

Church of Christ

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully –
Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Tish Clark, Bill Wright, Sharon Lindsay, and Drew Shinn

Prayer List

Lasha Jackson, Mike Katosh, James Jones, Laverne Kindle, Tammy Ashely, David Stockstill, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, David Phillips and Millie Robertson.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Game night Aug. 25th 6-8 pm
Ladies Day at Chipman Rd Aug. 26th
Questions and Answers Aug. 27th
Singing Aug. 30th
Ladies Retreat at LBBC Sep. 8th and 9th please register online for this event Aug. 21st is last day to get a shirt for this.
Midwest Lectureship at 39th Street Sep. 17th – 21st
Ladies Day with Evelyn Bonner Oct. 21st
Fall Gospel Meeting with Mike Bonner Oct. 22nd – 25th.

Passage to Ponder: Acts 8:4

Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Sunday Sermons

A.M.....How God Saves Man (Acts 8)
P.M.....Lesson in Lyrics: Bind us Together

Christianity Is A Taught Religion

Douglas Hoff

How does a person become a Christian? It's a simple enough question but a lot of people do not know the Biblically correct answer. Some think one is a Christian if his parents are church members in good standing. This would mean one entered a covenant relationship with God much like the Jews did — by physical birth.

Interestingly, the word Christian is found only three times in the whole Bible (**Acts 11:26; 26:28** and **1 Peter 4:16**). The first occurrence reveals the disciples were first called Christians in the city of Antioch. When reading about the religion of Christ one would expect to learn what the followers were called shortly after it was established. By way of contrast Peter letter was written about 30 years after the church began. By this time the word "Christian" was fairly well known in the Roman Empire. The second use of this word reveals an important detail. King Agrippa understood a person must be persuaded to become a follower of Christ (**Acts 26:28**). Thus, the individual must be taught certain truths and embrace them. This is exactly what Luke did for Theophilus (**Luke 1:3, 4; Acts 1:1**).

To become a Christian the lost soul must be born again (**John 3:3-5; 1 Peter 1:22, 23**). Peter recorded that the soul is purified from sins by obeying the truth. Again, this indicates that Christianity is a taught religion. Salvation is obtained through a spiritual, not physical birth. **Hebrews 8:10, 11** shows that one cannot be saved unless he first knows the law of God. This is in contrast with the Jews who were born into God's covenant and later had to be taught the Law of Moses. Today, every creature must first be taught the gospel before salvation is possible (**Mark 16:15, 16**). The Lord said, "It is written in the prophets, and they shall all be taught by God. Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me" (**John 6:45; NKJV**). What must be taught? Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (**John 8:31, 32; NKJV**).

Christianity is also a teaching religion. Someone must do the instruction. Who has this responsibility? Jesus commanded the apostles (**Mark 16:15,16**). Indirectly, he commands us as well (**Matthew 28:18-20**). Properly teaching the gospel includes impressing upon each Christian his obligation to do "all things I have commanded you (the apostles)." Since the apostles were commanded to go and teach all nations, then each succeeding disciple shares in this mission (cf. **2 Timothy 2:2**). Somehow you learned the saving truth. Will you not pass along this good news to some poor lost soul?

Since every child of God has the responsibility of teaching the gospel, we must study and learn to be properly equipped for the task. Clearly, it is not possible to teach what we do not know. However, remember that for a person to first become a Christian he must know at least the plan of salvation. If a soul recognizes his need to be saved and obeys the gospel, then he knows enough to teach that much to others. Sadly, some members of the church do not teach anyone. The problem may be either they cannot or will not engage in this work. Because humans are forgetful it is possible to lose what once had been gained. The writer of Hebrews rebuked his readers this way, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (**Hebrews 5:12-14; NKJV**).

Some members of the Lord's church say they are not able to teach others. This admission may be true. If so, they need to repent and start studying. It may just be an admission that the person is either afraid to try or lacks confidence in his ability. The best way to overcome such obstacles is by trying. As the writer of Hebrews stated, it takes use to have one's senses exercised. The only way to grow in knowledge is by spending the necessary time to study (**2 Peter 3:18**).

Those To Serve

August 20th, 2023

Morning Worship

Announcements

Zac Hall

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Preside

George Thomas

Assist

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Aug. 23rd

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Invitation

Zac Hall