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Schedule Of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:45 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible study 7:00 P.M.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

1. Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31;
Rom. 10:17).

2. Believe (Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8;
Heb. 11:6).

3. Repent (Lk. 13:3; 24:47;
Acts 3:19; 17:30).

4. Confess Christ (Matt. 10:32, 33).

5. Be baptized (immersed)
(Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16;
Acts 2:38; 22:16).

6. Continue faithful unto death
(Rev. 2:10).

Mailing Address

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By the Numbers:

Week of 9/30/18

Contribution – \$2627

Attendance:


Sunday Bible Classes – 33

Sunday Worship * – 45

Wednesday Night – 36

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: Shittim
(Acacia) wood (Exo. 25:10).

Q: What color(s) were the curtains of
the Tabernacle?

Answer to be given next week!

Sermon Spotlight:

AM: Psalm 1

1) What is being compared in this psalm?

2) Notice the progression of first walking,
then standing, and then sitting with the
sinful.

PM: Psalm 3

1) What does “Selah” mean?

2) Are you confident that the Lord is on your
side, that He is your Shield and Sustainer?

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

October 7, 2018

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

How to Build Up the Church

Gus Nichols

Note: A couple weeks ago we noticed what Brother Maxie Boren had to say about this subject.
Now let’s see what Brother Gus Nichols has to say. — TCG

In many places the true church is very weak. The members are few in number, and poor
in this world's goods. In some cases, they have no efficient leadership, while in other instances
the members are often worldly minded and under reproach. Even in a few cases there is strife and
bitterness among the members. In almost all places where the Cause is weak, the members are
despised in the eyes of the world, persecuted, and misrepresented. But weak congregations
should remember that God does not save by many nor few, and also, they should remember that
strong congregations were once weak. Neither should they lose sight of the fact that a large mem-
bership does not always mean the church is strong. If the members are weak in faith and in spir-
itual strength, the church cannot be strong. It is our purpose to offer some simple suggestions,
which, when put into practice, will inevitably build up the church.

ATTEND IT UP

Nothing is more encouraging than for all the members to attend the public services of the
church. We are commanded not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. (Heb. 10:25)
The early disciples came together upon the first day of the week to break bread in memory of
Christ. (Acts 20:7) The first day of every week in the year is the Lord's day. Thus, fifty-two days
in each year the disciples celebrated the resurrection of their loving Savior by properly observing
the day of the resurrection. (Mk. 16:9; Rev. 1:10) They also celebrated the Lord's death just as
often as they did his resurrection. Hence, they observed the Lord's supper on the first day of the
week. (Acts 2:42; 20:7) This builds up the church. It edifies and strengthens the members and
shows to the world that we really believe the gospel, and that we are living for the Lord.

TEACH IT UP

The church cannot grow without the word of God. Peter says: "As new born babes, desire
the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." (1 Pet. 2:2) When the time comes that a
little baby may grow into a strong man or woman without food, then may the church grow with-
out the word of God. Paul says: "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is
able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which (cntd. on page 2)

NEWS AND NOTES
TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen (room 628 at Ridgecrest Nursing Home) — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Dianne Ortega — Joy Skipper

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Fellowship Meal — Every 4th Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers. (If you would like to help with a get-together, please let Chase know).

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are sanctified." (Acts 20:32) Yes, the word "is able to build you up." One cannot live the Christian life without the word. Jesus says "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4) Hence, God says: "Feed the church of God." (Acts 20:28) In the Commission, the Lord commanded his disciples to teach all nations and baptize them, then teach those baptized to observe all things which he has commanded. (Matt. 28:19-20) Brethren will do better when they are taught better. Members should study to the end that they may be approved of God, and that they may be able to teach others. (2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 5:12) Have a mid-week Bible study, and a Sunday morning Bible school, before the regular worship; then have all the sound gospel preaching that is possible. (Acts 20:7) Let everyone "Continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine." (Acts 2:42) This will strengthen the present membership, and add others to the number by conversion, and restoration.

BELIEVE IT UP

While teaching is ground-work, so is faith. The gospel is full of power, but only so to those who will believe it. (Rom. 1:16) The word taught, and preached, build us up, only to the degree that we believe it. Jude says: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God." (Jude 20-21) Yes, faith is a builder. The church cannot be strong when the members question the resurrection of the Son of God, doubt the threats and promises of the gospel, and feel that their labor in the Lord is in vain. (Heb. 11:6; 1 Cor. 15:58) Without strong faith, the members will neglect their duty, leave off praying for the work, and be selfish, contentious, and covetous. Faith is produced and strengthened by the knowledge of the truth. (Rom. 10:17; 2 Thess. 1:3) Abraham "Staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith giving glory to God:" (Rom. 4:20) Let us cut loose from all doubts and fears.

LIVE IT UP

All of us cannot be elders and deacons, song leaders and preachers, but all of us can live right. We can keep ourselves unspotted from the world. (Jas. 1:27) Every one of us can let his light shine and wield a good influence. (Matt. 5:16) All of us can live above the use of profane language, above the use of strong drinks, and keep ourselves free from adultery, gambling, stealing, quarreling, fighting ... dancing, etc... Such things are strongly condemned in the word of God. (See Gal. 5:19-20; Col. 3, etc.) If we believe in the righteousness of the Cause, and if we love the church, we will show it in our every-day lives. Let us live righteously, soberly and godly in this present world. (Titus 2:12-14) The sermon seen in our daily life often has more

weight than the one that is only heard. (1 Pet. 3:1-4) Let us live up the church.

LET US ALSO GIVE IT UP

We are taught by our Savior to lay up our treasures in heaven, not on earth. (Matt. 6:19-20) We are taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35) We have the promise that if we sow bountifully we shall reap bountifully, and that we shall have all sufficiency in all things. (2 Cor. 9:6-8) Let us trust the Lord's promise and give as we are prospered for the building up of the church, for the spreading of the gospel and for the benefit of all in distress, that we and our children and friends may live under gospel influence, and finally be saved. Where the members are stingy and covetous, their lights cannot shine for good, and the work cannot prosper. Christianity was founded on sacrifice-the sacrifice of God's Son. We must present our bodies a living sacrifice or the church cannot grow. (Rom. 12:1-2) No one can be a Christian without denying himself. (Matt. 16:24) Just the lust-money spent by many congregations would support a preacher full-time to preach the gospel among them. (1 Cor. 9:14; Gal 6:6) For a lack of liberality many congregations have perished from the earth. Rather than to do their duty along this line, they stopped the preacher, ceased to have additions, more and more members became backsliders; strife and bitterness crept in and discouraged the faithful, and the church died. Liberality makes a difference, both here and hereafter.

PRAY IT UP

The early Christians continued steadfastly in prayers. (Acts 2:42) Many churches receive not, because they do not pray. (Jas. 4:2)

***I Will Rejoice
Chase Green***

How many times in this life
Have I faced pain and strife?
But I know He is with me,
He's right there to lift me,
He's with me till the end!

I will rejoice! I will rejoice!
I will rejoice at His name!
I will rejoice; I'll make the choice
To follow Him to the end!

Note: This a poem I'm working on. I am thinking about having it set to music. Maybe you can help me write the next stanzas! — TCG

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.”
Acts 17:30

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