

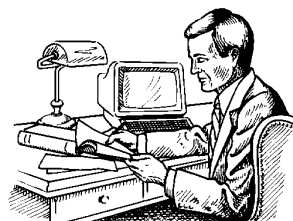
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From Where I Sit . . .

"I Just Want To Be A Christian!"

Did you ever feel that way? Are you tired of the confusion, and all the choice making? "I Just Want To Be A Christian! Will someone please tell me how?" We're convinced that many people have ended their search because of the religious confusion that "addles the brain."

God is infinite in wisdom, and perfect in all His ways. From eternity He purposed a purpose that all men should be united in Christ Jesus. This gathering of people were to be His separated or called-out ones (the ecclesia)--the church! (**Ephesians 3:9-11**). Disciples were taught the Gospel in keeping with the Great Commission of **Matthew 28:18-20**: "*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*"

Those who heeded the call were baptized, and the Lord added them to this "ecclesia" --the church--(**Acts 2:38-47**). In **Acts 11:26** we learn that "...the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." **That's it! That's what I want to be!--JUST A CHRISTIAN!**

If God, in His wisdom, had willed it so, men would have been instructed in the fine art of establishing "new churches" and in "how to be different kinds of Christians". This writer is convinced that an honest inquirer can see from the Bible that it was never, even in the remotest way, in God's plan for man to so divide Christianity. Even though our religious world practices exactly that, we're convinced that it is a **Biblical** plea to call **ALL** men back to the Bible and invite them to just be Christians only, nothing more and nothing less. Why should a man have to put a tag in front of his religious name to explain which "kind" of Christian he is?

We need to take a look at this very basic need of man spiritually--to be **JUST A CHRISTIAN**. Our plea should be that of Jesus Himself in the garden 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.*"

For years I have believed that this plea was both valid and attainable. I'm told by some that it is not, and in fact that those of us who are working toward this goal are merely deluding ourselves into thinking that we are not a part of religious division. Well, I just don't believe it! If I do what the Lord says to do to be a Christian, why does it follow that I must choose which "kind" of Christian I want to be? Why can't He just add me to the church as He did in the First Century? In truth, He can!! Don't be ashamed of your plea, or your spiritual birthright in Christ. I am not a part of a church other than the one Christ founded and added people to in **Acts 2:47**. No man other than Christ had or now has the authority to found the church. Remember, "*Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain*" (**Psa 127:1**). I am just a Christian, just a member of the Lord's church, the church that He "built" and "purchased" with His own blood (**Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:25-27**). I worship with others who share this "like precious faith" (**2 Peter 1:1**).

. . . Terry Broome



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

Rosa Myers is in Crestwood Hospital and waiting to be admitted to a 30 day rehab facility.

Charlotte Vinson is doing well and will have a follow-up with her doctor on August 1st.

Lyndal Brumley, daughter-in-law of Jo Reed & Tracy, suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident. Our prayers are requested.

Deborah Wacker had a hard time with her first chemo treatment. Her next treatment will be August 5th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Rick Wadkins, father of Misti Myers, fell on Sunday and broke his leg and his ankle. He will need surgery once the swelling goes down. Please pray for him. Cards of encouragement may be sent to 24 Sumner Dr., 35769.

Verna Sue Wadkins, grandmother of Misti Myers, had a stroke last Saturday. She is home now and recovering well. Cards may be sent to 622 Smyrna Rd., Alexander City, AL 35010.

Jeanette Simpson, Misti Myers' grandmother, underwent a lung biopsy on Monday and hopes to get the results later this week. Cards of encouragement would be appreciated. Her address is 2147 Morning Side Drive, Alexander City, AL 35010.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Rachel Underwood

Wendy Baird

Cindy Davis

Ernie Foster

Euyless Holcomb

Jim Brown

Margaret Crawford

Karen Wilhelm

Irene Gist

Deby Petty

Christina Morgan

Mary Lawrence

Buddy Holt

Tammy McGuire

Ginger Myers

Elsie Goodman

Harold Reynolds

Judy Roberts

Nellie Spring

Michael Morgan, Christina's husband.

Tommy Young, Jill Russell's brother.

Nettie Murrah, mother of Tracy Brumley.

Mary Hodge, 88 Sumner Dr., 35769.

Roger Alley, son-in-law of David and Margaret Crawford.

Leroy Armstrong, Holly Cobb's father.

Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley.

Ron Gardner, father of Joel.

Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson.

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

Hillary Broome, Terry's brother, 2151 Alexander Blvd., Murfreesboro, Tn 37130.

Mia Walker, granddaughter of Brenda Devers.

Brenda Wininger, aunt of David Precise.

Melanie Lanier, daughter of Ron Graham.

