



The church of Christ

Grandview Pines

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The Church of Christ is Udenominational

By Charles Box

The church of the New Testament is not denominational. In the beginning there was only one church. You can be just a Christian, a member of the one and only church that you can read about in your Bible. Since we have all grown up in a world of many kinds of churches it is hard for us to think of the undivided, udenominational church of the first century. At that time denominations did not exist but the church of Christ did exist. The church of Christ is produced when the gospel of Christ is obeyed. "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness." (Romans 6:17-18) The New Testament church and denominational churches are far different from one another in origin, purpose, mission, and destiny.

Original Christianity was udenominational. The word "church" is a misused word in our society. When a person is called out of sin by the gospel, and they become Christians they are automatically part of the church. "Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47) The church is men and women saved by the blood of Jesus. "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison." (Acts 8:1-3)

The church of Christ is the church promised and built by Jesus. (Matthew 16:18-19) Jesus did not build a denomination. His interest is not in a physical building. The church of Christ is a living organism. It is composed of people saved by the blood of Jesus. Observe what the people in Corinth did to become Christians, "And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized." (Acts 18:8) These people made up "the church of God which is at Corinth." (1 Corinthians 1:2) They were to be united and speak the same thing. They were to speak the same thing because "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace..." (1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 1 Corinthians 14:33) "Udenominational" is the proper term to use to describe original Christianity.

Denominations were planned by men; the church of Christ was planned by God and built by Jesus Christ. The one true church was part of God's eternal purpose. "To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Ephesians 3:10-11) God planned the church in such a way as to have unity. Unity is possible when, "All speak the same thing." (1 Corinthians 1:10) Denominations promote division instead of unity. The true church became splintered and divided by men perverting the gospel of Christ. "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Galatians 1:6-7) A perverted gospel means a perverted church. The church of Christ promotes unity!

Denominations exist without blood; the church of Christ was purchased with Christ's blood. Jesus built the church and promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:13-18) Jesus purchased the church with his own blood. "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28) Christ and His church cannot be separated because the church was purchased by His blood. He loved the church and gave Himself for it. His church is as valuable as His blood.

Those who reject the church of Christ do not recognize the connection between the church of Christ and the blood of Christ. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that he might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27)

Denominations do not recognize Christ as head of the church; the church of Christ lifts up Jesus as head. Denominations have their heads and head quarters in different places around the world. However, Jesus is the head of the church of Christ. "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the

Welcome to the services of the Grandview Pines church of Christ

We are thankful to be able to gather to worship our God (John 4:24). Visitors, please take time to fill out a card and place it in the collection plate. If you have questions about what you see or hear we would be glad to answer them after the service. We hope all leave edified and uplifted.

News, Notes & Nouncements

3rd Sunday

After morning services we will be having our monthly fellowship meal. Visitors, please stay, eat, and let us get to know you!

This evening's worship will emphasize singing, prayer and scripture reading.

Congratulations!

The Woodruffs have a new addition to their family. Their 19th grandchild, Raelyn Cana Woodruff born Thursday October 13th to Glen and Kas Woodruff.

Our Shut-Ins

Please take the time to call, visit, or send a card to our Shut-Ins.

Linda Bush - Prattville Rehab & Nursing Home, RM 212.

Katie King - Room 308, 95 Charlton Place, Old Prattville Hwy. 290-2966

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower today after our fellowship meal for Angel Koche.

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

Topic: The book of Philippians.

Teacher: George Vinson

Wednesday Night

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

Monthly

Topic: How to Study your Bible

Teacher: George Vinson

Fall Festival

October 29th at 5:30pm. More details to follow.

Youth Devotional Sign-up List

A new sign-up sheet for our fourth Sunday youth devotionals has been placed in the foyer.

We also have a sign-up sheet for the men who are willing to give the devotionals.

Pictorial Directory

Over the next few weeks we will be taking pictures after services for our new pictorial directory. Please have your family's picture taken so we can have an updated directory.

Computer

Do you have a working computer that is internet capable? Get with Terry if you have one.

Upcoming Youth Events

October 28th - **Youth Devo** Hosted by Jim and Diane Cox

October 30th - **Young Men Conduct Services**

November 13th - **Area Wide Devo** Hosted by the Liberty congregation

November 27th - **Youth Devo** Hosted by the Youngs

December 11th - **Area Wide Devo** Hosted by the Wetumpka congregation

February 24-26 - **Challenge Youth Conference**

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preeminence." (Colossians 1:18)

Neither the Pope nor anyone else can claim headship over the church. Jesus is head. He is king over His kingdom. The church of Christ is God's promised kingdom. (Daniel 2:44-45) The church is that kingdom which shall stand forever. The eternal kingdom was established in the days of the Roman kings. This was during the lifetime of some who heard Jesus speak. "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death til they see the kingdom of God present with power." (Mark 9:1) Christians are citizens in this kingdom and thus must respect Christ's law. Denominations do not respect Christ as head because they do not respect His law. Christ, the head, instructs the body, His church, concerning what to teach and do.

Denominations do not teach God's plan of salvation, the church of Christ teaches the gospel plan of salvation.

Denominations teach people to go to an altar and pray for salvation, pray the sinner's prayer, or to just accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. They do not tell sinners to hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ. (Romans 6:3-5) Denominations never tell people what Peter told the people of Pentecost. "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) The church of Christ encourages gospel obedience. (Acts 2:36-41) The original faith must be contended for as it was before men departed from it. We must go back to the original doctrine of Christ and obey His will.

