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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 the Baptist (Matt. 3:14)
- 2. Samuel (1 Sam. 3:10)
- 3. Miriam and Aaron (Numb. 12:2)
- 4. Paul (Acts 17:22)
- 5. Pharaoh (Ex. 5:2)

**This Week's Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: Kevin Buckner  
Announcements: Harper Flores  
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen  
Opening Prayer: Brad Smith  
Scripture Reading: Tyler Blazek  
1 Timothy 4:6-11  
Song Leader: Billy Lovell  
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco  
Contribution: Josh Emerson  
Helper: Corwin Richardson  
Fruit of Vine: Ryan Haarmann  
Helper: Verlin Wilson  
Helper: Sandon Spyker  
Closing Prayer: Scott McDearman

**Sunday Afternoons**

Mar 3 3PM Devotionals  
Mar 10 3PM Men's Meeting with Elders  
Mar 17 3PM Yard/Building Workday  
Mar 24 Nothing

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson  
Speaker: John Franks



# 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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## Get Your Bearings

I'm not much of an outdoors man, but I understand the principle of finding your way in a wilderness area. With knowledge a person can know a lot by simply looking at the position of the sun, by examining land marks on the horizon, by moving from one point to another in as much of a straight line as possible, even from types of animals and plants that are present. Even better if a person is lost in a wilderness with the knowledge and tools to use a compass. But none of these things do any good unless we stop to get our bearings.

We need to regularly stop and take spiritual bearings. We have a good compass in that the word of God is always pointing toward heaven and righteousness. By examining the word of God we can know if we are headed in the right direction. *“All scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work”* (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Failure to examine God's word will result in our straying from the path of righteousness. Therefore we are told to *“test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves”* (2 Cor. 13:5).

The regularity of our taking spiritual bearings should be often. We understand the principle in the physical realm – that the more frequently we take bearings the more accurately we will be traveling in the right direction. Even more so in regard to spiritual matters! We need to regularly read from God's word, habitually. We are to *“study to show ourselves approved unto God as a workman that needeth not be ashamed”* (2 Tim. 2:15). *“Oh how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day”* (Psalm 119:97). When we are lost and trying to find our way out of a wilderness, we are constantly thinking of our bearings – it is the most important thing at that point in our life. So it should be spiritually that God's word is constantly on our mind and we are constantly comparing our life to determine if He considers us righteous.

*“Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (Psalm 119:105). Figuratively, it is our compass and map. We would not think much of someone who was lost who adopted the attitude of: I know the right way and I don’t need any compass or map to tell me. The same is true of God’s way. *“A man’s way is not in himself; nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps”* (Jer. 10:23). We cannot determine the right way because men will disagree. This is why we see so much religious dissention and argumentation. Men are not taking their bearings from the word of God but are instead relying on their own understanding. We must trust in God, look to His word and conform our lives to His will.

By constantly taking spiritual bearings we will be led out of the wilderness that is sin. We will leave this life victorious (1 Cor. 15) to a home in heaven reserved for the faithful (1 Pet. 1:4). Do you know where you are headed?

By Charles Willis

### Do You Realize?

The Bible nowhere says, *“accept Jesus as your personal savior?”*

That not one denomination is to be found in the New Testament?

That *“the Rapture”* is not once mentioned in all of the Bible?

That no one was ever told to *“ask Jesus into your heart”* in answer to the question, “what must I do to be saved”?

That every verse in the New Testament where baptism and salvation appear together, it always lists baptism salvation? (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:4; 1 Peter 3:21)

That even a child of God can sin and be eternally lost? (Luke 15:11-24; Acts 8:13-23; Galatians 5:4; 2 Peter 2:20-22; Revelation 3:16)

That instrumental music cannot be found in New Testament worship and was not introduced into the worship of the church until centuries later? That vocal music is taught? (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)

That *“faith only”* is mentioned just once in scripture and that in a condemnatory fashion? (James 2:24)

Taken from “Bulletin Digest”

### Know Your Bible

#### Who Said It?

1. I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?
2. Speak, for Your servant is listening
3. Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?
4. Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects.
5. Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?

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.



## The Church

### Governed by Christ’s Word

Ephesians 1:20–23

God *“raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

2 John 9

*“Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.”*

### Church of Christ

Romans 16:16

#### Bride of Christ

Eph. 5:23–31  
Rom. 7:4

#### Body of Christ

Eph. 1:22–23  
Col. 1:24; Eph. 4:4

#### Church of God

Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:2  
2 Cor. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:5

#### Church

Matt. 16:18  
Eph. 3:21

#### House of God

1 Tim. 3:15

#### The Kingdom

Heb. 12:28  
Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:13

#### Christ - Head

Col. 1:18  
Eph. 1:22–23

#### Christ - Builder

Matt. 16:18

#### Christ - Foundation

Matt. 16:16–18  
1 Cor. 3:11

#### Christ - Purchased

Acts 20:28

#### Christ - Savior

Eph. 5:23

## Keep It Between The Lines



The road to heaven is a narrow road (Matt. 7:14) and our goal is to stay on the road. We must navigate the difficulties of life without straying into the ditch (Matt. 15:14). If we wish to gain heaven, we must follow God by staying within the boundaries of His instruction. This requires constant attention to the Book and the road. This simple statement helps us remember these fundamental truths: Keep it between the lines. (CLW)