

“Just Be The Church In The Bible”

by Dave Rogers

Religion doesn't have to be hard. It need not be a source of contention nor an issue of disagreement, distress and division among friends. Maybe the idea of religious harmony and peace seems unlikely or even unattainable in a spiritually diverse world, but in John 9:5 and Matthew 5:14 Jesus declared that He is the source of light in our world and that Christians are the “reflectors” of **His** light! Those whom the new testament calls “Christians” are meant to illuminate the world with the gospel (Phil. 2:15-16)!

Who are these “Christian” people? They are people who answered God's call to come OUT of spiritual night into the wonderful light of the gospel (1 Peter 2:9; 2 Thes. 2:14). That “gospel light” purifies us and removes the stains caused by our sins; it clarifies sight and understanding; it offers hope and dispels evil. There are many opinions about what the church is, and about who is (or isn't) a Christian; the challenge for each generation is to be the church we read about in the new testament.

In the first century there were many religions, but only one church. Today, there are many religions AND many “churches” (groups that claim to be the body of Jesus). It's no surprise that many people are confused: “The” church and “a” church are not the same thing! When **conflicting** groups make the same claim (to be the church Jesus promised to build, Matt. 16:18), it can be very hard for sincere folks to sort them out and find the truth! The fact that people don't just turn away from God altogether shows their great hunger for spiritual life. This “thirst for righteousness” can only be satisfied in and by Jesus Christ, Matthew 5:6, and the challenge we face is to show our neighbors that we **can** “just be the church in the bible.”

When we concentrate on being the church in the bible, we are **not** “competing” (with denominations or other religious groups) to have the most popular

church. The only real “competitor” for the church in the bible is the devil. He tries to keep us from leading people to Christ, and he tries to reclaim our souls as well (1 Pet. 5:8). When we concentrate on being the church in the bible, “success” is not measured by the world's applause, but by God's pleasure with what we do!

What does it mean, to “just be the church in the bible?”

It means we focus on spiritual, instead of physical needs. This doesn't mean we ignore legitimate material needs, either other people's or our own: We recognize that judgement and eternity matter more than any concern in this world (Matt. 16:26).

It means we concentrate on being a biblical people, who honor the authority of God's word by obedience to it, rather than trying to be “conservative” or “liberal.”

It means we recognize that the church is Christ's **body** (Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27), and we support one another as the Philippians supported Paul (Phil. 1:5, 2:3). As parts of the same body, we sympathize with one another in trials (just as Jesus “sympathizes” with us in them, Heb. 4:15), and seek ways to strengthen each other so that temptations and trials don't drag us down (Jude 20).

The Christian life is not lived in a vacuum! Either we influence the world, or it will influence us. Jesus calls us to be salt and light amid the darkness of sin in the world (Matt. 5:13-16). Our challenge is to **BE** the church Jesus promised; to show the world that it **IS** possible to be “simply Christians,” and to help one another reach heaven. **This is what it means to “just be the church in the bible.”**

Little by Little

by *Hardeman Nichols*

I passed by a field where the huge tractors and bulldozers were working. A nice crop was out in the middle of that field ready to be harvested; but the machines were cleaning out the corners and fences that had grown up in trees and brush. Along those fences, no longer visible, were thickets that were now growing almost fifty feet out into the field. It wasn't difficult to deduce what had happened. Little by little, someone had given over to the thorns and brush, and it had taken only a few short years for them to grow into tall timber which had taken over a large portion of that field.

How much we need that lesson! If we do not give proper care, Satan will begin to move in on us little by little. He makes his encroachments slowly and we neglect to see them as real dangers. Judas stole from the treasury of the disciples; and later he couldn't resist selling our Lord for the price of a slave.

The person who takes "a little drink now and then" never intends to become a problem drinker and never thinks it is possible that such drinking will lead little by little to one's becoming an alcoholic. But from whence do alcoholics come? No one ever planned to become one! They are gradually entangled until they find themselves enslaved. "At the last," says Solomon about such a danger as alcohol, "it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:31-32). Better to leave it totally alone and not even to look at it, says that scripture.

Back to the field. That farmer was having to spend an awesome amount of money and time and effort to do now what could have been done so easily when the thicket was only a sprouting edge. The Bible teaches us likewise: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Heb. 2:1).

Whatever the costs, when it is our own soul and we have given in to sin's invasive powers, it is worth everything to root up and clean out evils that have moved in. And this work of repentance should not be done little by little gradually. Do it totally, now!

