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From Where I Sit . . .

"What Is The Church To You?"

asked a student to give me her perception of the church, not for the purpose of evaluating whether she thought it was a good church or bad church, a friendly church, a prejudiced church. Rather I was interested in seeing what she perceived it to be. What is our mission as the church? What makes one different from, say, any of many churches down the street?

You see, many have views about "church" and "religion" that are shaped by human experiences, whether good or bad, and often our perceptions are not altogether what God had in mind for the church to be. None of us are God, and shouldn't pretend that we can see things from His perspective. After all, He can see the past, present and future as if they were all right before Him. He alone knows the depth of feeling He has about His plan, His church. You and I must rely on that which He has told us through revelation.

From a purely Bible perspective, the church is about relationship: with God, with Christ, with the world, with one another. The "called out ones" or the "ecclesia" of God are called into a relationship with Him and His Son in which we are separated from the world of sin and brought into the warmth of heavenly fellowship (1 John 1:7-9; 2 Peter 1:4). Submissive, obedient believers, are brought out of darkness into the marvelous light of His eternal Kingdom (Colossians 1:13) and there we exist as the family of God. God saves man and adds him to a universal family of believers known as the church.

This church existed in the mind of God from eternity (Eph. 3:9-11), but became a reality in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost after Jesus went back to Heaven. One can read about its birthday in Acts Chapter Two when the very first believers were added to the church which Jesus had declared He would build (Matthew 16:18). This church has existed ever since. She has been battered, distorted, parts of her have gone into total apostasy and don't even resemble her in her innocence, simplicity, and purity. But the church that Christ built lives on. It didn't have to be built again.

Man has done terrible things to that church and in the name of that church. These distortions of what God designed have caused many to not have a good perception of what the church is. To most, it's a chopped up badly divided bunch of religious people who can't see anything alike and prefer each to do it his own way. None of this sounds very Biblical.

To God, it's revealed as a united body of believers who speak the same thing, who share "like precious faith" (2 Peter 1:1) and who assemble in congregations around the world but are all really just One body (Ephesians 4:1-4). That church came into existence in Acts Chapter Two. That's the church as I see it. There is a vast difference between God's plan for the church and what man has made it. The great architect and designer must be in dismay as He looks down on the miserable mess man has made of religion.

I am a member only of the church that Jesus said He would build and to which the Lord added those very first obedient believers in **Acts Two**. I am not a member of any manmade movement of religion. I am just a Christian. I only seek to worship with those who will lay aside manmade doctrines and dogmas, and embrace the Word of God for full authority for all we do in worship and in work. We can be of "like precious faith" in this great fellowship with any and all who will walk by the same counsel of God. Indeed, there is One Body, and it is not to be divided. It is not good that we have "the church of our choice." Jesus didn't establish "the church of my choice," but of His choice, His body of saved ones separated out of the world for fellowship with Him. What is the church to you?

... Terry Broome



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

Pray Healthy patient ankle surgery today in Huntsville. Please pray for her as she recovers.

Ray Latham is having some back problems. Please remember him in your prayers.

Ila Little transitioned to a tracheotomy and is still receiving oxygen. Her condition is critical and our prayers are requested. Please remember Mark & the family as well.

Ginger Myers spent several days in the hospital last week with a severe illness. She came home on Friday. She is to see her surgeon in Chattanooga in February about foot surgery after she gets her strength back. Please pray for her.

Bob Lee, brother-in-law of Martha Foster, is in a hospital in Nashville and having severe health issues. Prayers are requested on his behalf.

Joan Woodmancy, grandmother of Pam Brown, had a fall and sustained a broken hip, broken spine and other injuries. She is in the hospital and the family is asking for prayers.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Donna Pace
Kirsten Roberts
Jaxie Hargrave
Bob Rice
Carol Bell
Elsie Goodman
Tammy McGuire
LaRue Anderson
Jaxie Hargrave
Wendy Baird
Sam Wright
Harold Reynolds
Judy Roberts
Nellie Spring

Mary Hodge, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson.

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

Sally Abbott, aunt of Bill Price.

Benn Farr, cousin of several of our members.

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

Waylon & Sharon Wright, friends of Linda & Harold Reynolds & former members here, 221 Hillsboro Circle, Florence, AL 35630.

