

Noteworthy

Kids' Review Class: Our review class will be September 6th (*next week*), shortly after the PM service, in classroom number seven.

Prayer Requests: Remember Reagan Cunningham, Betty Eubanks (It is good to have Sandy's mother back with us!) Linda James, Bonnie Meagher (ongoing medical concerns), Butch Morgan (ongoing medical), Wayne Ryland (Blood pressure irregularities), Danielle Sheffield (pregnancy), the Ross family, and the Stevens family (with the recent passing of Hal Lewis). Also continue in prayer for Charles Goodall, as he will learn the results of his surgery this Tuesday, Lord willing.

Our friends and family: Please pray for Diane Anderson (Linda's sister), Elnora Bennet (Moses Stevens' sister), Mildred Church (shut-in), and Canera Wisdom (Larry Wisdom's mother), and Harold Gilbert (Ruth and Leon's brother-in-law was recently diagnosed with small cell cancer, stage IV. He has cancer in his lungs, bones, and liver).

Some Great News: If you haven't already heard, Kaitlyn Sadler is pregnant and expecting this spring (2016). Let's be praying for her, her little one, and Colby during this exciting time!

5th Sunday Night Sing: Today is the 5th Sunday of the month, so we will have a special worship service this evening. We will put more of an emphasis on singing praises to God, and admonishing one another through our singing (Ephesians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:16-17).

Upcoming Events: Please mark your calendars for our gospel meeting that will be held next month with Brad Sullivan (September 25th-27th).

Group Meeting: Group (1) meets tonight after worship.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 9/2/15

Song Leader: Ben Cunningham
 Opening Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
 Invitation: Larry Hicks
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Nick Ross
 Parking Lot: Colby Sadler

Sunday Evening: 9/6/15

Song Leader: Charles Rawdon
 Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot
 Lord's Table: Clay Sadler
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Butch Morgan
 Parking Lot: David Williams

Sunday Morning: 9/6/15

Lord's Table: Clay Sadler (B)
 Sherman Johnson (C)
 Serving: Bucky Day
 Trent Stevens
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom
 Opening Prayer: Paul Lloyd

Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Nick Ross
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn
 (9:50) Ed Lawson



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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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***“Why I am a Member of the
 Church of Christ”***

In the first place I am a member of the church of Christ because it has a scriptural builder, Jesus Christ. No church can be scriptural unless it has Jesus as its builder. The fact that a religious body exists is proof that it was founded by someone. Every effect must have an adequate cause. It is evident that there are a multiplicity of churches. The question becomes whether they are divine or human.

Christ founded the scriptural church.

Jesus said, *“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”* (Matthew 16:18) Thus, a church is only scriptural if it is founded by Christ. Men like John Calvin, John Wesley, Joseph Smith and Henry VIII will not do. Admission to the Lord's church is not automatic, but according to the inspired apostles.

Jesus said, *“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”* (Matthew 16:19, 18:18) No human being had scriptural authority to say this.

The church was not established by John the Baptist.

Many religions assume the church was established by John the Baptist. The fact that the church was established by Jesus Christ is irrefutable proof it was not established by John the Baptist or any other human being. John the Baptist was dead at the time Jesus promised to build His church. John the Baptist’s work was important. In fact, Jesus noted that among the prophets he was second to none (Matthew 11:11). Yet, John the Baptist did not build a church. In fact, he was never a member of the church (Matthew 11:11). The comparison is like this: In high school there is no one greater than Joe, but the least in college graduate school is greater than he. There-

fore, John the Baptist was not in the church or the kingdom!

Other plants will be rooted up.

Jesus said, *“Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted”* (Matthew 15:13). None of the modern denominations were in existence when Christ built His church. Most came into existence in range of 1500-1800. They were established in order to crystalize political and creedal positions. Churches under the control of political leaders, some religious and some not, established churches to showcase their government, obtain freedom of choice on divorce and remarriage and instigate doctrines totally foreign to the scriptures. God cannot be happy with that development.

The church was founded on a scriptural foundation.

A good foundation is important. No building can be stronger than the foundation upon which it rests. The scriptural church must have the scriptural foundation. Some

have attempted to pervert Jesus’ statement in Matthew 16:18 to imply that the church was built on Peter. Jesus said, *“And I also say to you that you are **Peter (petros)**, and on this **rock (petra)** I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”*. Note that a different word for Peter is used by the Lord than for rock. The word for Peter’s name means a pebble. Petra is a boulder. A pebble would hardly make a good foundation. The antecedent to petra is the confession Peter had just made that Jesus was the son of God.

These are only a few of the reasons I am a member of the church of Christ. Being founded at the scriptural place (Jerusalem) and the scriptural time is also very important. One would do well to investigate the church to which he belongs today and see if it meets the criteria of Christ’s church, the church of Christ.

- By Charles G. Goodall

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt.7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3; 24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)