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From Where I Sit . . .

"What Kind of Christian Are You?"

The non-denominational aspect of the church raises a lot of questions in the minds of our religious friends. They think it strange to hear someone from the churches of Christ declare that we are not a denomination. Unfortunately, we are all victims of what religious history has brought upon us. Today our minds have difficulty thinking in any terms other than that of denominational doctrines and disciplines. Human experience makes us feel compelled to identify with one denomination or the other, based quite often on private interpretations, and sometimes based on the social side of religion.

I like to use an "island" approach in discussing the church in the Bible. If a person was stranded on a deserted island, and there found a Bible and began reading — if this person by some stretch of the imagination had never learned of Christ, the church (any church) or any other religious concepts, and had absolutely no preconceived notions or prejudices about any religion — and if he began reading intently and studying his Bible — if in the course of reading of the compassion of Christ and the offer of salvation — if in fact he could connect with just how sinful his sins had been and felt the need for salvation — if he were to search the Bible and do everything taught there in its right context — the Lord would certainly save him.

The question then comes to mind, "What kind of Christian would he be?" There is, of course, only one answer and that is he would be whatever kind of Christian they were back at the beginning of the church in **Acts Chapter Two**. He would be just a Christian and be just a member of the body of Christ. If he was then rescued and came back to our country, he would suddenly be faced with the mass confusion of "having to choose" a church. That's what concerns me. I just want to be a Christian. I don't want to have to choose one kind of religion over another. I want to be added by the Lord to His church and know that it is the same fellowship that the Apostles were a part of (**Acts 2:38-47**). That's what I'm searching for.

Our present divided state of religion is something the Lord didn't authorize, but in fact prayed that it not be so in John 17: 20-21, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Jesus told the disciples that He would build (establish) His church (Matt. 16:16-18) and that the Apostles would bind on earth things that were being bound in heaven. They were then commissioned a few chapters later (Matt. 28:18-20) to go into all the world and preach, baptize and teach the people to observe all things "whatsoever I have commanded you."

In **John 8:32** Jesus proclaimed that we can know the truth, therefore I believe truth is attainable. Private interpretations may get in the way of His truth so I have to be willing to lay mine aside and search the Scriptures (**Acts 17:11**) whether things are so or not. We have to believe He has authored an intelligible book that can be understood by everyone the way He authored it. Jesus said we <u>can</u> "know the truth." Otherwise, God would be the author of confusion and division. If we all accept the Bible as the final authority in all religious matters, and if we all agree to compare everything the Lord has to say on the matter, we should all be able to arrive at the Lord's answer to every relevant question. My answers may be wrong, and therefore I have to keep searching to find the Lord's answers. So must we all. We must strive to eliminate "Private Interpretations." The Bible is its own best interpreter.

.... Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Carol Bell will undergo an angioplasty procedure on Nov. 8 to correct a collapsed stent. Her doctor has advised her to stay home until the procedure date to avoid getting sick. Please pray for a

successful surgery and full recovery.

Bob Rice is undergoing tests to see if he is a candidate for heart valve replacement. Please remember him in your prayers.

Doyle Lemaster is home now and feeling better.

Polly Franklin has been moved to Cloverdale Nursing Home (Rm. 402 A). Please remember her with prayers & cards

Waylon & Sharon Wright, friends of Linda & Harold Reynolds & former members here, have lost their only daughter to a sudden heart attack. Waylon is also suffering from side effects from Covid. Please pray for this family. Their address is 221 Hillsboro Circle, Florence, AL 35630.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Tammy McGuire LaRue Anderson Jaxie Hargrave

Wendy Baird

Bob Rice

DUD KICC

Renate Bridges

Sam Wright

Harold Reynolds

Judy Roberts

Darlene Jacobs

Nellie Spring

Debra Kime Signature Healthcare, 201 East 10 Street, South Pittsburg, TN 37380.

Mary Hodge, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson.

Kenny Jimenez, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley.

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Winston Busby, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978.

Roger Boyd, friend of Ernie & Paula Foster, 119 Newport, Scottsboro, 35768.

Sally Abbott, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2nd St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

Susan Hill, friend & sitter of Nellie Spring.

Ray Allen, a former member here.

Jimmy Kimble, brother of Joan Jackson, 303 Hollow St., Hohenwald, TN 38462.

Benn Farr, cousin of several of our members.

Cissi Britt, sister of Buddy Holt.

Delmer Johnson, father of Rebecca Gardner.

Joe Precise, cousin of David.

Vickie Farr, sister of Charlotte Vinson,4319 Hanging Moss Dr. Orange Park, FL 32073.

Rhonda Harrison, sister of Brenda Devers, 74 Sarah Betty Lane, Apt. B1, Scottsboro, 35769.

Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale	Rosewood	Southern
Manor	Manor	Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd. Scottsboro, 35768 Helen Ott Polly Franklin	1513 Co. Park Rd. Scottsboro, 35769 Doris Johnson	212 E. Stewart Rd. Scottsboro, 35769

Mark Little 107 Benson Lane, 35768 Elsie Goodman 406 S Houston St., 35768

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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Oct. 23 — Pumpkin Patch trip for KFC

Oct. 24 — L2L Kick-off after the PM

service

Oct. 30 — Fall Party for KFC

Oct. 31 — Young Men's Training Service

Trunk or Treat after PM service

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Measure	Wed. Bible Study. 78 Sunday Bible Study. 96 Sun. A.M. Worship 162
Of Our Love	Sun. Night Worship96 Contribution\$4622.00 Budget\$7556.00



Dear Broad Street Family, Words cannot adequately express our thanks for your love and care for our family during this difficult time. The meal was beautiful, and as usual, so was your hospitality.

Even more, I want to express thanks for your love for daddy. In so many ways you made the last years of his life purposeful and joyful...from trips to the doctor to help with dad's computer, building the ramp for the house, and lunches out. You truly were a family and the hands & feet of Christ to my daddy.

He got so much joy from the hugs, handshakes and concern you lavished on him. And nothing brought him more happiness than to meet I worship with you, and be fed by the meaty lessons delivered from your pulpit. And serving you was icing on the cake for him.

Thank you, too, for the early lessons you provided me in Bible class teaching & worship. My Bible training at Broad Street has created a foundation for my faith that I cherish.

For all you are and have been to the Falkner & Bellomy families, I thank you, and pray many others may have the privilege of growing under the branches of your loving body of believers.

Much sincere appreciation, Jennifer Smith & Family

~ YOUTH EVENTS ~

- The Pumpkin Patch trip to Lyon Family Farms will be on October 23rd. We will leave the church building at 8:30 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Bring money for admission and lunch.
- On October 24th, we will have our L2L Kick-off after the p.m. service in the MPR. Pizza & drinks will be provided. Please make every effort to attend if you want to be involved with Lads to Leaders program.
- A Fall Party hosted by the Teens & Adults for KFC will be on Saturday, October 30th in the MPR. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to help.
- We would like to have a Trunk or Treat after p.m. service on Oct. 31st. We ask anyone who is willing to participate to decorate their trunks and hand out candy to the little ones. We will have a prize for the best decorated trunk. Please let Chad know if you will be participating.

NO PUPPET PROGRAM - OCTOBER 24, 2021

AREA EVENTS

 Gospel Messages with Hiram Kemp, Chase Park church of Christ, Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

See bulletin board for times.

Chad's Chatter

Thank you for your help!

I want to send a message of thanks and appreciation to all those who have given something for someone else. Thank you for holding the door for someone who might have their hands full. Thank you for letting someone go before you at a restaurant or car line. Thank you for noticing someone and being the first to say "hi, good to see you!" Thank you for your time spent writing cards, cooking meals, talking to people who are lonely and visiting others. Thank you for all the calls made, prayers given, and encouraging words spoken. Thank you for all the food given to the pantry or to individuals. Thank you for all the clothes donated and hospitality through the years.

Sometimes, when we think about giving from what we have, we think of giving from our money; and while that's definitely what we need to do, there's more to giving than just money. There is time, love, money, food, clothing, shelter, compassion, and a number of other services we can give. When JESUS said 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' He wasn't just talking about money. In fact, if you read Matthew 25:31-46, you will see that He is talking about giving of food, drink, welcoming, clothing, and visiting, even in prison. Yes, some of that involves money initially, and we give on the first day of the week from our money, but there are many other things we are asked to give.

So, again, I say thank you for all your help in serving CHRIST by serving others! If you don't feel like you have been doing these things, there is no better time to start than now!

Worry doesn't eliminate tomorrow from its griefs, but it does empty today of its joy!

DEACONS

Josh BairdRick BairdJo Reed BrumleyDavid DoverJoel GardnerNick LedbetterJoe ManningRoger MyersNelson PageJohn A. PorchDave PreciseMark PriceScott RobertsWilliam UnderwoodRussell Wilhelm

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP. Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY. Sunday 9:00 A.M.
and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS. Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

Those to Serve...

SUNDAY, October 24, 2021
Announcements: Trey Russell
Song Leader: Chad Brown
Prayor: Days Ragley

Prayer: Dave Bagley Serve at the Lord's Table: Presiding: Brad Laney Speaker: Terry Broome

Closing Prayer: Nick Ledbetter Ushers: Preston & David Dover

P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Mark Price Scripture: Will Shelton Prayer: Russell Wilhelm Speaker: Chad Brown

Lord's Supper: Grady Gattis & Joe Manning

Closing Prayer: Robin Shelton

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

Scripture: Joe Manning Song Leader: Chad Brown Prayer: Euyless Holcomb

CONTACT ELDER: Pat Russell OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

Joel Gardner

If you are unable to serve, please call: Dave Precise 256-599-6668

The Learning Center Pre-School (Infants - 4 yrs.)
Debra Wilhelm, Director ♦ 259-0005

Requires First Class Stamp Here

The Word of God (the Bible) never changes. If you go to worship to hear something other

than His Word,

You have gone for the wrong reason.

If you hear something other,

You are at the wrong place



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In my distress and need;

My name is on the list for prayer,

The bulletin made the church aware, It's there for all to read.

Pray oft for me, and prayers renew, Give God my name with care;

How would you have me pray for you, If yours was listed there?