

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Steve Pool
Dustin Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Evening Worship

Song Leader: N/A

Opening Prayer: N/A

Sermon: N/A

Lord's Supper: N/A

Closing Prayer: N/A

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: N/A

Scripture: N/A

Reading: N/A

Invitation: N/A

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes *The Cost of the Resurrection*

I. His _____

II. His _____

III. His _____

April 4, 2021

Welcome!

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Church of Christ

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Service Times

Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Evening 5:00pm

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders
Scot Parchman
Wade Hedgepeth
Byran Hatcher

Deacons
Steve Pool
John Williams

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"Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6

My Church

Words are vehicles of thought. Paul says the things of God have been revealed in words chosen by the Holy Spirit and given to inspired men (1 Cor. 2:9-13). God did not allow mortal men to express His thoughts in words of their own selection. They were incapable of doing so. "...The things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:11). Right words betray right thoughts, and God has always demanded doctrinally pure speech. His thoughts are not ours (Isa. 55:8-9), and His truths cannot be rightly expressed in words other than those divinely revealed. The same is true with man. His words express thoughts that are either sound or corrupt.

Nehemiah observed a corruption of speech among the remnant of Jews which had remained in the land during the Babylonian captivity, and this corruption had its source in unholy alliances with their heathen neighbors. "In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves" (Neh. 13:23-25).

In a lustful desire for acceptance, respectability, and good will from the world, many of God's children have listened to the siren song of heathen neighbors to embrace their ways and express those ways in their own language -- the ways and

language of their religious neighbors. Through the length and breadth of the land, members of the Lord's church have made spiritual alliances with the denominational world and adopted the nomenclature and speech that betrays their spiritually adulterous hearts.

By far, the most popular of the current "buzz" terms of Ashdod is, "My Church." Zeroing in on Paul's statement to Timothy that the church is the "house of God" (1 Tim. 2:15), change agents and their blind advocates have adopted this term describing the precious church of our Lord. In so doing, they have appropriated it as a shibboleth of the "New Hermeneutic" which turns its focus inward to meet the "felt-needs" (i.e. "desires") of its members.

There is no more scriptural authority for referring to the church for which Jesus died as "my church," than calling it "my kingdom." While we are members of the house of God, it remains His house. This practice is an attempt to supplant the sound speech of Titus 2:8 with the corruptions of a modern Ashdod, and springs from embracing almost every denominational error that change agents foist upon us. It betrays a kind of spiritual humanism that places man and his desires at the center of Christianity. Supplanting God and revoking Christ's injunction to deny self (Matt. 16:24), liberalism focuses on man. Thus, instead of looking outward at the fields that are white unto harvest, they turn inward to "Family Life Centers," volley-ball leagues, "children's church" ski trips, pizza parties, small group therapy, and other trappings of the social gospel. Hence, the church is transformed from God's vehicle for the salvation of souls, into "My Church" whose total mission is to cater to "my" carnal desires for temporal entertainment, diversion, and "feel-good" religion."

The house of God, which is the church of the Living God, is also the kingdom of God, the body of Christ, the Lord's vineyard, and the temple of God. It is no more "My Church" than it is my body, my kingdom, my vineyard, or my temple. The phrase, "My Church" belongs to Ashdod. It is an affront to the God who created us anew in Christ Jesus, and to Him who redeemed the church with His own blood. Let us repudiate the modern language of Ashdod and return to "sound speech that cannot be condemned" (Titus 2:8).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 3/28/21
Bible Class: 40
Contribution: N/A

A.M. Worship: 52
DB Readers: N/A

P.M. Worship: N/A
Chapters Read: N/A

Family News and Notes

Rodger & Ashley Kurhurst lost their house and belongings in a fire. Steve and Becky have their info if you can help. Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all dealing with Covid. Wayne is in ICU. **Jack** and **Sondra Wain**, Kim Perkins' parents are dealing with serious health issues. **Jamie Phillips** is caring for his mother and going through a hard time. **Claudia Farrington** is having a difficult time right now. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. **Vicky Carver's** son, **Joe**, needs our prayers right now, but is doing a lot better. Keep **Trevor Moore**, and **Jonny Lee** in prayer while in their training! We have been blessed thus far that none of our members have had serious complications with Corona Virus, though we have all been affected negatively. Active military: Pray for our active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment's notice. Remember to pray for their families as well.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Alex Freshley, Lettie Gray, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen Jennen, John and Linda Williams**, the **Pollard** family, **Claudia Farrington, Rick Caldwell**, and **Thelma Adams**. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10
1 Jo 4-5	2 & 3 Jo	Jude	Rev 1-3	Rev 4-5	Rev 6-7	Rev 8-9
Ps 95	Ps 96	Ps 97	Ps 98	Ps 99	Ps 100	Ps 101

Events

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Resuming this Wednesday at 7pm. Adult Bible Class only.

Men's Lunch: Thursday at 11 at Golden Corral

Sheffield Drive Lectures: May 1st. 9-3: lunch provided. Theme: "Biblical Leadership"

