

**News & Notes**

**Upcoming:** Every 2nd Sunday of the month we have an afternoon song practice (Next one Sept. 14th), once a month is held a young adult study, and our men’s Bible class is scheduled for the 4th Sunday of each month (Today at 4:30pm).

**5th Sunday Night Sing:** Next Sunday evening we will worship God with more of an emphasis on singing songs of praise to Him. (We do this every time a month comes along with five Sundays.)

**Keep in Prayer:** Continue to keep in mind those we have made special note in praying for; Dottie Reynolds, Linda James, Butch Morgan, Naydene Fields, Jerry Jordan, and Brian James, and Joe Brown (Surgery still on for September 11th).

**Out of Town:** Kirk Marschall, Audrey Davis, and Paula Sullivan.

**Group Meeting:** Group (2) meets tonight after worship.

**Annual Singing:** Our 29th annual singing will be this Friday at 7:30pm! Please help spread the word by inviting your family and friends.

**Thank You:** A special *thank you* is in order for all who came and contributed to the work-day yesterday morning! We had a good time in getting the building and grounds tidied up a bit, so “thank you”!

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 8/27/14**

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams  
 Invitation: Ben Cunningham  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Keith Marschall  
 Parking Lot: Colby Sadler

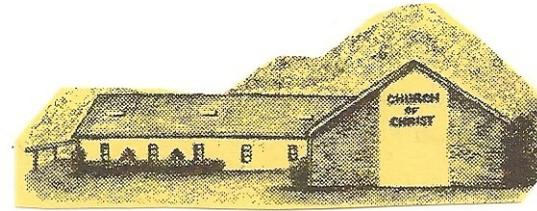
**Sunday Evening: 8/31/14**

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: Ben Cunningham  
 Lord’s Table: Keith Marschall  
 Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Jim Elliot  
 Parking Lot: Norm Blackburn

**Sunday Morning: 8/31/14**

Lord’s Table: (B) Keith Marschall  
 (C) Clay Sadler  
 Serving: Kirk Marschall  
 Eddie Lawson  
 Song Leader: Charles Rawdon  
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams

Announcements: Leon Miller  
 Closing Prayer: Eric Stevens  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) David Williams  
 (9:50) Mike Sadler



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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.

**DEACONS:**

Robert Marschall  
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***“We Dare to Differ”  
 (Part 2)***

In last week’s bulletin, we were all asked to think about the song “Dare to Stand like Joshua” (C.M. Robinson). In that song of praise we are to admonish one another in daring “... to say the word”, and doing so will (at times) require for us take a stand against false doctrines (1Tim. 1:3; 18). Last week, we considered the matter of “daring to differ” with the major tenets of atheism, polytheism, and Judaism. It is beyond the scope of our bulletin to deal with all that accompany those beliefs systems. However, the hope is that you will be encouraged to do your own investigating on those systems of belief in light of what the Bible actually does teach. With this article, I ask for you to consider a few points as to why we dare to differ with three more areas of interest.

**We dare to differ with Catholicism**

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said to the apostle Peter, “...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” The rock in which Jesus was referring to was the very fact that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. So therefore, the Scriptures declare that Jesus is the Rock (Psalm 118:22; Acts 4:10; 1Peter 2:1-8), and not Peter!

Nevertheless, the Roman Catholic Church still holds onto their teaching that the pope is the actual figurehead of the Lord's church, which is ultimately a denial of Jesus Christ's supreme authority. Catholic doctrine declares, "...that it is altogether necessary to salvation for every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff [Pope]." (Pope Boniface VIII, 1302 AD in an ex cathedra in his Bull Unum Sanctum). This is an affront to Jesus' statement in Matthew 28:18, where He declared, "... **All authority has been granted to Me in heaven and on earth.**" The Bible does not teach of the church having a human head, so there is no man or group of men who legislate for the church... We answer to no one but Christ. Christ is the head of the church (Colossians 1:18)! Independent congregations in various locations *do* have a scriptural leadership structure (Philippians 1:1), but the Bible does not teach of an "inter-congregational organization" with a human head. We absolutely must dare to differ with Catholicism.

### **We dare to differ with Protestantism**

Protestantism is a movement that began in northern Europe in the early 16th century as a reaction to medieval Roman Catholic doctrines and practices. Along with Protestantism came the various denominations we have today with their

numerous creeds. Creeds are writings of men that are defined as, "a brief authoritative formula of religious belief" (Merriam Webster). Many false teachings accompany denominational creeds, but we must allow God's written word to provide for us all authority! God told the Israelites, "**You shall not add to the word** which I command you, **nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord** your God which I command you." (Deuteronomy 4:2). In Proverbs 30:5-6, we read that "**Every word of God is pure**; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. **Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.**" We dare to deny man-made creeds, as we revere the words of our Lord concerning His revelation... "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **If anyone adds** to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and **if anyone takes away from the words** of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part from the Book of Life**, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (Revelation 22:18-19) The words written in Revelation pertain to that book (the book of Revelation), but we understand the principle in applying it *to all* of God's word. We dare to differ with Protestantism and the creeds of men.

### **We dare to differ with some churches of Christ**

The sign in front of the building in which we worship is merely an indicator of Whom we belong to and identify ourselves with (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:24; Romans 16:16). Nevertheless, there are some who seek to identify with Christ while yet abandoning the fundamentals of Scriptural authority. We dare to differ with some churches who take on as their mission to provide social reform, serve as a guide in recreational activity, or make money. The mission of the church is not social, and we do not read in the New Testament of Christianity taking on social reform or providing social guidance. Secular education; the teaching of secular subjects like science, math, history, English literature... Those things do not come within the scope of the mission and work of the church and therefore should be made no part of its work.

God has instructed us as to what the mission and work of His church is! The mission and work of the Lord's church is to preach the gospel (Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47), as well as to equip "the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). Moreover, God has also instructed HOW we are to carry out this work, "... as His divine power has given to us **all things** that *pertain* to **life and godliness, through the**

**knowledge of Him who called us** by glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3). We also read in the Bible that, "**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**" (2 Timothy 3:16-17) For any work to be planned and executed, we must be able to establish Scriptural authority. For the reason that some churches of Christ have gone beyond what has been authorized, we must "dare to differ" with them (1John 3:4; 2John 1:9-11).

These are just a few of the things in which we should all be daring to differ with others on. (Can you think of any others?) In closing, let us be encouraged to *prayerfully* consider these familiar words...

*"We are bound for Canaan land, tenting by the way; who shall lead us on the road? Choose your king today."*

*Dare to stand like Joshua, dare to say the word: "As for me and for my house, we will serve the Lord."* (C.M. Robinson)

- Ian Rice

*(Bible quotations taken from the New King James Version of the Holy Bible)*