

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Tyler Christian

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Julius Cook
Cam Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Luka Herrera

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Pantry Item

Ramen Bowls

Sermon Notes

Our God Is Holy

I. _____ Testament Doctrine

II. _____ Testament Doctrine

III. _____ are to be Holy

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Welcome!

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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

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

Some Things To Think About The Church of Christ

When was the church of Christ established? By whom was it established? What creed does the church of Christ use? These are all questions that arise from time to time concerning the church of Christ. Many think the church of Christ is just another denomination, and treat it as such, but what does the Bible teach concerning the church? The church of Christ is found in the Bible (Rom. 16:16) and one can know that it is the New Testament church because:

1. The Church Of Christ Has The Right Founder. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “...*I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*” Jesus promised to build his church. Christ said this would take place while some of those in the first century were still living. In Mark 9:1, he said, “*Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.*” Christ is the only one who has the RIGHT to found a church. He has that right because he laid down His life for the church purchasing her with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

2. The Church Of Christ Was Established At The Right Time. The great prophets of the Old Testament prophesied the establishment of the kingdom. In Isaiah 2:2, Isaiah writes, “*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*” The “*mountain of the Lord's house*” is a reference to the “government” of the church. The last days has reference to the Christian age. Joel also records about the coming of the kingdom in Joel 2:28-32. This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost after the ascension of Christ (Acts 2). In Acts 2:16, Peter said, “*But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.*” He wanted the people to know that the events taking place on the day of Pentecost were the very events about which Joel prophesied. The church (kingdom) was established in the first century on the first Day of Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus

from the dead.

3. The Church Of Christ Was Founded At The Scriptural Place. Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 2:3, “...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” In giving the “great commission,” Jesus said in Luke 24:47, “*And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*” In verse 49 Jesus said, “...but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*” The apostles were told that the church would have its beginning in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-4). That took place on the day of Pentecost following the ascension of Christ back into heaven.

4. The Church Of Christ Wears The Right Name. We must always do that which exalts Christ. To wear a name that does not exalt the name of Christ is to disgrace the name of Christ. When we wear a human name, it undermines the authority of Christ. We wear the name “church of Christ” because it is found in the Bible. In Romans 16:16 we read, “...the churches of Christ salute you.” Paul mentions a multiplicity of congregations that were saluting the brethren at Rome. The phrase in Romans 16 has reference to the churches belonging to Christ.

5. The Church Of Christ Is Right In Organization. The church of Christ does not have an earthly headquarters where a group of men govern what we do or what we believe. The organization as set forth in the New Testament is: elders, deacons, preachers and members. First Timothy 3:1-8 and Titus 1:5-11 lists the qualifications for those who are “elders” or “bishops.” This word is from the Greek word *episkopos* meaning overseer (Moulton's Analytical Greek Lexicon, p.160). Paul used this same word in Acts 20:28 when he told the elders of the church at Ephesus that they were “*overseers, to feed the church of God.*” In 1 Timothy 3:8-13, Paul records the qualifications of the deacons. A deacon by definition means to “serve” or be a servant. Next in organization there are preachers or evangelists. In 2 Timothy 4:5, Paul told Timothy to “*do the work of an evangelist.*” In Ephesians 4:11 Paul wrote, “*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.*” Notice the separation between “evangelists” and “pastors.” A preacher is NOT the pastor, he is the “evangelist.” The word pastor means “overseer.” This has reference to the elders, not the preacher.

“Members” are next in this list of the organization. In 1 Corinthians 12:27 we read, “*Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*” Romans 12:4,5 records, “*For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*” The one body is not made of many denominations, but members - individual souls. -BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 6/1
Chapters Read: 320

B.C.: 23
Worship: 61

Daily Bible Readers: 13
Wednesday: 28

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen has been in and out of the hospital at CFVPMC this past week because of complications. Please pray for her family members caring for her as well.

Sandra Hedgepeth was able to be at Bible Class Wednesday night! **John McDougale, Geraldine Harrington's** uncle, is not doing well. **Carole Pearson,** Dave Carver's cousin is still recuperating from a stroke. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Gwen Jennen** is having health problems. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley's** dad, is in hospice care and not doing well. **Barbara Norris** is also struggling with her health and is trying to fully recuperate. **Linda Jenkins'** son, **Shannon,** is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins'** parents need prayers. **Melany Hatcher** is back in Indonesia. She and dad will go to Manado later today from Jakarta.

I will be going to Indonesia & the Philippines in a couple of weeks. June 23 - July 8. I solicit your prayers for the trip as well as for Jennifer & Brynn while I am away. Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez,** and the **Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
2 Ki 4-5	2 Ki 6-7	2 Ki 8-9	2 Ki 10-11	2 Ki 12-13	2 Ki 14-15	2 Ki 16-17
Gal 4-6	Eph 1-3	Eph 4-6	Phlp 1-2	Phlp 3-4	Col 1-2	Col 3-4

Events

Silver Linings: June 20 at 11am. Bring your lunch!