God has blessed us with the great privilege of being a part of the God planned, heaven promised, and blood bought church. Jesus gave the world His church before and without denominationalism. Let's go back to the Bible, back to the New Testament Christianity, back to the Bible church. You can be just a Christian! Those who follow the Bible are Christians, members of the church of Christ. It is a great blessing to be a member of the undenominational church of Christ. (Acts 2:47)

Bulletin Updates, Changes & Removal of Names

Don't forget to let us know if prayer list or other bulletin information needs to be changed.

Please email Trey Harvell by Friday night. trey.harvell@gmail.com

Prayer List

... but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. — Philippians 4:6

(in alphabetical order by last name)

Lee Bowren - (A. Sadler's mother) in nursing home in Heber Springs, AR.

David Brown - (Mont. Police officer) - recovering from serious motorcycle accident.

Hulon Cooper and his wife Barbara - (B. Little's family) In motorcycle accident, sister-in-law broke her leg.

Jackie Cooper - (B. Little's family)

Rickey Cooper - (B. Little's family)

Russell Cooper - (B. Little's family)

Jerry Davidson - (Director of Guyana missions) Parkinson's Disease.

Charles Dobbins - (friend of the May family) under hospice care.

Sydney Fuller - (G. Fuller's bother) has two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.

Addison Hall - will be going in for tests in October.

Kylie Hall - Surgery on her ear drum on the 30th of November.

Myra Hall-Dealing with gall bladder issues, recovering from C-section.

Fredrick Harbaugh - Continuing to deal with illness.

Wayne Harvell - (T. Harvell's father) Recovering from surgery to remove skin cancer under eye.

Marilyn Hatcher - (E. Howard's mother) Returned home from chemo treatments.

Jennifer Hill - (daughter of

coworker of Jeremy and T. Harvell) In hospital receiving treatment for several blood clots.

Willie Mae Hunt - fell and broke her wrist.

Tim Johnson - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments. Cancer has spread to his liver.

Angel Koche - expecting

Holly Sadler (Jay's wife) diagnosed with diabetes and liver damage.

Rayford Lee - (J. Sadler's father-in-law)

Walter & Cheryl May - (R. May's parents) both facing physical ailments.

Hendon Mixon - (M. Hall's grandfather) had a pacemaker inserted recently.

Melanie Payne was hit by a car while walking. Having headaches and back pain. In physical therapy.

Martha Pilkinton (Glenda Gregory's sister-in-law) terminal cancer.

Peggy Rice - (Janice Claunch's mother)

Carolyn Stanley - (Coworker of Jeremy and T. Harvell) Undergoing several procedures including spinal surgery over the next few months.

June Stringer - Arm has healed, but she still needs prayers and support.

Tina Tatum - will continue to see doctor every 6 months to monitor illness.

Mickey Thomas - (former member)

Room 313 Prattville Rehab.

Amy Turner - continuing to deal with illness.

Kevin Turner - ALS

Juanita Waggoner - (M. Stinson's aunt) advanced stage of Parkinson's Disease.

Wayne Weldon - (A. Hammonds' father) Will have surgery on November 4th (in Birmingham) for his prostate cancer.

Shelley Wheeler's family - (friends of the Harbaugh's & C. Harvell) Shelley Wheeler passed away this past week.

Garrett Young - heart problems.

Military personnel & their families

-Stewart Burkey - (Afghanistan) lost a member of his infantry in a firefight.

-Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT)

-Joshua Corey - deployed

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-David Howard - being deployed around November 19th

-Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

-Todd Wheeler - being deployed

Do You Know Your Bible?

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15

This Week's Question:

Answer to Last Week's Question

*Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services*

	Today: October 16th	Next Week: October 23rd
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AM Service

Announcements	Jason Hall	Trey Harvell
Song Leader	Robert Golden	Ben Cooper
Opening Prayer	George Vinson	Jeremy Claunch
Closing Prayer	Luke Wright	Tom Young
Scripture Reading	Garrett Young Luke 12:15-21	Alex Stinson Luke 18:9-14
Lord's Table - Head	Tom Young	Tim Ashley
Lord's Table - Serve	Coby Mayne Ben Cooper Jim Ezekiel Ricky May	Sammie Girod Garrett Young Doug Stabler Bryant Weldon

PM Service

Announcements	Jason Hall	Trey Harvell
Song Leader	Robert Golden	Ben Cooper
Opening Prayer	Charles Price	Robert Golden
Closing Prayer	Brandon Gonzalez	Coby Mayne
Lord's Table	Tom Young	Tim Ashley
3rd Sunday Invitation	Tim Ashley	

Sunday Helpers' List

Foyer Attendant	Ricky May	Christopher May
Greeters	Cliff Cleveland Lynette Burkey	Christopher May Diane Cox
Nursery Attendant	Patricia Abrams	Pansy Weldon

Wednesday Bible Study

	This Week: October 19th	Next Week: October 26th
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Song Leader	Tom Young	Sammie Girod
Invitation	Trey Harvell	Alex Stinson
Closing Prayer	Cliff Cleveland	Glenn Fuller

If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement,
please contact Jim Hammonds.

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Work of Evangelism:

Home Bible Studies
 Bible Correspondence Studies
 Biblical Tracts
 Staton & Tutwiler Prisons
 Sermon CDs & Cassettes
 Gospel Broadcasting Network

Work of Benevolence:

Food Pantry
 Guyana Missions - Summerdale
 Congregation
 1st Sun. singing - Autumn Place
 2nd Sun. singing - Merry Wood Lodge
 Clothes for Panama
 Eye Glasses for Thailand
 Assistance to those in need

Work of Edification:

Sunday
 Bible Class 9:00 AM
 Worship 10:00 AM
 Worship 5:00 PM
 Wednesday
 Ladies' Class 10:30 AM
 Bible Class 7:00 PM

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