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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18; Romans 16:16

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

John 3:5; Colossians 1:13

THE ONE BODY

Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:20

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Romans 7:4; 2 Corinthians 11:2

THE HOUSE OF GOD

1 Timothy 3:15

CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION

1 Corinthians 3:11



The Kingdom of God

Robert Meredith

The kingdom of God is prophesied of throughout the Old Testament (2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 2:2-3; Daniel 2:44; Zechariah 6:13; etc.). In any kingdom, physical or spiritual, there are four things that are required: a king, subjects, territory, and law.

The church has her king, Jesus the Christ. Acts 23:33 informs us that Jesus is “*by the right hand of God exalted.*” He now sits and reigns over His kingdom. Daniel, a great prophet of God, records for us some visions that he had and he tells us, “*I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed*” (Daniel 7:13-14). From this Messianic prophecy we

can understand that Jesus would not receive His kingdom until after His return to heaven. Jesus is the head of the body, the church (Colossians 1:18); the head of a Kingdom is a king, and Christ is the King (1 Timothy 6:15).

A second requirement to having a kingdom is subjects or citizens. Christians are the citizens of this great kingdom. In John 3:5, Jesus told Nicodemus, *“Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”* John, from the Isle of Patmos, declared, *“I, John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ”* (Revelation 1:9). Paul proclaimed that God had added the Christians of Colosse to His Kingdom (Colossians 1:13). Christians are the subjects in this kingdom.

A third requirement to having a kingdom is to have a territory. Our great country has its territories, as do all earthly governments. The Kingdom of God, being a spiritual kingdom, has its spiritual territory: the hearts and souls of mankind. Jesus, as recorded in Luke 8, once told a parable of the Sower. In this marvelous parable, Jesus relates how the seed, the Word of God (verse 11), must be sown in the hearts of man. Some would be the wayside soil, some rocky, others thorny and still others would be that good soil that brings forth an hundredfold.

The final thing necessary to have a kingdom is law. Any kingdom without law would have anarchy. God’s Kingdom is no different. The New Testament is our law. James calls it the *“perfect law of liberty”* (James 1:25). Paul terms it the *“law of the Spirit of life in Christ”* (Romans 8:2). The church is truly the Kingdom of God.

THE WAY TO GOD

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD



doesn't have any more time for church attendance than anyone else. In fact,

some of this number are among the busiest folks around. But when they are in town they are part of our worship assembly.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD

doesn't ride in more comfortable automobiles to get to church.



In fact, last week one brother rode his motorcycle 10 miles to get here.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD



doesn't live closer to the church building. In

fact, one regular attendee drives 80 miles round trip to work, gets home, and drives 9 or 10 miles in a different direction to get to church.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD isn't younger and more energetic than other folks. In fact, a couple who are almost always present are in their 80's.



THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD doesn't have fewer children to get ready. In fact, last week, as usual, one sister all by herself brought all three of her children under six years of age.



THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CROWD have the same work responsibilities, the same number of out-of-town visitors dropping in unexpectedly, the same number of flat tires, the same family problems, the same number of headaches, and the same amount of children's homework (during the school year) as other folks. The difference, though, is that the Wednesday night crowd feels the need and have made the commitment to be part of the mid-week worship assembly every week. They feel blessed for having done so. **How about you?**

...Selected



Prayer List: Paul Brandon, John Brinkley, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Margrette Enoch, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Jason Hill (Amy Barrett's father), Binita Irvin, Warren Jackson, Jane Lovett (Mary White's sister-in-law), Jimmy Shelly (Robert's uncle), Ross Simmons, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Jesse Vincent, Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain

We rejoice that Gail Pond was baptized into Christ this past Sunday night. Let us be an encouragement to her.

Visitation Group #1 meets **Sunday**, the 7th.

Youth Devotional: **Saturday**, the 13th, beginning at **6:00 pm**, at the **Meredith's**.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."
(Daniel 2:44)

ATTENDANCE February 28, 2010

Bible Study	79	Worship P.M.	69
Worship A.M.	86	Mid-week (2-24)	56

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southeast of Murray -
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Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
March 2010**

USHERS: Roy Wyatt & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rob Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Chad Canter & Larry Enoch
Substitute: Rex Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Ira Sellars & Robert Barrett
Substitute: Dave Thompson

Sunday PM
3-7.....Rex Enoch
3-14.....Eddie Ward
3-21.....Bobby Hall
3-28.....Bobby Ward

SCRIPTURE READING:
3-7.....Bobby Hall (2 Tim. 4:1-8)
3-14.....Frank Pool
3-21.....Max Henry
3-28.....Bobby Ward

OPENING PRAYER:
3-7.....Max Henry
3-14.....Hayes Grady
3-21.....Charles Enoch
3-28.....Larry Enoch

CLOSING PRAYER:
3-7.....Frank Pool
3-14.....Robert Barrett
3-21.....Bill Stubblefield
3-28.....Robert Meredith

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Roy Wyatt & Ira Sellars

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....James Pigg
Wednesday.....Chad Canter
Substitute.....Larry Enoch

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Cheyenne & Cadence Sellars

GREETERS: Jesse & Mary Vincent

If you are unable to serve, please
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

 **Luke 1**

1. Why was Zacharias doubtful that he would have a son?
2. What was the name of the angel that brought him this message?
3. Six months later, to whom did Gabriel send a similar message?
4. Why did Mary wonder how it was going to be possible for her to have a child?
5. What did the angel tell her?

1. He said he was an old man & his wife was stricken in years (v. 18)
2. Gabriel (v. 19)
3. To a virgin espoused to a man named Joseph of the house of David & her name was Mary (v. 27)
4. Then she said unto the angel, How shall this be seeing I know not a man (v. 34)
5. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee also that holy thing to be born of thee shall be called the Son of God (v. 35)

 **Remember to bring snacks for the hospital.**

 **Pantry Item Tuna**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
“A Friendly Welcome Awaits You”

RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
March 7, 2010**

A.M. - Be Thou Faithful

P.M. - Be Faithful Unto Death

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel
Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe

Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent

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

Confess faith in Christ

Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)

Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16; Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21

Continue faithful unto death

Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9