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What is the church of Christ?

If you look around at the churches, you will notice a variety of names. Some point to their founder, such as the Lutheran church, other emphasize their structure, such as the Presbyterian church, and others emphasize a particular practice, such as the Baptist church.

What about us? Why do we call ourselves the "Church of Christ?" Why even examine this question? I believe it is important to know why we do what we do. (2 Peter 3:15). Let's examine some of the traditional reasons for the name that is on our signs in front of our buildings:

1. The church should have a name that gives honor to its founder.
2. The founder of the church is Christ (Matthew 16:18), and should thus bear His name.
3. Having different names for the church is divisive (I Corinthians 1:10-13).
4. Christ wanted unity for his followers (John 17:20-21).
5. The church is the Bride of Christ and should wear His name (2 Corinthians 11:2).
6. Whatever we do must be done in the name of Christ (Colossians 3:17).
7. There is no other name by which men are saved (Acts 4:11-12).
8. The name is found in the Bible (Romans 16:16).

I always concur with scripture. However, when it comes to church titles, I believe that these scriptures have been misused or misunderstood by well-meaning, sincere brethren. I can remember passing out tracts and other literature that put emphasis on the "Church of Christ" being the one true church and all others were false. I believe with all my heart from scripture that we are right. However, I do not believe that the scriptures mentioned above support the wearing of a title on the church as a test of "rightness" the way we have often done.

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For those who have been hit by Hurricane Ike

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

Ellen Lemon has completed 3 weeks of her radiation therapy. After the full five weeks and some rest she will have another round of 4 weeks of radiation.

Aaron Salyers will be having a surgery to restore his cranium on Monday, November 10 at St. Mary's in Huntington.

Shelby Cornell (7 yr old granddaughter of Sarah Gilliland's friend) suffering with a serious eye disease.

Steven Boggs (classmate of Rikki Richmond at Bloom-Vernon Schools) was seriously burned over his arms, face and chest area while setting a brush fire last weekend. He was taken to Cabell Huntington Hospital where he had surgery on Thursday.

Adrian Hayward was taken to SOMC last weekend with a kidney infection. She is home now doing better.

Becky Jarvis was admitted to SOMC on Monday with chest pain. Tests for her heart showed no heart attack. She was dismissed on Wednesday. Cause of the pain still undetermined.

Jerry Klaiber (friend of Brandi Gampp) was in a serious motorcycle accident a few weeks ago. He is home now but has a long recovery ahead.

Allie McCray will be having surgery Monday at SOMC to remove her adenoids and tonsils and to insert tubes in her ears.

Alex Cram is still facing possible eye surgery to preserve his eyesight.



**LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalms 96:6



11/21-22 - 24 Hours of Prayer

1/22 - Angel Food Distribution

11/30 - Thanksgiving Service

12/3-5—Angel Food Orders

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Acts 16:31



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/9 2 Corinthians 8-9
11/16 2 Corinthians 10-11
11/23 2 Corinthians 12-13
11/30 Galatians 1-2
12/7 Galatians 3-4
12/14 Galatians 5-6
12/21 Ephesians 1
12/28 Ephesians 2

Wednesday

11/12 Exodus 1-2
11/19 Exodus 3-4
11/26 Exodus 5-7
12/03 Exodus 8-10
12/10 Exodus 11-13
12/17 Exodus 14-15
12/24 Exodus 16-18
12/31 Exodus 19-20

Thanksgiving Service

The Sunday after Thanksgiving we have a special service each year where 4 or 5 of our men take the time to thank and praise the Lord for blessings they have received from Him in their lives. We look forward to this time all year long. Please make every effort to be here for that special service.

Children's Bible Time will be cancelled for that Sunday so that the children can see their dad's and grandfather's and uncles speaking up for the Lord.

Veteran's Day Presentation

At the end of services this morning we will take a few minutes after closing prayer to honor our men and women connected to Sunshine who have served or are currently serving our country in the military. The video/music presentation will take about 5 minutes. After the closing prayer, please be seated for the presentation and then stand for a dismissal prayer at the end of the presentation.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Jack Moore** of South Webster (brother to Edna Lambert) who passed away last Sunday, November 1.

