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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. A widow and her son (1 Kings 17)
2. The Jordan (2 Kings 2:8)
3. Three and a half years (1 Kings 17)
4. 100 (2 Kings 4:42-44)
5. The armies of the kings of Judah, Israel, and Edom (2 Kings 3)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Eddie Bowen
Announcements: Josh Emerson
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco
Opening Prayer: Billy Lovell
Scripture Reading: Tyler Blazek
2 Thessalonians 2:1-10
Song Leader: Brad Smith
Table Talk: Ryan Haarmann
Contribution: Todd McAdams
Helper: Joel Jordan
Fruit of Vine: John Franks
Helper:
Helper: Harper Flores
Closing Prayer: Pete Galvan

Sunday Afternoons

Dec 24 Nothing
Dec 31 Nothing
Jan 7 Nothing

Jan 14 3PM Devotionals

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Speaker: Charles Willis



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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Mid-Week Bible Study

One of my best memories as a kid is that of loading up the station wagon and heading to Bible study on Wednesday night. No matter the weather, or schoolwork (we had to do it immediately after school on Wednesdays), or ball, we were there. Do you know how embarrassing it was to be pulled out of practice or a game (the worst!) and have to leave the field with your parents (of all people!) to “go to church” while the others stayed and played? Funny how I still remember that. Not only did I survive, but also in the process I learned a very important lesson: the principle of sacrificing for something important.

Can I show you a verse that says, “Thou shalt attend Bible study every Wednesday night”? No. But I can show you verses where brethren gathered at times in addition to Sunday (Acts 2:46; 12:12). And verses about elders and their duty to shepherd/teach/feed their flock (Acts 20:28; Titus 1:9ff; 1 Pet. 5:2). And verses reminding us to submit to their leadership in matters of judgment (Heb. 13:17).

Given that and my need for personal growth and encouragement—mid-week Bible study has always meant one thing: I’m there! If I don’t get to eat supper until later — I’m there. If I’m weary and worn out by an all-day, workday — I’m there! If I’m tempted to substitute another extra-curricular activity — sorry, I have a prior commitment.

I understand work and sickness and health-age related issues like driving at night. I also understand unforeseen situations. We all do. That isn’t the point. The point is: the elders where I worship have asked me to do my best to be present on a Wednesday night for Bible study and — I’m there.

I remember something else about those long-ago mid-week nights. I remember that the elders made it a point to use some of us younger Christians to lead in worship. I read Scripture, or led a prayer. Later when I was older, I offered the invitation. I remember how nervous I was. I remember practicing my talk and timing it to be four minutes. I remember when I actually did it—it was about ninety seconds! I also remember how much it meant to me when older Christians made it a point to speak words of encouragement.

I remember going home in the car and being asked by my parents about my Bible class.

They expected a little more than the standard “it was good.” I also remember one time when they received a report of misbehavior on my part. My parents asked for a meeting with the teacher. Let’s just say there was no more problem. By the way, parents sided with teachers back then. Smart move.

I remember how the teenagers used to sit together as a group up front after class on Wednesday nights. Everyone was welcome and no one was excluded. Sometimes one of us would come forward to be baptized or admit wrong. The rest of us couldn’t wait to get to them after services. The girls would all cry and hug and the guys would all punch each other on the shoulder and say something like, “What you did was cool!” — or something like that.

We had a great group of young people and we hung out and did things together. And one of the reasons so many of us grew up to be faithful goes back to parents and their insistence that we were there.

Wednesday nights were special when I was growing up. They still are. If your congregation holds mid-week services, I hope they are just as special to you and your family, too. By Wilson Adams

I Can’t Find It

It is not in Scripture. Not anywhere. Search for it yourself and see if I speak the truth. Not one time, not anywhere in all of God’s Holy Word can we find anything about celebrating the birth of Christ as a memorial. His birth was very important and the angels rejoiced, but we see no command, example of necessary inference that we must celebrate His birth. Scripture must be our authority.

We observe every Sunday what we find in Scripture. 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 *“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”* Acts 20:7 *“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread.”* For these reasons we observe the Lord’s Supper as a memorial every Sunday.

By Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Miracles of Elijah and Elisha

1. For whom did Elijah supply meal and oil through miracles?
2. What river did Elijah part by striking it with his mantle?
3. How long was rain withheld after Elijah’s prayer?
4. How many men did Elisha feed with 20 loaves of barley and some ears of corn?
5. For whom did Elisha miraculously supply water?

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.



A Kingdom That Shall Never Be Destroyed by Jacob Hudgins

History is remarkably repetitive. Like a broken record, the same story unfolds itself century after century: A nation rises to prominence, wealth, and power. It has a golden age in which it becomes convinced it is the last great power. Gradually, internal weakness and external force bring the nation crumbling down.

It is in the context of great nations, kingdoms and empires that Daniel prophesies: *“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever”* (Dan 2:44). Babylon, great as it was, would fall. Persia, with its pomp and grandeur, would soon weaken. Greece, the flash in the pan empire, was incredible for a moment, then faded. Rome had sustained, near-universal success—but eventually crumbled. Yet God’s kingdom will never—never!—have a fall!

Jesus came to establish a kingdom, and attached to that kingdom are incredible promises. *“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”* (Matt 16:18). Death will rear its ugly head at its citizens, but this kingdom will not be overcome. They will belong to Jesus even through death.

Other kingdoms might be upset, troubled, and toppled, but Jesus’ never will. *“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear”* (Heb 12:28). Since this kingdom will never be shaken, we need grace to enable us to serve as grateful, submissive, respectful citizens.

The impact of this teaching is that the conditions that cause such turmoil in our lives are incapable of affecting the most important fact about us. Other people, with the mistakes they make and pain they induce, cannot keep us from being kingdom citizens. Sickness, joblessness, grief, poverty, and injustice cannot shake the kingdom of God. *“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Rom 8:38-39).

Take a moment to praise your all-powerful King!