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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

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“GIVE ME JESUS BUT NOT HIS CHURCH?” *By Jonnie Hutchison*

“Give me Jesus but not the church.” Sadly, this statement expresses the attitude far too many hold with reference to the New Testament church. Many misunderstand the place and purpose for the existence of the church. The Bible is clear that the church has always been in God’s plan for man’s salvation from sin. The church exists according to God’s *“eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus”* (Ephesians 3:10-11). Every saved person this side of the cross has been added **by the Lord to His church** (Acts 2:41, 47) which tells us that if one is not in the Lord’s church he or she is lost and without hope.

Jesus promised to build His church, not His churches. The church of Christ is unique and one of a kind. It is not a denomination nor a group of denominations. It stands alone as **ONE BODY** with **ONE HEAD**. Inspiration declares, *“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all* (Ephesians 1:22-23).

How many **bodies** does Jesus have? Ephesians 4:4 reads, *“There is **ONE BODY**”* Since the one body is the church then the only logical conclusion is there is only **ONE CHURCH** built by Jesus and acceptable to God. If not, why not?

The church is the spiritual kingdom of Christ. Christ is *“King of kings and Lord of lords”* and reigns over the church from His throne in heaven (Acts 2:30; 1 Timothy 6:15). One who rejects the church rejects Jesus as his King and Lord. Paul wrote to the church in Colossae, *“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”* No person outside of the kingdom (church) of Christ has received the forgiveness of sins.

The Bible teaches that salvation is *“in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 2:10). Yet, to be in Christ is equivalent to being in His one body which is the church. How does one get into Christ? *“For as*

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Margorie Grady.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Tommy Boggess and Tish Clarke. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

MEMORIAL SERVICES for brother Larry Enoch have been scheduled for Friday October 14th with visitation from 5 to 7 pm and Saturday October 15 at 1 pm at the Heritage Chapel of Imes Funeral Home, 1804 Highway 121 Bypass North, Murray .

PANTRY ITEMS August 2022: 2—Peaches; 9—Corn; 16—Soups; 23—Syrup; 30—Kool-Aid.

October 2022 Anniversaries: None. **Birthdays:** 8-Jim Fielder; 18- Perry Jarvis; 29- Bobby Hall; Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting at the Coldwater church of Christ in Murray, October 9-12, 2022 with Jerry Joseph preaching. Monday-Wednesday services are at 7:00 pm. See the bulletin board for more details. **GOSPEL MEETING** October 17-20 with the theme “Jesus Is The Way” at the downtown Martin Public Library Stage, 89 Central St. in Martin, TN. Services are at 7:00 pm Monday-Thursday. Speakers: Brent Arnold “Finding Jesus The Way”, Robert Hatfield “Jesus The Way Out of Religious Confusion”, B.J. Clark “Jesus, The Way to Forgiveness” and Lowell Hayes “Following Jesus, The Way”. More info on the bulletin board.

“Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.” John 14:6.

THOSE TO SERVE OCTOBER 2022

Announcements—James Pigg

Preside at Lord’s Table—Bobby & Mike
Lord’s Table PM: 2-Bobby; 9-Mike; 16-Bobby;
23-Mike; 30-Bobby

Opening Prayer AM

2-Jonnie; 9-Chad; 16-James; 23-Jim L.; 30-Mike

Closing Prayer AM

2-Perry; 9-Dave; 16-Junior; 23-Roy; 30-Jesse

Song Leaders

AM- Perry; PM-Chad; Wed-Mike
Count Contribution: Bobby and Mike

Thanks for Serving!

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

**Eight consecutive
Mondays**

Sept. 19-Nov. 7, 2022

7:00-9:00 PM

(Meet in the Annex)

Larry Powers

“Church History”

Jack Philips

“2 Corinthians”

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many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27). Yet the Bible also teaches, “For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body**” (1 Corinthians 12:13). The same act of obedience that puts one into Christ puts him into the one body which is His one church.

The idea that one can accept Jesus but reject the church He built and to which He

adds the saved stands in stark contrast to what the Bible teaches about the essentiality of the church that belongs to the Son of God. To reject the church of Christ is to reject any hope of salvation. May God help each of us to recognize the place and purpose of the church Jesus built in the lives of those who desire to enter into eternal life.

THE AVENUE OF PRAYER By Jonnie Hutchison

The God of heaven communicates to humankind through His written word in the Bible. The Christian communicates to God through the avenue of prayer. Does God desire for His children to pray to Him? Yes. The Bible tells us to “pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:17-18). Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Does God hear and answer prayer? There are some restrictions. God does not hear, in the sense of answering, the prayers of sinners. “Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him” (John 9:31). 1 Peter 3:12 reads, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” God does not answer prayers that are at odds with His revealed will. John writes, “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us” (1 John 5:14). It should be obvious that God will not answer the pray-

ers of one who is living in rebellion to His Word including embracing religious error.

God does answer the prayers of His faithful. After stating that one can have confidence that God hears our prayers, John continued, “And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him” (1 John 5:15). God answers our prayers, but He answers them according to His will. He may say “no” as in the case of Paul’s “thorn in the flesh” (2 Cor. 12:7ff). He may answer “wait.” The Psalmist writes, “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him” (Psalms 37:7). The implication is that God is not governed by our impatience and that is true of prayer. Yes, God does hear and answer prayer and sometimes our prayers are answered quickly.

Some believe that sinners should pray to God for salvation. However, the Bible is silent on the so-called “sinner’s prayer.” Instead, God requires the sinner to believe in Jesus as the Son of God (John 8:32), repent of sin (Acts 17:30), confess faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10) and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Neither Jesus nor the apostles ever told any person to

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“pray the sinner’s prayer.”

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Bible Study



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE
CLASS 10:00 AM
“The Book of Acts”

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
“Salvation Is In The Church of Christ”

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
“Keep On Keeping On”

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
“A Study of the Minor Prophets”

MONDAY 7-9 PM
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NEW WEEKLY PODCAST

“Around the Spiritual Table”

In the Around the Spiritual Table Podcast, we will discuss various Bible topics and answer your Biblical and spiritual questions. To submit a topic or question for discussion, please email spiritualtable101@gmail.com. Come sit around the spiritual table with us.

Presented by the Coldwater & Dexter churches of Christ Host: Luke Puckett

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