24 Hours of Prayer

Starting on Friday, November 21, at 6 pm and continuing through Saturday, November 22, 6 pm, the Sunshine church will be engaged in a 24 hour session of prayer. We are asking all of you to commit to pray at least one hour in those 24 hours. This prayer time will be somewhat different than in the past. We want to concentrate on giving thanks to the Lord for all the blessings that he has showered down upon us. There will be a box in the foyer in which you are encouraged to deposit a sheet listing the blessings that you have received from Him. Keep a copy of that sheet for yourself so that you can thank the Lord for those things specifically. The box overflowing with those sheets will be a visual reminder of how good the Lord has been to us. Sign up sheets for specific time slots will be up no later than next Sunday and hopefully before then. See Jamie Riley or Aaron McCray for details.

Cancer Support Group Meeting

There is a cancer support group meeting at the Minford Middle School, Thursday, November 20, 6:30 pm. If you or a loved one is battling cancer, or if you have fought cancer in the past, this meeting is for you.

Angel Food Deadline

There is still time to get in on the November order for Angel Food. See Jason Coriell in the office today. If not, call 820-2827 or talk to Kim McCray.

Angel Food Request

Through Angel Food we have made a friendship with a local Christian couple (late 40's/early 50's) to make ends meet. The husband is on disability. The woman is looking for house cleaning type work. If you would care to give this woman a chance to work some for you, see Judi Allison. Judi's comment: "I would trust her to work in my home."

Spirit Club Meeting

Tonight at 6 pm.

You Had to Be There

I'm going to say that the Ladies Retreat this weekend was a marvelous time of fellowship and fun for the ladies. But in order to fully appreciate what happened this weekend at Fort Hill Camp, **you had to be there**. Nearly 60 of our women attended the retreat. They had a great time in the Lord singing praise to him, praying together, ministering to each other, enjoying the elegant cuisine that the culinary staff (Sunshine men) at the camp provided, creating beautiful baskets, flower arrangements, water-color art and elegant cakes. They also spent a few hours choking on smoke (someone didn't open up the flue before building the fire in the fireplace) and tooling around the camp at midnight in Steve's pick up truck while he was sound asleep. There was also this outrageous game called Two Truths and A Lie. Unfortunately we found out that a few of our women are so good at lying that it was practically impossible to tell the two truths from the lie. Many thanks to Rhonda Berry and Serena Miller for putting this wonderful weekend together for the ladies. Tentative plans are to make a few revisions and do it again soon. Next time, ladies, you really want to be there.

What is the church of Christ?

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The "churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16) is one of the many names given to the church. It is also called among other things, the "church of the Lord" (Acts 20:28), the "church of God" (1 Corinthians 1:2), the "household of God" (Ephesians 2:19), the "household of Faith" (Galatians 6:10), and the "kingdom" (Acts 28:23,31).

One of the brochures we used to hand out dealt with how to identify the "one true church". After listing of the names in scripture for the church, it asked "is your church mentioned in the Bible?" This implies that if the name on the building does not match any name in the Bible, that it is not the true church.

What about the brethren in foreign countries who cannot legally use the name "church of Christ" because it is used by some denominational group? Are they not legitimate because they call themselves simply, "Christ's Church"? There are many churches in this country that are now beginning to use this same designation, "Christ's church." There are some that call themselves the "Assembly of Christ." Are these not legitimate also?

Looking at all of the names of the church in the Bible, I believe many have misunderstood. These were never intended to be *titles*. Instead, they are *descriptions* of the church. The authors of the New Testament never used them as titles. True, there is no other name by which men are saved (Acts 4:11), but this passage is not talking about the name or title to put over the door.

G.C. Brewer, in the 1952 Harding College Lectures, said this when he was asked what names should be used to designate the church:

"The church is nowhere named in the Bible in the sense in which we speak of church names. Why should it be? No limiting or distinguishing adjective is ever used to modify this noun in God's word. There are adjectives that describe the qualities or attributes of the church, but there is never any term attached to that noun that would designate a church among many churches..."

