

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 13th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. R. Pack, G. Cooper

Aug 20th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

Announcements: Darrell Cunningham

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Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture: Eddie Anderson
Opening Prayer: Ken Ross
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture: Ken Ross
Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson
Sermon: TBA
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion:
J. Venable, P. Love, G. Phifer
G. Cooper, W. Ferguson, S. Lewis

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Greet: Luther & Jo Merritt
Nursery Att: A.M. Carol Swader
P.M. Reba Donaldson

Greet: Stennis & Mary Lewis
Nursery Att: A.M. Debi Helton
P.M. Leah Wages

Aug 13th - EVENING WORSHIP

Aug 20th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Jeff Lewis
Opening Prayer: Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Gaylon Cooper
Communion:
K. Ross, M. Wages

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder
Sermon: TBA
Closing Prayer: Mike Wages
Communion:
K. Ross, M. Wages

Aug 16th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Aug 23rd - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Jeff Lewis
Opening Prayer: Darrell Cunningham
Devotional: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder
Devotional: Jeff Lewis
Closing Prayer: James Eddleman

Weekly Record

6 AM Worship	11
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Sunday Evening Worship	66
Wed. Bible Study	87
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The Name that Identifies Us



It is truly sad today to see so many congregations of the Lord's people flippantly change the name of the Lord's church, simply to appeal to the present culture. Congregations that appeal to the "Community Church" fashion do not understand that the name of the church is indeed important.

Names themselves are indeed important. We may learn this lesson by noting the people listed in the Bible whose names were changed: God changed the name "Abram" to "Abraham" (Gen. 17:5), God changed the name "Sara" to "Sarah" (Gen. 17:15), God changed the name "Jacob" to "Israel" (Gen. 32:38), and we see Saul's name change to "Paul" (Acts 13:9). In the latter case, is it not significant that once Saul of Tarsus understood his new-found purpose for life, he decided to leave off his old name characterized by his old life, and chose a new name that described him from thenceforth to underscore his new life in Christ? This shows the true importance in names.

God has always intended for His people to be called by His name (cf. 2 Chron. 7:14). Likewise, those who are not called by His name are consequently not His people:

The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name. (Isa. 63:18-19)

An important fact to consider is that this name was never decided by the insight of men, but it is divine in origin—God Himself gave this name:

Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. (Isa. 56:5; cf. 62:2)

This new name was given to the Gentile disciples and fulfilled in Acts 11:26: "And when he found him, he brought him unto Antioch...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." From henceforth, they would no longer be identified as either "Jew" or "Gentile," but "Christian" (cf. Gal. 3:28), which identifies us as followers of Christ. Please understand that this name is not a title, but a name that shows possession. We are a people belonging to Jesus Christ! Since He redeemed us with His blood (Acts 20:28), it is only right that we belong to Him.

The problems in the 21st century are similar to those in the first century—many want to blaspheme the name of the church, and in turn, the name of Christ. James asked, "Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?" (James 2:7). Weak brethren do this when they replace the name of Christ with "Soand- so Community Church" or "So-and-so Family of God" and such like. Why remove the name of Christ? Why remove that which distinguishes us from other man-made churches? Why remove the sound, biblical Page 2 The Southwesterner February 1, 2015 title stated in the Bible? "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you" (Rom. 16:16). "Church of Christ" is not a name that identifies us as a denomination among denominations, but it is an identity from the Bible that shows the world to whom we belong! What better name is there? Dear friend, I do not believe that there is one!

*Sam Wilcutt
Church of Christ Articles*

What Do You WANT To Do To Be Saved? ***David Bragg***

Authorities in Glenville, NY are baffled. The small town has witnessed several single vehicle accidents involving large trucks. According to the Daily Gazette in nearby Schenectady, the Glenridge Road railroad bridge has been struck by trucks, peeling back trailer tops, "at least 20 times since a road-widening project was finished in 2013" (dailygazette.com). The problem? The clearly marked bridge has a clearance of only 10 feet 11 inches while the average height of an 18-wheeler is between 13 and 14 feet.

Many site an increased reliance on GPS devices for the accidents while others blame drivers for ignoring clearly marked low clearance warning signs. In a similar, but far more serious vein, is the failure of many modern religious people to properly heed the biblical "warning signs" when it comes to God's plan of salvation.

Whether they are blindly following their denominational teachings or refusing to take God's Word seriously, the result is always disastrous. On more than one occasion in the Bible the question is asked, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 2:37 and 16:30, for example). Yet, in not a single instance is the response, "What do you WANT to do to be saved?"

Salvation has never been left to the discretion of individual preference or majority rule. Why didn't Peter, in Acts 2, take a poll to decide the most popular form of responding to the Gospel? Why didn't he tell the penitent Jews to simply utter a quick prayer for forgiveness? Because when it comes to saving souls, especially our own, only God has the final word. And He told Peter to say, ""Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold and Doris Davis,
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sammy Puckett, Rachel Epperson,
Ted Lingren, Billy Landers,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Iva Hopper, Tom Crow,
Bill and Gladys Gowan,
Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse,
Shirley Puckett, Margie Montgomery,
Margie Whitehead, Sandra Jordan,
Andy Vaughn, Betty Cooper,
Helen Avent, Louise Buck,
Gwen Smith, Jorita Richardson

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd,
Al Stewart, Ruth Cox,
Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle,
Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love,
Bethany Tims, Nancy Anderson,
Donald & Christa Smith

Cards to Send This Week

Helen Avent
82 Will Mc Knight Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Bill Gowan
Maplewood Healthcare
100 Cherrywood
Jackson, TN 38305

Happenings

South Jackson

8/20

Men's Business Meeting at 3:30 PM

Area Events

Numerous area events are posted on the bulletin board.

Pantry Item

Canned Soup

Sympathy Extended

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jean Harber. Sister Jean passed away August 6th. Services were held on Wednesday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Harrial Davis on the passing of his brother, Michael Davis. He passed away on Wednesday morning.

Sunday Sermons

AM - Are You Sure You Are a
Christian - Part 1
PM - Are You Sure You Are a
Christian - Part 2