SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Rod & Leann Jackson (October 14th Randy & Sherra Jackson)
(Greeters…please arrive before classes and make sure visitors receive bread & fill out a card. See Allen if you cannot serve).

Announcements & Opening Prayer: Richard Carroz

	AM	PM
Song Leader:	Rod Jackson	Rod Jackson
Lead Communion:	Tony Carter	Tony Carter
Assist:	Brice Thompson	
	Mac Milam	
	Mike Thompson	
Scripture Reading:	Jim Cunningham	
Speaker:	Aaron Baker	Aaron Baker
Closing Prayer:	Allen Hedge	Garrett Jackson

SERVING WEDNESDAY

Announcements & Prayer: Richard Carroz
Song Leader Rod Jackson
Devotional: Gary Carter

ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday:
AM: 53 PM: 31
Contribution: $2251
Wed: 30

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: Bible Study – 9 a.m.
Morning Worship –10 a.m.
Afternoon Worship – 5 p.m.
(First Sunday of the Month – 1 p.m.)
Wednesday: Dinner served 6 – 6:45 p.m.
Bible Study 7 – 8 p.m.

(IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A DINNER, PLEASE SEE ROD)

God's Plan for Salvation

HEAR
the gospel of Christ
(Rom. 10:13-17)

BELIEVE
in Christ
(Mark 16:15-16)

REPENT
of past sins
(Acts 2:36-47)

CONFESS
faith in Christ
(Rom. 10:9-10)

BE BAPTIZED
into Christ
*(Acts 22:16,
Romans 6:3-4,
Gal. 3:27,
I Pet. 3:21)*

Once added to the church, one must

LIVE FAITHFULLY
(Rom. 12:1-2)

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Purity

By Aaron Baker

The Roman Empire, world renowned for its architecture, used many types of columns in building the infrastructure of their vast empire. In the first four centuries after the time of Jesus, columns became a hot commodity because of great quantities of marble which were needed to produce one column, which Rome did not have. The only place able to buy marble of any reasonable quality which would meet the standard of the Roman Empire was in the North African town of Alexandria.

The Alexandrians were very skilled at collecting, cutting, shaping and delivering these massive columns all the way to the seat of the Roman Empire in Rome. Moving massive columns made out of pure marble wasn't easy, though. Often times columns could be chipped, broken or cracked in transporting these behemoths across the Mediterranean by ship. If, by chance, one of the columns were damaged, unscrupulous boat captains would just melt some wax and pour it in the cracks and try to fix the problem and conceal the flaw. However, the Romans were not so easily fooled.

Upon delivery of the columns, a specialist was assigned to inspect the columns and determine the level of quality and ultimate value of the cargo. If chips or cracks were found, then the price went down. The inspector would carefully go over every inch of the column to look for cracks, dings and chips. Ultimately, he was looking for wax. If found, wax alerted the inspector that repairs had been made and the column was less than top quality. If the quality of the column was in-tact, the inspector would stamp the word "SIN CERAS" on the end of the column to indicate the highest quality.

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