small Purple Bible that was on the back left hand pew inside the case. If you have seen it, please return it to her. She bought it at MSOP Lectures. Thank you!
- Congratulations to **Logan Hand** who will be graduating High School on May 22nd! The graduation will take place at Von Braun Center Arena at 1:30 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School will be June 16-19. There will be a group of 30 people coming from Bybee Branch Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. ****We will need volunteers for housing. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.**
- **Mark and Tina** will be leaving for a mission trip to Budapest, Hungary on May 22nd and will return on June 3rd. This will be Tina's first mission trip.

May Birthdays

14th-Nell Russell
24th-BJ Snyder
24th-Vera Snyder
25th-Zachary Scariano
25th-Stephen Snyder
31st-Tony Stafford

May Anniversary

23rd- Wayne & Edie Schulz

Congratulations

Prayer List



**Alice Riley
Sherry Towle
Margo Rodney
Judy Hennessee
Betty Grisham
Ella Gillard
Krisztian Montague
Linda Swanner
Jackie Gamble
Gloria Smiles
Elbre Wolfe
Joel James
David Ebeling
Ryker Amaya
Raymond Sanchez
Gary Huettmann
Malcolm & Marlene Vazquez**

***All of our brethren scattered across
the United States & our troops in
Iraq**



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**Services of The Church
Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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