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From Where I Sit . . .

“Restoring The Old Paths”

The New Testament church, as conceived of in the mind of God and recorded in His Holy Word is perfect in every detail. It was carefully laid out in the mind of God as the perfect plan for sharing with the world His *“manifold wisdom”* in Christ Jesus (**Eph. 3:10**).

His plan for Christ’s body, the church, is without fault; and it’s complete description is found in His Word. It is described as a pure *“bride of Christ”* in **Ephesians Chapter 5**, and as a church that even *“the gates of hell shall not prevail against”* (**Matt. 16:18**).

Read any description in the book of Acts or the Epistles and you’ll find congregations of *“like precious faith”* who continued steadfastly in the “apostles doctrine” (**II Peter 1:1; Acts 2:42**). Unfortunately, you’ll also find churches that already had problems creeping in. The plan was perfect, but there were no perfect churches. Each generation was but one step away from apostasy and many letters were written by the Apostles to instruct them in the perfect will of God.

We learn in **Judges 2:10** that after the death of Joshua, a generation came along that *“knew not God.”* An untaught generation can get away from God. Even so these early churches of New Testament times needed to continuously look back to the pattern, and be certain they were abiding in the Apostles’ teachings. Just like with the familiar game of “Gossip,” each generation that imitates only what the ones before them did could be straying farther from the original. At the end of the game, we’re often amused at what the original word was, and just how far the message got changed.

This process of returning to the original is a familiar one to us all. It’s called “Restoration,” and means very simply a return to a standard, or to the original. It’s like stripping off stains on furniture to find the real wood. Religiously, Restoration is a return to the church as God always intended for Her to be. No one can doubt that Jesus established His one body – the church – at Pentecost. Nor can we doubt the hundreds of changes that the church experienced at the hands of men.

Thus we would expect even in our generation to find the need to go back to see To Restore as perfectly as we can the church as it is described in the New Testament. The question is, “Does the Lord expect us to go back to the original pattern?” Is “Restoration” a valid plea? If it’s not important and necessary, then we should stop right where we are and allow each person to follow his own set of opinions. If it is a valid and Biblical plea that we go back, to restore the First Century Church today, then we should pursue it as of greatest importance.

The reader must be cautioned that an effort to restore the church to its original plan will call for a drastic overhaul in the religious community today. What would God have us do? Be tolerant of different views and just learn to peacefully coexist? Or attempt to restore the church to its original purity and simplicity? We would do well to heed the words of the Lord in **Jeremiah 6:16** *“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.*

. . . Terry Broome



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

Ila Little had another stroke last Thursday that has affected her right arm. They are still treating the infection and are changing her medicine today to something less damaging to the kidneys.

Please keep Ila and the family in your prayers.

Kirsten Roberts is making good progress from her recent hospital stay but still has a way to go. Prayers are needed.

Hillary Broome, Terry's youngest brother has an inoperable total blockage of one of the neck vessels on one side, and too small a vessel on the other side. Doctors are studying the condition and looking for the best treatment. Prayers would be appreciated.

Jeanine McCrary, mother of Johnny, has been moved to Highlands Health & Rehab. The family would appreciate your continued prayers.

Jaxie Hargrave has been ill for several months now and it has affected her mobility. She's confined to her apartment and badly in need of our prayers.

Remember in prayer all our members who have recently tested positive for the Covid virus. We hear about different ones from week to week.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

- Donna Pace
- Bob Rice
- Carol Bell
- Erica Russell
- Elsie Goodman
- Tammy McGuire
- LaRue Anderson
- Jaxie Hargrave
- Wendy Baird
- Ginger Myers
- Sam Wright
- Harold Reynolds
- Judy Roberts
- Nellie Spring
- Andy Gardner, Joel's brother.
- 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.
- Sally Abbott, aunt of Bill Price.
- Ray Allen, a former member here.

- Benn Farr**, cousin of several of our members.
- Delmer Johnson**, father of Rebecca Gardner.
- Vickie Farr**, sister of Charlotte Vinson, 4319 Hanging Moss Dr. Orange Park, FL 32073.
- Billy Holcomb**, brother of Euyless Holcomb.
- Joan Woodmancy**, grandmother of Pam Brown.
- David & Debbie Brothers**, aunt & uncle of Pam Brown
- Waylon & Sharon Wright**, friends of Linda & Harold Reynolds & former members here, 221 Hillsboro Circle, Florence, AL 35630.
- 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

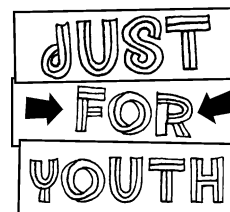
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- Ruth Spurgeon 8922 AL 227, Crossville, AL 35962

Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Jan. 23 – Elders/Deacons meeting, chapel, 4:30 p.m.

One Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study..... Sunday Bible Study..... N/A Sun. A.M. Worship..... N/A Sun. Night Worship..... N/A Contribution..... \$ Budget..... \$7556.00
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- Jan. 22 – “Sack Full of Thanks”
- Jan. 23 – Area-Wide Youth Devo
- Feb. 25-28 – CYC

A New Year: Time to Take Inventory

As we begin a new year, may we “take inventory” of our spiritual lives. Most businesses or organizations (the ones that are successful) will ask three questions in terms of their direction: “Where have we been? Where are we? Where are we going?” Our spiritual lives are of far greater importance than any business or organization. The church is paramount and is no comparison to some man made organization or institution. But, we can draw a few parallels when taking inventory of our spiritual lives. Second Corinthians 13:5 says, “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.”

Please consider the following questions as we plan our spiritual growth for 2022:

- Am I known as a Christian where I work?
- Is Christ more loved or respected because of the way I live?
- Do I criticize the church and Christians in front of my children?
- Do people know me as one who has Christ in the center of my life?
- Is it possible that I claim to be a Christian and nurse revenge on others?
- Do I find time every day for Bible study?
- Can I work with other people? Can other people work with me?
- Do I have a secret longing to be first? Or can I truly say I do not care who is second, third, or fourth as long as Jesus is first?
- How can I do a better job of leading others to Christ?
- Have I grown as a Christian in knowledge and service compared to three years ago?

As the days roll by this year, may we seek to truly walk with Christ as well as grow closer to Him.

Allen Jones
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY

The Learning Center is in need of teachers and substitutes. Please give Debra Wilhelm a call at 256-259-0005 if you are interested.

PUPPET PROGRAM - January 23, 2022

Narrator - Chad Brown

Teachers - Cynthia, Misti, Roger

Puppets - John Hollis, Joseph, Nina, Wendy



SCRAPBOOKING

Anyone who has pictures of church functions from 2021 and is willing to give them for the Lads to Leaders Scrapbook, please drop them off in the box that will be in the foyer. The box will be there through January 23rd.

If It Is The Lord’s Church...

...then shouldn’t He determine how one enters it?

...then shouldn’t He regulate how it should worship?

...then shouldn’t He decide who should be qualified to be its leaders?

...then shouldn’t He govern what it should do?

...then shouldn’t He ascertain who are faithful members?

And do you know what? It is and He has. It’s the Lord’s church, He has the right to say how it operates. And He has – in His Word. Let’s endeavor to do everything we can to make sure we are an active part of the Lord’s church.

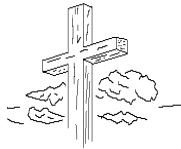
“And He [God] put all things under His [Jesus’] feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all” (Eph. 1:22-23).

Edd Sterchi
Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY

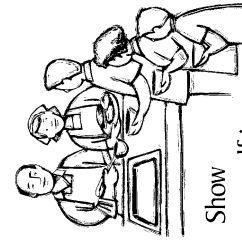


Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, calls, food and words of encouragement following my knee surgery. I am thankful to have such a wonderful church family.

*May God bless you all,
Lisa Porch*

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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...		
<u>SUNDAY, January 23, 2022</u>		
Announcements: Nick Ledbetter		
Song Leader: Mark Price		
Prayer: Brad Wilhelm		
Serve at the Lord's Table:		
Presiding: Trey Russell		
Speaker: Terry Broome		
Closing Prayer: C.B. Laney		
Ushers: David & Preston Dover		
		
P.M. SERVICE:		
Song Leader: Chad Brown		
Scripture: Major Ledbetter		
Prayer: Buddy Holt		
Speaker: Terry Broome		
Lord's Supper: Nelson Page & Joe Manning		
Closing Prayer: John A. Porch		
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:		
Scripture: Joseph Gardner		
Song Leader: Mark Price		
Prayer: Joel Gardner		
CONTACT ELDER: David Precise		
OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:		
Roger Myers		
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
<i>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.</i>
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Show
yourself in
all respects a model
of good works.

Titus 2:7

I'd Rather See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear:
Fine counsel is confusing, but example is always clear.
The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds.
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hand in action, but your tongue too fast can run.
The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true;
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may understand you and the high advise you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.