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**Sermon Notes**



# THE MESSENGER

*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **1John 1:5***

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**WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS**

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday**

Bible Class.....10 a.m.  
Worship .....11 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.

**Prayer Meeting**  
(Last Wed. each month @ 7 pm)

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

**HEAR**

Rom. 1;16;  
10:17

**BELIEVE**

John 8:24

**REPENT**

Luke 13:3  
Acts 3:19;

**CONFESS**

Rom 10:9-10  
Matt. 10:32

**BE BAPTIZED**

Acts 2:38;  
22:16

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

*I Chose To Be A Member of the Church of Christ because...  
Of what it believes and practices!*

In writing to the Christians in Thessalonica, Paul urged them saying, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle." (2 Thess. 2:15)

Do you want to know how the Lord's church is to worship, organize, and govern itself? Do you want to know what the church should believe and practice? All you need is the New Testament. If you need to cite a creed book, head office, or ruling convention, you are "going beyond what was written" (1 Cor. 4:6).

If all someone knew were the writings of the New Testament, he wouldn't know enough to be a Catholic, Mormon, Methodist, or Baptist. All he would know is how to be a Christian.

For example, here are some things the New Testament says about the church of Christ. Notice how the Lord's church is remarkably uncomplicated. They:

- Were very loving (John 13:34-35) and benevolent (Acts 2:44-45; Gal. 6:10).
- Worshiped and engaged in the Lord's Supper every Sunday (Acts 20:7).
- Contributed financially to the church (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7).
- Sang congregationally and a cappella, without mechanical accompaniment (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- Encouraged and taught one another (Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:26).

Members of the church of Christ in the New Testament were simply called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). They didn't need to designate themselves a "Baptist Christian" or a "Presbyterian Christian" because doing so is sinful (1 Cor. 1:10).

The church of Christ distinguishes herself from denominations therefore, in that as the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:25-27), she only pleases Him, the "Groom", when she stays doggedly within the parameters of the scriptures for what she teaches and practices!


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**The Lord's Church is remarkably uncomplicated.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones. 

Members, if you did not receive a text or email regarding the **contribution**, please let Sis. Angela Williams know.

 The Fellowship Meal will be on Dec. 1 (after worship), the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Please invite as many as possible to come worship and fellowship with us.

Please confirm/correct/add your birthday on the list at the back before you leave today.

Here's a list of items needed for distribution to the poor and homeless in Chicago headed by Sis. Ruthie Gamble:



Pull tab canned goods only • Toiletries • Hand warmers • New socks • Gloves • Hats • Scarfs • Blankets.

These items can be brought to church each Sunday until Dec. 1st. Monetary donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 8, 2019.


Thank you once again for your support.

### For Prayers :

**Also**, Ursula Ware, Diane Kensey-Bridges, Erika Dockens, Nadia Hawks, Rob Hardy's son, Robert.

Sis. Serena Webster who continues her military training in California.

Prayers for Bro. D.J. Chaff who is preparing to graduate next month from Illinois State University.

 Sis. Anglice Gibson (daughter of Bro. AJ Cunningham), was restored to the body of Christ last week. Please encourage and pray

for her spiritual growth.

Sis. Lennon, will be having an outpatient surgery tomorrow.

Sis. Lydia Chaff's father and uncle passed away a few days ago. The funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

**For Our College Students: Paris Mickles: SIU, Darren Jackson: SIU, Bria Gamble: Illinois State**

Please submit **your announcements** to Bro. Webster by Thursday evening each week.

### Order of Service

- Song
- Announcement
- Song
- Opening Prayer
- Song
- Scripture Reading
- Song
- Sermon
- Song
- Lord's Supper**
- Offering**
- Song
- Closing Prayer



### Last Week's Record



Sun. AM Class	30
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Wed. Bible Class	19