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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. Into a herd of pigs (Matt. 8:28ff)
2. The healing of the man with the withered hand (Matt. 12:10ff)
3. A ghost (Mark 6:45ff)
4. He touched their eyes (Matt. 20:30ff)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Corwin Richardson
Announcements: John Franks
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: Ryan Haarmann
Scripture Reading: Brad Smith
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
Song Leader: Billy Lovell
Table Talk: Robert McCorkle
Contribution: Jacob McAdams
Helper: Joel Jordan
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Helper: Ronnie Ramsey
Closing Prayer: John Van Baale

Sunday Afternoons

Jan 14 3PM Devotionals
Jan 21 Nothing
Jan 28 3PM Men's Meeting
Classroom Quarter Change
Feb 4 Gospel Meeting 3PM Worship

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Harper Flores
Speaker: Brad Smith



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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Two Are Better Than One

The Word of the Lord recognizes how much we need each other. The church was purposed in the mind of God before time because the All-wise saw the need for it in human relationships. Loneliness can be a terrible and destructive thing. Other human contact, especially if it is with like-minded people with a desire to do the right thing, can be entirely wholesome and good. This is what the church as an organization and agency in human society is mostly about. As the Scripture says: *“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up”* (Eccl. 4:9,10).

So, two are better than one because when one falls, the other can help him to stand again. We must remember this, when we consider why the church must be a part of our lives, and why we must not let this precious cooperative relationship slip from us by abandonment.

Two are better than one because one may help to bear the burden of another. How many times have you heard someone say: “This is almost more than I can bear.” Often we can sympathize that what they must bear is nearly more than one person can deal with alone. But the wonderful thing is that we never ought to have to bear our burdens alone. Of course, we know the Lord helps us at such times. But it is a great boon to our souls to know that we have brothers and sisters in Christ who share our grief and pain, and help to love us through those trying times. As Paul wrote: *“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ”* (Gal. 6:2). Observing the law of Christ involves sharing the burdens so heavy upon our fellow Christians.

Two are better than one because the prayers of one may benefit another. Those who pray for us are our “helpers.” They may be confined to a bed or wheelchair, but if they are supportive of the work we are doing through their prayers, then they are friends of the first order. Paul spoke of the prayers which the Corinthians uttered on his and his fellow laborer's behalf, with fond appreciation and deep love: *“Ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf”* (2 Cor. 1:11).

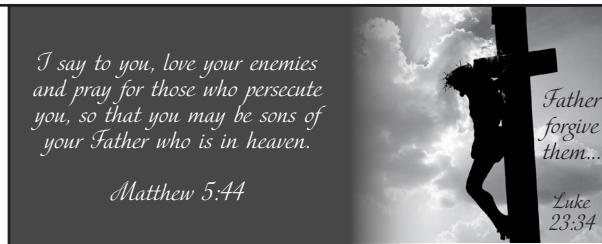
Two are better than one because the great work of the gospel is too much for any single

individual to accomplish. Paul spoke of the work that he and Apollos did together, even though they were at Corinth at different times and under wholly different circumstances. Still he viewed himself and Apollos as working together toward a common goal. Paul had converted the majority of those whom Apollos later instructed: *“I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase”* (1 Cor. 3:6). *“And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common”* (Acts 4:32).

Two are better than one because there is moral and spiritual strength in numbers. The presence and encouragement of our brothers and sisters in Christ is a source of spiritual strength to those of us who attend the worship activities with regularity. One who is a member of the body of Christ feels that he is a part of something wonderful and good. There is a feeling of belonging to something important. And there is a feeling of being associated with someone (Christ) who is worthy of all of our praise and admiration. Being a member of the church is a thing to be thankful for, grateful for, and ever overflowing with thanksgiving because of. As Paul stated: *“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ”* (1 Cor. 12:13).

Two are better than one because when we work together with one another in the church, we are working together with God. At times we tend to view the church as a wholly human relationship, a segment of the overall community or society that we live in. But it is not so. The church is His fold, His holy temple, His royal priesthood of believers, His blood bought body. It was His intent that through this means men and women might enter into covenant relationship with the Father and serve as spiritual stewards in common cause with the Lord Himself: *“And working together with Him we entreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain”* (2 Cor. 6:1).

By Daniel H. King



Know Your Bible

Miracles Of Jesus

1. Where did Jesus send the demons he drove out of the Gadarene demoniacs?
2. According to Matthew's Gospel, what Sabbath healing caused the Pharisees to plot to kill Jesus?
3. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, what did they think He was?
4. How did Jesus heal the two blind men who asked for his help?

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.



Be Not Deceived

by Donald Willis

“And Jesus...said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matt. 24:4–5).

Men are deceived by smooth and fair speech. The false teacher *“...serve(s) not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple”* (Rom. 16:18). Many eloquent of speech fill the airways of both radio and television, but they speak spiritual lies to deceive as they serve their own covetous ends.

Be not deceived!

Men are deceived by winds of doctrine and cunning craftiness. Christians are not to be *“...tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive”* (Eph. 4:14). A little truth and the cunning of the wolf in sheep's clothing deceive many simple minded individuals. **Be not deceived!**

Men are deceived by empty words. *“Let no man deceive you with empty words”* (Eph. 5:6). There is water in an empty bucket; there is no truth in empty word. Words often tickle the ear in a very pleasant manner, but without the source of truth, these words are empty words...and will deceive the hearer leading to eternal damnation. **Be not deceived!**

Men are deceived by Satan's disguise. The artist can use the pen or brush and create an illusion that appears real. The artisan can create a silk flower with all of the appearance of the genuine, but cannot imitate the feel nor smell. Satan puts on the guise as a servant of Christ. No one would listen to the false teacher if he openly declared himself as a False Teacher. Jesus said they are a wolf in sheep's clothing (Matt. 7:15). **Be not deceived!**

GOSPEL MEETING with GEORGE SLOVER February 4–9

Make your plans to be present all week!

Take some cards, plan on who you will give them to.

Invite people to join you and encourage them to study.

Point to our website where they can listen to sermons.

Handouts are in the foyer!

LESSONS FROM JOHN February 4–9, 2024 Guest Speaker: George Slover



Sunday	9:30 AM	Jesus, The Eternal Word (John 1)
Sunday	10:30 AM	Jesus, When Good News Becomes Bad News (John 21)
Sunday	3:00 PM	Jesus, The Model For Evangelism (John 4)
Monday	7:00 PM	Jesus, And The Bread Of Life (John 6)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Jesus And The Witnesses (John 5)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	The Hated Jesus (John 16)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Jesus, The Model Of Love (John 13)
Friday	7:00 PM	Jesus, The Resurrection And The Life (John 11)

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