

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Byran Hatcher

Assisting: Steve Pool
Ron Austin

Sermon: Dustin Pool

Closing Prayer: Dale Wiles

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: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes

Abraham & Lot

I.

II.

III.

IV.

V.

July 4, 2021

Welcome!

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Church of Christ

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Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

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

The One Body of Christ

People often make amazing decisions based purely on biased or prejudiced feelings. The Bible clearly reveals that the church of the Lord is **one body**. A human body with two or more heads is abnormal. The same would be true of a human head having two or more bodies. The human body is used in the Scriptures as a metaphor of the church, or body, of Christ.

The church of our Lord is one body. The apostle Paul says, *"Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof"* (1 Cor. 12:27). There is only **one** body, but many members of the one body. Paul also taught the Roman brethren, saying, *"so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another"* (Rom. 12:5).

In our world there are many different religious bodies all claiming Christ as the one head. Man's imagination is the only place where this scenario exists because such a concept cannot be found in the word of God! Christ promised to build only His church (Matt. 16:18). He never promised to build one belonging to someone else. The church and the body are terms that refer to the same thing (Eph. 1:22-23). There is only **one body** for which Christ died (Eph. 4:4; Acts 20:28) and only **one body** He has promised to save (Eph. 5:23).

The act of water baptism puts one into the one body of Christ. Paul proclaims, *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit"* (1 Cor. 12:13). The same apostle taught the Galatians, *"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ"* (Gal. 3:27). Peter commanded those on Pentecost to *"Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins..."* (Acts 2:38). This baptism is a burial and not a sprinkling as is evidenced by

studying Romans 4:6.

All people are to be members of the same body. It does not matter whether one is young or old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, **all** who obey God's word are members of the same body. No more and no less. To the Galatians Paul said, "*There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one man in Christ Jesus. And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise*" (Gal. 3:28-29).

Each member of the one body is important. "*And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you*" (1 Cor. 12:21). All members of the body are to work together for the glory of God. What one member does or does not do can have an effect on the rest of the body. It is also easy for folks to see that one leg does not travel in one direction while the other leg travels in the opposite direction and yet they both end up at the same destination. Such is the claim of many religious groups who contend that although they take different routes (doctrine and worship) they will all arrive at the same destination (Heaven).

Jesus said, "*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*" (Matt. 7:21-23).

There is to be no division in the one body of the Lord. The plea of the inspired Scriptures is that members of the body are to give "*diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*" (Eph. 4:3). Please note that this is not some man-made, man-agreed upon unity, but rather the "unity of the Spirit." The Bible is the standard of unity, not man's willingness to "agree to disagree."

Religious division is sinful and contrary to the will of Christ. It is not the church of man's choice but rather the church which Christ built (Matt. 16:18) to which people should give their allegiance.

Pride will stand between many people and their obedience to the Gospel. Bias and prejudice will cause multitudes to reject the simple truths found in God's word. How horrible it will be for those who had every opportunity to see, yet chose to remain blind!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/27/21

Bible Class: 28

A.M. Worship: 53

Wed. B. C.: 30

Family News and Notes

Brent Pollard is in critical condition in a Chattanooga, TN hospital. Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. **Maggie Gabel**, Tiffany Oliver's mother, was just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. **Jack** and **Sondra Wain**, Kim Perkins' parents, are dealing with serious health issues. Her sister-in-law **Rhonda Wain** needs prayers as well. **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. Let's remember one another in prayer. 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, Deborah Ross Alex Freshley, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen & Sarah 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

July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
Deut 19-20	Deut 21-22	Deut 23-24	Deut 25-26	Deut 27-28	Deut 29-30	Deut 31-32
Ps 3	Ps 4	Ps 5	Ps 6	Ps 7	Ps 8	Ps 9

Events

Ladies' Bible Class: Tuesday 10am in the Library.

Mens' Lunch: Thursday at 11:00am @ Golden Corral on Skibo

Regular Bible Classes: Children 6th grade and under are in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning

