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Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM
Sunday
Worship
- 7:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Study

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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- James Pigg
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST - Jonnie Hutchison

The origin and nature of the church of Christ is one of the most misunderstood subjects on the planet. The vast majority of people in our nation equate the church with the multiplicity of religious denominations that permeate our world. However, what the Bible teaches about the church of Christ stands in stark contradiction to this mistaken view.

The term "church of Christ" is not a denominational designation, like Baptist Church or Methodist Church, but simply describes the ownership of the church that was promised and built by Jesus Christ. Jesus promised, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build **My church**" (Matthew 16:18). The church of which we read in the New Testament belongs to Christ who purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). He is the Head of His church as the Bible tells us in Ephesians 1:22-23, "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to **the church**, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Consider also the fact that the church is called "His body." This

is significant because there are so many different kinds of religious bodies in our world teaching different and conflicting doctrines. The New Testament teaches that the church of Christ is the spiritual body of Christ and there is only **ONE BODY** not many different kinds of bodies! Ephesians 4:4 reads, "There is **one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling.**" Every person saved by the blood of Jesus this side of the cross is added by Jesus Christ to His church. "And **the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.** (Acts 2:47).

The church of Christ has always been a part of God's plan to save man from the eternal consequences of sin. It exists according to His "eternal purpose" (Ephesians 3:10-11). It was established in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost following the death and resurrection of Jesus as predicted in prophecy (Isaiah 2:1-3; Acts 2). Any so-called church established at a later date or in another place cannot be the church of Christ.

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, and Carolyn Byars. Family and Friends: Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Hollis Stubblefield, Kevin Smith, Walter Lee Steely and Carol Pigg.

- **WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 10:00 am for worship and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible study. All other services are cancelled until further notice. In addition there will be no fall classes for our School of Biblical Studies nor will we have our annual chili supper this year. The virus continues to spread and we are erring on the side of safety as much as possible.
- **PANTRY ITEMS October 2020:** 4—Canned Tomatoes 11—Spaghetti Sauce; 18—Canned Peas; 25—Tuna. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **October 2020 Anniversaries:** 21—Chad & Vickie Canter. **Birthdays:** 8—Jim Fielder; 18—Perry Jarvis; 29—Bobby Hall; If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- We offer **FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES** through the mail. Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.
- *This world will end and every material thing will be burned up (2 Peter 3:10). Why then place so much emphasis on that which will not last?*

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World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: To whom did Jesus say, “Get behind me Satan”?

Last Week: Upon what day in history did the church of Christ come into existence?

Answer: The church of Christ was established in Jerusalem on the first Jewish Pentecost following the death & resurrection of Jesus (Acts 2).

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We plead with each reader to carefully examine what the New Testament teaches about the church of Christ. Your eternal welfare depends upon a proper understanding of this vital subject. It is our prayer that each one will understand fully the origin and the nature of the church of Christ and, through humble submission to the commands of the Lord to believe that Jesus

Christ is the Son of God (John 8:24), repent of sin (Acts 17:30-31), confess faith in Christ (romans 10:9-10) and being immersed in water, into the death of Jesus (Acts 2:38; romans 6:3-4), be added by the Lord to His church, the church of Christ.

“Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you” (Romans 16:16).

WHY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT A DENOMINATION #1 By Bradley Smith

Recently, we received an e-mail from a man who had an objection to the October issue of the Spiritual Sword. He made the claim that in our listing of the denominations and their origins, we had failed to mention the origin of the "Church of Christ denomination" (sic). There have also been some comments made in the adult auditorium class about the "other denominations," implying that the church is a denomination. Is it the case that the church of Christ is a denomination? We will seek to answer that question in our bulletin article this week through a list of points.

1. When we take into account the Latin origin of the word "denomination", we see that it means "the act of naming from (or down)." The church of Christ was not "named from" any other group; in fact, it is the body from which all the denominations have "named themselves." The church of Christ is simply the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23).

2. The church of Christ cannot be a denomination because it has no earthly founder. Some have made the claim that the church of Christ was started by Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone. These men were part of what was called the Restoration Movement. In order for something to be re-

stored, it must have already been in existence. The church that belongs to Christ was already in existence, having been founded by Jesus Christ Himself (Mat. 16:18).

3. The church of Christ cannot be a denomination because it has no earthly headquarters. One cannot go to a place such as Rome or Salt Lake City and find some headquarters of the church that belongs to Christ. Christ is the only Head of His only church (Eph. 5:23).

4. The church that belongs to Christ cannot be a denomination because it follows no man-made creed. Each denomination that exists has some kind of creed book, whether it be the Book of Mormon, the aforementioned Church of God's Bylaws, or any other books that one could wish to name. Those who are members of the body of Christ merely speak as the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11), and submit to the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17).

These have been just a few reasons why the church of Christ cannot be a denomination. Lord willing, next week we will continue with other reasons that the church that belongs to Christ is not, and cannot be, a denomination. —*Getwell church of Christ
Memphis, TN*



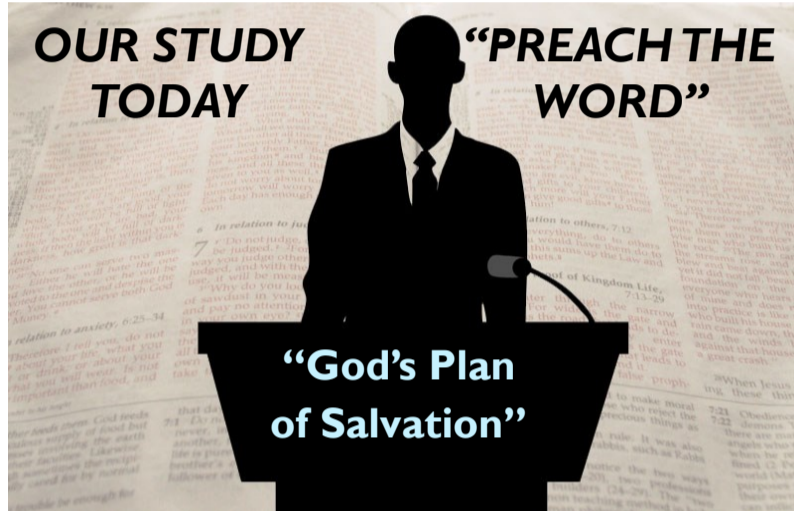
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A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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The Gospel	In Christ	Of Sins	Faith in Christ
Romans 10:17	John 8:24	Acts 17:30-31	Acts 8:37

and
Be Baptized

Mark 16:16
Acts 2:38