Notice the title of this article. The word "church" has a lower-case "c". The way we often use the word communicates a "denominational" attitude. We speak of the "C"hurch of Christ, and "C"hurch of Christ schools, preachers, etc. in a divisive way without even being aware of it. Many have even claimed that only members of the "C"hurch of Christ are saved, being the one true church. However, there are brethren outside the *sociological* designation of the "C"hurch of Christ who are every bit as much our brethren, such as "Christ's church" in some foreign countries, and in our own country.

We have taken a Biblical description of the church -- (church --belonging to-- Christ) and have given a denominational sound to it - "C"hurch of Christ, instead of "c"hurches of Christ. Ironically, in an effort to rid the church of divisive titles, we have given ourselves one. We are right, not because of a title, but because of our faithful obedience to the word (Matthew 7:21; John 12:48). Instead of focusing on a "right title", we should strive to live up to the descriptions of the churches of Christ in scripture.

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Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
S Wine
S Bread
U Server 3
P Server 2
P Server 1
E
R
Message
Closing Prayer

November 9

Tom Kelley
Ralph Gampp
Steve Williams
David Gampp
Eric Copas
Spike Ferrell
Zach Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Jamie Riley
Barry Hayward
Price Gammon
Lane Raiser
Steve Miller
Mark Risner

November 16

Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Rich Book
Jeff Hayward
Eric McLaughlin
Ed McLaughlin
Gary Glispie
Jason Coriell
John Berry
Mark Gampp
Ryan Coriell
Barry Gampp
Steve Miller
Troy Gahm

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class
Shawn Gragg
Bob Havens
Don Ramey
Ira Coriell
Jason Coriell
2 Corinthians 8-9

Caleb Miller
Aaron McCray
Josh Coriell
Matthew Hoskins
Aaron McCray
2 Corinthians 10-11

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text
Jacob Miller
Aaron Kallner
Exodus 1-2

Gabe Coriell
Greg Coriell
Exodus 3-4

Children's Bible Time

Nov 3/5: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan
Nov 6/8: Mary Lemon, Kristine Coriell, Teresa Hayward
Dec 3/5: Jennette Ferrell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp
Dec 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

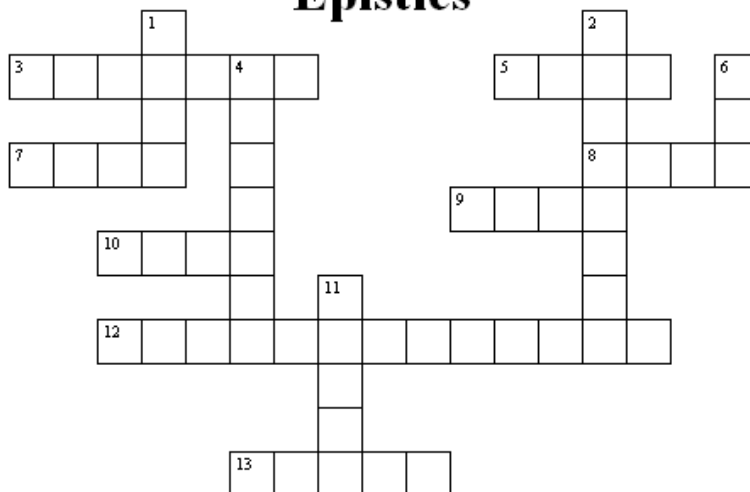
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Epistles



ACROSS

- 3 Three generations of believers in this man's family.
- 5 Author of the shortest book in the Bible.
- 7 Faith without works.
- 8 I am nothing without this.
- 9 The beloved physician.
- 10 This epistle cites Enoch.
- 12 Every chapter speaks of Christ's return.
- 13 The head of the church.

DOWN

- 1 This is the Christian's sword.
- 2 Owner of Onesimus.
- 4 Epistle written to the dispersed Jews.
- 6 How many gospels there are.
- 11 He warns us about the tongue.

Give up? The solution is posted on bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

Crossword Solution
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