

News & Notes

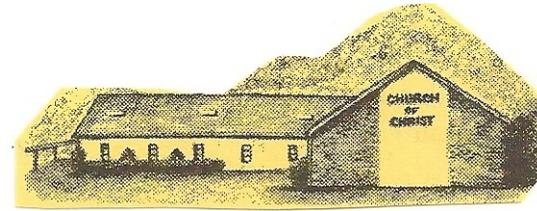
Upcoming events: Every 2nd Sunday of the month we have an afternoon song practice (Today @ 5pm). Ladies' Bible class (Tomorrow Evening/ Check bulletin board in foyer for details). The men's Bible class is scheduled for the 4th Sunday of each month (27th).

Young Adult Study: Our 1st study will be at the Cunningham's residence this Friday evening at 7:30pm. Please study chapter 1 in our study aid so as to be prepared.

Keep in Prayer: Our members: Emilee Ross, Linda James, Butch Morgan, Mildred Church, and Jim Abram. Many of our family and friends are also in special need of prayer: Karen Stanley (Bonnie's daughter), Jerry Jordan (Ken's brother), Nadine Fields (Moses' sister), and Jimmy Johnson.

Out of Town: Audrey Davis, Ronnie Henderson, Paula Sullivan, and Bonnie Meagher..

Group Meeting: Group (1) meets tonight after worship. We encourage all in this group to please meet and participate in this very important work.



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SERVICES

Sunday
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Morning Services 9:50 A.M.
Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday
Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

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“Fellowship God Does Not Want”

God has plainly revealed in His word who His faithful people are **NOT** to fellowship. He does not want His people to have fellowship with those who are **IMMORAL**. The man at Corinth who had his father's wife was to be delivered *"unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh"* (I Cor. 5:5). To keep the fornicator in their fellowship would have leavened the *"whole lump"* (the congregation - I Cor. 5:6). They were commanded to put him out of their fellowship (I Cor. 5: 5, 7). Paul told them that they could not *"keep the feast"* (live a righteous, godly life) with Christ so long as they had the *"old leaven"* (the fornicator) in their midst (I Cor. 5:8). He then charged them not to company with any man that is called a brother who was a fornicator, covetous, an idolator, a railer, a drunkard, or an extortioner (I Cor. 5:11).

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 4/16/14

Song Leader: Nick Ross
Opening Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
Invitation: Eddie Lawson
Announcements: Mike Sadler
Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson
Parking Lot: Leon Miller

Sunday Evening: 4/20/14

Song Leader: Larry Wisdom
Opening Prayer: Jeremy Whitehead
Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon
Announcements: Larry Hicks
Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
Parking Lot: Norm Blackburn

Sunday Morning: 4/20/14

Lord's Table: (B) Charles Rawdon
(C) Bob Marschall
Serving: Keith Marschall
Nick Ross
Song Leader: Larry Wisdom
Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot

Announcements: Leon Miller
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
Parking Lot: (9:00) Mike Sadler
(9:50) Paul Llyod

God does not want His people to have fellowship with **FALSE TEACHERS** and **FALSE DOCTRINE**. Fellowship with false teachers and false doctrine is popular and pleasing among men, but is **NOT** pleasing to God. John said, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."* (II John 9 - 11). Paul said, *"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them"* (Rom. 16:17).

God does not want His people to have fellowship with those **IN COMPROMISE WITH ERROR**. Paul sought no compromise with the Judaizing element in the church: he said, *"To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue"*

with you" (Gal. 2:5). Neither did he compromise with Hymenaeus and Philetus over their error concerning the resurrection (II Tim. 2: 16 -18). There are many areas today where men compromise the standard -- the word of God. Let us look at some of them:

- Divorce and remarriage for any reason when the word of God teaches that there is only one reason that gives a person the right to divorce his/her mate and marry again, and that reason is fornication (Matt. 19:9). The innocent party has a right to divorce the guilty party and marry again (Matt. 19:9).
- Social drinking is tolerated in many congregations, when the word of God says that "drinking parties" are wrong (I Pet. 4:3 NKJV).
- Cursing is overlooked and condoned (Eph. 4:29).
- Lying is tolerated (Eph. 4:25) when Revelation 21:8 says that "all liars" shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone".

- Immodest dress is not dealt with in many congregations and as a result many Christians (so called) dress like the world (I Tim. 2:9).
- Fornication is rampant, even among some who claim to be Christians, when Paul said in Ephesians 5:3 *"Let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;"* and *"flee fornication"* (I Cor. 6:18).

Local churches of Christ must demand conformity to God's standard and refuse to tolerate compromise. The church is to be the *"pillar and ground of the truth"* (I Tim. 3:15).

God does not want fellowship of His people **based upon "subjective" grounds**. What is "subjectivism"? It is the doctrine that says that the way a person feels is his/her standard of what is right! The subjectivist rejects strong stands on what the word of God teaches; he exalts his personal feelings and experiences and allows them to determine his course of action. He practices "unity-in-diversity"; he says it does not

matter what one believes on marriage, divorce, and remarriage, institutionalism, instrumental music in worship (or any other false doctrine), there should still be fellowship.

The subjectivist also makes a distinction between "gospel" and "doctrine" that the New Testament does not make. In the New Testament the will of God is called "the truth" (John 8:32), "the faith" (Acts 6:7), "the gospel" (Mark 16: 15 - 16), "the word" (II Tim. 4:2), "the way of truth" (II Peter 2:2) and "the doctrine" (I Tim. 4:16).

The basis for fellowship of God's people is the Word of God (II John 9 - 11). Men who have fellowship upon any other basis come under the condemnation of God (Gal. 1: 6 - 9).

-Donald Townsley