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Glory to the Lord Only

The McReynolds Family

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Absolutely!

How often do we impose our own Christian values on others? How does our culture affect what we hold to be essential for Christian belief and practice in all times and places? When we were at Mission Training we wrestled with questions surrounding what qualified as 'Absolutes' and 'Relatives'. As Christians, is it beneficial to learn the differences between those elements essential to the church in every culture, and those elements which are not? Would more reflection on such topics bring about a unified church that is stronger than it is today? Certainly, we can testify that we learned a great deal about who we are, the few 'Absolutes' that are biblical, the many 'Relatives' that are not biblical and how our values and beliefs impact others. Saying that, many of the statements I will list below provide topics for discussion and allow us to consider our thoughts and why we think or feel the way we do.

1. Share the Lord's Supper together.
2. Do not seek the gift of tongues.
3. Seek the gift of tongues.
4. Kneel when you pray.
5. Lift your hands when you pray.
6. Stand when you pray (hats off, men).
7. Confess sins to one another.
8. Confess sins privately to God.
9. Be baptized by immersion.
10. Be baptized as an adult.
11. Be baptized as a child/infant.
12. Construct a building for worship.
13. The best congregations meet in houses.

How often do we allow what we believe to be 'Essential' cause discord among our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Our Covenant Family

Myla Gray McReynolds was born on Friday night, June 29, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 in. long. Myla is healthy and strong and of course, growing quickly. We are blessed to have her in our family and praise God for her Covenant Family that she is blessed to be supported, raised and nurtured by. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness during this transition in our lives.



Myla was baptized on Sunday, July 15, 2007

Spiritual Formation

I have started my first class for Covenant Seminary's online MATS program. This class, Spiritual and Ministry Formation, actually required me to attend live lectures for one week at the campus in St. Louis. While being away from Rebe and the kids for ten days was tough, the time spent focusing on the great truths of the Bible and the relationships I made were well worth it. I pray that the knowledge gained from these classes will allow me to improve my ability to relate to God, my family and my community with increased love and understanding. The greatest lesson I took away from my week at Covenant was how incredible our Union with Christ truly is... His righteousness is ALREADY ours!!

Back to South Africa

We have purchased our airline tickets and will be departing the country on September 4, 2007. We have obtained Myla's passport (praise God!) and are now applying for our Visas. *Please pray for these details and for a peaceful transition.*

MCREYNOLDS WEBSITE

We now have a website which allows you to find out anything about our family's missionary journey. Visit our site at:
www.mcreynoldsfamily.com

Financial Support

Those who have said you want to support our family but have not yet started, please help us fulfill the remainder of our support account needs. Now is the time to begin sending in your pledges if you have not already begun.

Remaining Need:
\$275/per month

This final amount can be fulfilled by giving monthly, annually or by making a one-time donation.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at:
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