

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—upcoming tests
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—home, but still has health problems, kidney problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ Caleb Simpler—traveling

Others in Need

- ◆ Mrs. Brown, Johnny's friend—fell
- ◆ Chico's father is in bad health
- ◆ Danny Davis—back surgery set for 3/26 at UAB
- ◆ Hailey Haas—health problems
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—critical condition
- ◆ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ◆ Kyla, Denise's daughter—pregnancy complications
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Allie O'Rourke—head injury recov.
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—cancer, chemo
- ◆ Larry Shapple—hospice care

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- ◆ Yoel Urra—improving
- ◆ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing intense persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.
- ◆ Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

Events

March 28
4th Wednesday Singing

May 5-9
Our Gospel Meeting with Jared Knoll

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

To Our Visitors



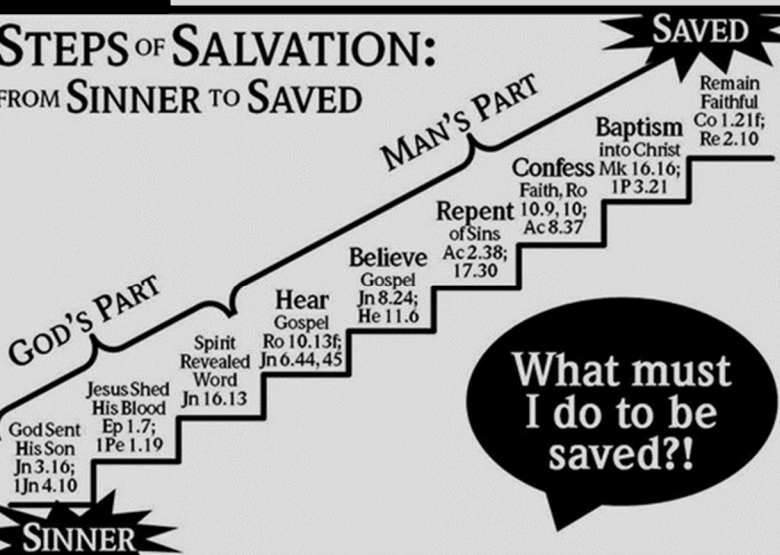
We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Ethan Howze, Ezra Howze, Mark Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Josh Lawson
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).

What must I do to be saved?!

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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The Church of Christ

Bill Boyd

On a sign in front of our meetinghouse we have the words, "Church of Christ." We call ourselves a church of Christ because we identify with the "churches of Christ" in the New Testament. In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul wrote, "The churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16).

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." That is the common English translation. Matthew wrote in Greek, and though it may sound a bit awkward to our ears, a more exacting translation is, "Upon this rock I will build of me the church," or a little closer to how we would say it, "...I will build the church of me." That makes the church Jesus built "the church of Christ."

In the New Testament, this church is sometimes called "the church of God" (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Corinthians 10:32; 1 Corinthians 11:22, 1 Corinthians 15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5). The first time the church is called, "the church of God," is when Paul was talking to elders of the church from Ephesus. Paul said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the

flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). It was not God the Father who purchased the church with "his own blood," neither was it God the Holy Spirit; it was God the Son. That makes the "church of God" in Acts 20:28 the "church of Christ."

In the New Testament the words, "churches of Christ," (Romans 16:16) are not used as a denominational name for part of God's church, neither are these words used as a formal name to distinguish this church as a denomination among denominations. We are not reading about a denomination when we read the New Testament; we are simply reading about the church that Jesus built. However today, when people see "The Church of Christ," they often see these words as another name of another denomination. That is unfortunate.

The "churches of Christ" in the New Testament were not a denomination. When you see these words today, they are not usually identifying a denomination either. Most of the time, the words "Church of Christ" on a sign at a meetinghouse refers to the Christians who assemble in the meetinghouse for worship and fellowship. They assemble as an independent congregation that has no denominational affiliation. That is what "churches of Christ" were in the New Testament, and that is what "churches of Christ" are today.

Those who hear me preach know that I sometimes remind those listening of the commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7). (The gist of this commandment, in principle, is readily inferred from teachings in the New Testament; consider Matthew 6:9, Matthew 12:36, Matthew 15:8-9, Matthew 23:9, Luke 11:2, 1 Timothy 6:1). I point toward the sign in the front of our meetinghouse and say, "If we say we are the church of Christ on the sign outside, then we need to make sure that is who we are when we assemble on the inside."

The words, "Church of Christ," are appealing because they honor Christ, but greater than the honor we give to Christ by putting these words on a sign is the honor we give Christ when we honor his authority in the way we live and worship. Paul said in Colossians 3:17, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

What we do in the "name" of Christ, we do by the authority of Christ. That which does not have the authority and approval of Christ cannot be done in the "name" of Christ. The apostles and prophets of the New Testament were given the Holy Spirit so that they could teach us all things Christ commanded (see Matthew 28:20). These teachings are written and documented in the New Testament. By giving all diligence to do all things by the authority of the New Testament, we do all things in the name of Christ, and that is why we have "Church of Christ" on our sign.

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:11).

"God...hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all...There is one body...Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph 1:17, 22-23; 4:4; 5:23, 25-27).