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Church of Christ**

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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. John (Revelation 1:9)
2. 430 years (Exodus 12:40)
3. Jeremiah (43:5-7)
4. Hagar and Ishmael (Gen. 21:14)
5. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus (Matt. 2:13-15)
6. Midian (Exodus 2:15).

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Eddie Bowen
Announcements: Gary Tuttle
Encouragement Talk: Tyler Blazek
Opening Prayer: Brad Smith
Scripture Reading: Jacob Adams
Philippians 1:21-30
Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco
Contribution: Ryan Haarmann
Helper: Kevin Buckner
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

Mar 19 5PM Singing/Member Preaches
Mar 26 Nothing
Apr 2 3-5PM Song Leader Training (sign up for a spot)
Apr 9 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Speaker: Harper Flores



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Putting The “I” In Salvation

On August 4, 1999, in Timmins, Ontario, a 10-year-old Canadian name Rick Lepine responded to the Lord’s invitation after we sang “Are You Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb”. He took my arm and said through teary eyes and quivering lips, “I want to become a Christian”. He came to the conclusion that he was a sinner and was ready to follow the Divine terms of pardon that would enable him to be right with God. He knew that Jesus Christ was Lord and Savior, but he wanted to make Him *his* Lord and *his* Savior.

Salvation is a personal responsibility, not some corporate enterprise. While we may collectively partake in certain activities as a congregation of saved people, the ultimate dwelling place of our souls will be determined by how we and individually met the requirements given in the word of God. Paul said to “work out *your own* salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12). It is not good enough to say that your spouse has it or that you parents have the church or the church where you attend has it; your relationship with God must involve private participation. “For we must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

If we’re going to put the “I” in salvation, we’ve got to ask this question - what must I do be *stay* saved?

I must let my light shine. Jesus said, “let your light shone before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). Can you think of a better ay to let the world know what you’re all about than for them to see Christ living in you? The problem is that too many Christians are trying to huddle under one lamp, borrowing from someone else’s power supply, instead of getting their own lights up in their own neighborhood. Let *your* light shine. Illuminate your sphere of influence with the gospel message that Jesus saves, and in so doing, you’ll not only win souls, you’ll bring honor to God.

I must make the most of my time. “Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15–16). We’ve lost much time already, pursuing selfish pleasures at the expense of our opportunities in the kingdom. We can’t have back what we’ve squandered, but we can surely but up (redeem) what’s left. And the way that you can make the most of your time is by doing the best *you* can with what *you* have. If the Lord has entrusted you with two talents, don’t envy the five=talent man, just go to work with what He has given you. And if He has supplied you with five talents, realize that He means you have responsibilities, not more arrogance. As was true in Jesus’ parable in Matthew 25, the only servant who will disappoint his Master and be cast out of His presence is the one who does nothing. You will give your own account as to how you have spent your time, abilities, and opportunities. Do what *you* can with them.

I must remember that I’m not there yet. “Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but...I press on toward the goal for the price of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13–14). I am striving like Paul was, to be united with Christ in the likeness of His resurrection from the dead, but I am aware that I have not yet attained it. Salvation is initiated at baptism, and it is not completed until our soul sheds its earthly dwelling and is clothed with a new body that is suited for eternity (2 Cor. 5:1–4). What profit is there in receiving the down payment of your inheritance if you’re just going to walk away before being paid in full? *You* be sober in all things, *you* endure hardships, *you* fulfill your ministry.

Heaven is a place that shines with the glory of God for those who have been the light of the world. It is a place of rest for those who have labored with their hand-crafted-tools. It is a place that endures for those who have remained faithful until death. The Lord has done His part and authored a plan of redemption. Let each one do his share to work out his own salvation and transform his hope into reality.

By Bubba Garner

Know Your Bible

Exiles

1. What apostle was exiled to the island of Patmos?
2. How many years were the Israelites in Egypt?
3. What prophet was exiled in Egypt with other people from Judah?
4. Who did Abraham banish to the desert?
5. Who stayed in Egypt till Herod died?
6. What land did Moses flee to when he left Egypt?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Built On The Rock

by Charles Willis

The
Lord's
Church

Many today are staring “their own” church. It is built up around one individual who is the preacher. As a preacher some in the world tell me the New Caney Church of Christ is my church. I have opportunity to teach. Because of the great number of churches in our society and the world, all teaching different things, many people do not know the simple truth of Scripture.

The church has one builder. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, “*you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.*” The church has been built by Jesus “upon this rock.” From this passage the Catholic church asserts Jesus built His church on Peter. They claim Peter was the first pope. 1). The word pope is not found in Scripture, nor the authority for a pope. 2). They abuse the text to get this understanding. Jesus uses a contrasting argument playing off Peter’s name (*Petros*, meaning pebble, stone) and the use of the word “rock” (*Petra*, meaning a solid ledge of rock). The church is founded on the truth which Peter confessed in Matthew 16:16 “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” Jesus is comparing Himself to a rock. This is how He is described in prophecy many times (Ps. 31:3; 71:3; 89:26ff; Daniel 2:44–45). Jesus is the rock upon which He built His church. No man can do what Jesus has done. No man can start a church that does what Jesus’ church does. No man can please God without being a part of the one Church.

In Scripture there is only one church. “*I will build my church*” (Matt. 16:18) is singular. What we see in the world today with many different churches all claiming to be Christian is contrary to what Jesus said. The church began on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 when 3,000 people were baptized. It was then “the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47). “Their number” is “church” in many translation, and in many other places in Scripture. This is the first instance in Scripture that speaks of the church as being in existence. Again, verse 47 is about a singular entity, one group to which the Lord added people. Ephesians 4:4 says there is “one body” which (in the context from Ephesians 1:22–23) must be seen as a reference to the church. There were to be no divisions in the church (1 Corinthians 1:10) and there are no divisions in the church today. Most will dispute, deny, and twist this truth to allow the multitude of churches seen today. Scripture is the truth of God. There is only one church.

Jesus is the foundation of the church. He is the only man who could start a church. “*For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ*” (1 Cor. 3:11). In a similar image Eph. 2:20 says we have been “*built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.*” Peter (who was not the first pope) taught that Jesus is the chief cornerstone on which the church is built fulfilling several prophecies (1 Peter 2:3-8; Acts 4:10-12).

Conclusion: I must be a part of the one church which Jesus built in order to be saved. This is the body which God adds us to when we obey the gospel. Are you a part of Jesus’ church?