Hillary Broome, Terry's youngest brother.

Jeanine McCrary, mother of Johnny, Highlands Health & Rehab.

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.	1513 Co. Park Rd.	212 E. Stewart Rd.
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	Debra Kime	

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Ruth Spurgeon 8922 AL 227, Crossville, AL 35962

Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Feb. 19 – Young at Heart Banquet, Woods Cove building, 4:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board to attend or to help.

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Measure	Wed. Bible Study
Of Our	Sun. A.M. Worship
Love	Budget\$7556.00



The Area-Wide Devo will be at Meridianville church of Christ on February 20th. The theme is Moonlight Madness with speakers Lonnie Jones, Eric Lyons, & Scotty Sparks. This is a Lock-In that begins at 5 p.m. on Sunday and ends at

7 a.m. on Monday (which is President's Day). Sign up on the bulletin board if you want to attend.

We need to make a correction to the birthday list. February 2nd should have listed Betty Walker (not Winkler). Sorry for the typo and Happy Birthday to Betty!



Thank you all for the cards, prayers, and all the love you show for Ila and us. Thanks, also, for the caring thoughts and the chimes for my sister's funeral.

Mark Little & Family

YOUTH EVENTS

Feb. 6 – Lads to Leaders Registration and event deadline

Feb. 18 – Young at Heart Banquet prep and dinner at Woods Cove, 4:30 pm

Feb. 20-21 – Lock-In at Meridianville church of Christ

Feb. 25-28 – CYC

March 25-27 – Spring Retreat at Camp Neyati

Buon Appetito!



Join us for an Italian Dinner to celebrate those who are Young At Heart on February 19th at 4:30 p.m. at Woods Cove Youth Center. Please sign up on the bulletin board by February 13th if you are attending.

PUPPET PROGRAM - February 6, 2022

Narrator - Mark Price

Teachers - Bridget, Pam. Cynthia

Puppets - Kaitlyn, Sidney, Kyle, Wendy

Chad's Chatter

JESUS Is The

- · Bread (John 6:35) Is Jesus the Bread you desire?
- · Light (John 8:12) Is Jesus the Light guiding your path?
- · Door (John 10:7-9) Is Jesus the Door you enter through?
- · Good Shepherd (John 10:11-14) Is Jesus the Shepherd that guides you to eternal pastures?
- Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25) - Is Jesus the Resurrection for your broken life?
- · Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6) Is Jesus the Way, Truth, and Life you believe in?
- · Vine (John 15:5) Is Jesus the Vine your branches are alive through?

The question is NOT - <u>Is He these</u> <u>things?</u>... For that question, there is no doubt. The real question we should be asking ourselves - <u>Is He these things in your life and in mine?</u>

Sunday evening, February 6th, Phillip Randolph from Faulkner University will be here to discuss Christian education with anyone who is interested. For 9th grade and up, he wants to treat you to Starbucks after evening services.

DAVID PRECISE 574-3790 PAT RUSSELL 259-0800

BRAD WILHELM 244-0561

DEACONS

 Josh Baird
 Rick Baird
 Jo Reed Brumley

 David Dover
 Joel Gardner
 Nick Ledbetter

 Joe Manning
 Roger Myers
 Nelson Page

 John A. Porch
 Dave Precise
 Mark Price

 Scott Roberts
 William Underwood
 Russell Wilhelm

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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...

SUNDAY, February 6, 2021

Announcements: Nick Ledbetter Song Leader: Mark Price Prayer: Vince Laney Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Brad Laney Speaker: Chad Brown Closing Prayer: C.B. Laney

Ushers: Roger & John Hollis Myers

P.M. SERVICE:

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

Lord's Supper: Russell Wilhelm & Ernie Brockway

Closing Prayer: Rabon McCormack

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

Scripture: Grady Gattis Song Leader: Will Robinson

Prayer: Chad Brown

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

Nelson Page

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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arose one morn, from my window looked

But, oh! It was like a dream of peace,

And the world was white and still No lay of plumed songsters heard

Of robin or whippoorwill;

The still world told of a sweet repose,

The end of a stormy night.

This winding sheet of white -

C.D. Barel

For all our cares; and wisdom grant

Give us to see the reasons

To gladly take life's seasons.

God help us in our struggle here,