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 Manor	Rosewood Manor	Southern Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd. Scottsboro, 35768 Helen Ott Bill Vinson	1513 Co. Park Rd. Scottsboro, 35769 Jaxie Hargrave Doris Johnson Debra Kime Dot Bean	212 E. Stewart Rd. Scottsboro, 35769

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Calendar of Upcoming Events—

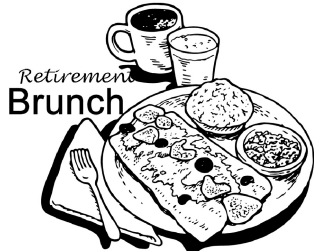
July 27 — Summer Series Speaker: Stan Dean

July 31 — Ladies Day planning meeting, 5:00 PM

Aug. 3 — Summer Series Speaker: John McMath

One Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study..... 155 Sunday Bible Study..... 151 Sun. A.M. Worship..... 207 Sun. Night Worship..... 148 Contribution..... \$5616.00 Budget..... \$8326.00
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- (2) Irene Gist
- (3) Gary Loyd
- (6) Ernie Brockway, Debra Kime, John Wann, Jr., Chuck Davis
- (9) John A. Porch, Ella Little
- (10) Kathy Broome, Noah Linville
- (11) Peg Gough
- (13) Billie Hancock, Dave Precise
- (16) Helen Corbin
- (19) Buck Walker
- (21) Roxie Wright
- (25) Terry Broome
- (29) Lee Gist
- (31) Maguire Laney



July 30, 2022

10:00 AM

Home of LaRue Anderson

Ladies, remember the Retirement Brunch for Debra Wilhelm to honor and celebrate her retirement. Please do not miss this opportunity that you have to honor our sister in Christ who has for 21 years given of her love, talents and time to serve and teach children about Jesus. If for some reason you cannot attend and want to send a card to her and/or contribute toward our group gift, see LaRue Anderson or Brenda Devers. We want everyone who would love to celebrate and honor Debra's service to have the opportunity to come to LaRue's house, which is several miles out of town. For those of you who would prefer not to drive, transportation will be provided. Sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you need a ride. Please be at the parking lot by 9:30 a.m. If you are unable to make it to the parking lot and need to be picked up at your home, please notify Ashley Dover. Also, if anyone feels that it would be beneficial or safer for them to wear a mask, please do so. Protective gloves will be provided should you need them.



There will be a meeting on Sunday, July 31st at 5:00 PM in the chapel to plan an upcoming Ladies Day. All ladies and teen girls that are interested in helping are encouraged to attend.



NO PUPPET PROGRAM - July 31, 2022

The Danger of Popularity

So many people base their life on the pursuit of popularity. I do not believe that I have ever been popular, but as a teenager I can remember wanting to be. The desire to be liked and to have the praise of the people around us can be a strong temptation. Our young people are facing this in a way that many of us in the older generations may not understand. Not only do they face the same types of pressure we did growing up, they also have a public social media presence which allows them to receive automatic feedback from friends and strangers around the world. People's lives are being driven by how many "Likes" they receive and how many shares and comments are made on their social media posts.

There are warnings found in the Bible about the danger of seeking approval of men. Jesus warned His disciples, "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

The apostle Paul warns us about seeking the approval of men, "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). If we attempt to please people in this world, we will find our actions will change and we will be led away from God.

The apostle Paul also tells us that seeking to do God's will is what is important. Being pleasing to God, not people, should be our goal. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2). When we seek popularity from the world we will have to act like those in the world. What is more important, getting a "Like" from a stranger, or hearing from God, "Enter in good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23)?

Brad Tolbert

Monticello church of Christ



There will be a Youth Devotional at the home of Trey & Erica Russell on Sunday night after the evening service. Their address is 113 Watersound

Lane, Scottsboro. We will have a devotional thought, games & refreshments. Everyone please come.

ELDERS

DAVID PRECISE 574-3790 PAT RUSSELL 259-0800
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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, July 31, 2022

Announcements: Trey Russell

Song Leader: Daniel Guthrie

Prayer: Brad Laney

Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Jerel Hunt

1W- Ted Crona

1E- Nelson Page

2W- Clay Kennamer

2E- Euyless Holcomb

3W- Bill Parks

3E- Tres Sanford

4W- David Dover

4E- Nick Ledbetter

5W- Preston Dover

5E- Major Ledbetter

6W- Jay Jay Bagley

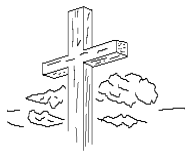
6E- Tripp Ledbetter

7W- Tyler Blizzard

7E- Joseph Gardner

Speaker: Terry Broome

Closing Prayer: Phillip Chaney



P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Will Robinson

Scripture: Grady Gattis

Prayer: Vince Laney

Speaker: Daniel Guthrie

Lord's Supper: Joel Gardner & Tyler Blizzard

Closing Prayer: Rabon McCormack

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

Scripture: David Precise

Song Leader: Tres Sanford

Prayer: Russell Wilhelm

CONTACT ELDER: David Precise

OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

Russell Wilhelm

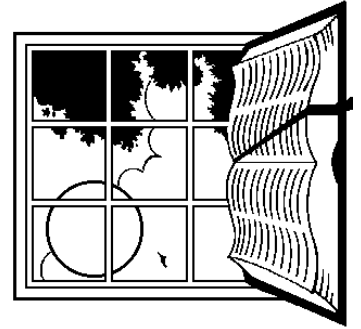
If you are unable to serve, please call:

Dave Precise 256-599-6668

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First Class
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*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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The Bible

Read then, but first thyself prepare
To read with zeal and mark with care;
And when thou readest what here is
writ,
Let they best practice second it:
So twice each precept read should be,
First in the Book and next in thee.