What Do Your Actions Show About You?

by *Al Brown (deceased)*

A person always shows what rules his heart by his actions. Jesus said, "Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). This rule is so true that we will be judged by what we say and do (Matthew 12:37; II Corinthians 5:10).

James did not teach that people are saved by meritorious works. He charged them: "If you have faith, show it!" (James 2:20, 26). Do you really believe the Bible is inspired and the only reliable guide (II Timothy 3:16-17)? If so, how do you show it? Is your entire life Bible oriented? Do you study the Word diligently? Do you obey God's Will? The only acceptable faith is based on God's Word (Romans 10:17), and it always expresses itself in action.

Some challenge almost everything revealed in God's Word. They do not have the courage to publicly flaunt it or ridicule it. Their attack is more subtle. They claim to be loyal; then pervert it, ignore it, or explain it away instead of obeying it. They often claim they love God, but their love is of the carnal variety (I John 2:15-16). Paul described them: "They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (Titus 1:16).

Those who are truly faithful try their best to live by it, because they devoutly believe it is perfect, practical, and the best thing we can do (Romans 12:2b). They are not continually looking for loopholes in God's Will. Rather, they look for ways to please Him. In which group do your actions place you?

Worth Repeating!

"People are like tea bags – you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

"God so loved the world that he did not send a committee!"



Save the Dates. . . . November 11 – 12, 2016



2016 Fayetteville Church of Christ Marriage and Relationship Enrichment Weekend

FRIDAY – 11 NOVEMBER - 7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

- KICK OFF THE WEEKEND WITH A DATE NIGHT!
- DINNER (NOMINAL COST PER COUPLE)
- GAME NIGHT / ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner starts at 6:30
Catered by Village Café
Cost \$15.00 per person

SATURDAY – 12 NOVEMBER - 8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

- BROTHER DAVID SHANNON PRESENTING UPLIFTING MESSAGES ON BUILDING / STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES
 - LIGHT BREAKFAST
 - ICE BREAKERS
 - MULTIPLE SESSIONS
- LUNCH PROVIDED BY CONGREGATION



FREE CHILD CARE is AVAILABLE Friday & Saturday



RSVP BY SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT MAIL@FCOC.COM OR (770) 461.3617

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAY/S YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND IF YOU WILL NEED CHILDCARE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING TOGETHER AND SHARING THIS TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST – 870 REDWINE ROAD, FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30215



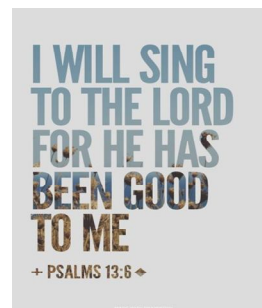
4th Annual Atlanta Area-Wide *ThanksSinging*

Join us the Sunday before Thanksgiving for a joyous, time-honored tradition

Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m.

**Location: Fayetteville Church of Christ
870 Redwine Road
Fayetteville, GA 30215**



Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall
For info call 770-461-3617 or email us at: mail@fcoc.com

Family Matters

Becky Higginbotham – Is in Northside Hospital, ICU room 21.
 Holly Dalman – Will have back surgery November 4th.
 Sarah Beth Haney – Has been suffering with migraines.

Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to **Annette Benefield and her family** for the loss of her daughter-in-law last week. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Members With Health Problems: Betty Jo Nash, Shelby Garner, Jim Garner, Mattie Croix, Mary Lawrence, Decieta Lyons, RuPearl Sharpe, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Ruby Fowler, Annette Benefield, Valerie Whitaker, Butch & Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Ray & Keven Barton, Kresta Braswell &

Kyla Barton, Rose Osborn (friend of Marlene Elheridge), Harold Holt (Shirley Lee's brother), Sybil Hedden, Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Cole Gilman, David Fredricks (Jeannie Pyron's brother), Meg Wallace (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Willard Mann, Bree Couch (Ginny's daughter-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Tom Holcomb (Annette's Son-in-law), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xermonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested – Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Military Members Deployed: AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

FEMA Deployed: Sylvester & Missy Campbell are both deployed. Sylvester is still in Louisiana and Missy is in Savannah for 3-6 months.



Bible Bowl

Oct

30-Katherine Hopkins - snacks

Snacks/Light Lunch

Nov

6-Terri Durden - Snacks
 13- Donna Hagin - light lunch



Sign-up

Dec

4 Linda Armstrong - snacks
 11 Needed someone - Snacks
 18 Catherine Kelly - light lunch

Service Sunday & Luncheon November 6th- Promoting the Marriage Weekend & ThanksSinging

*Mrs. Harry Mobley invites you to the Wedding of
 Margaret Mae Mobley and Caleb Austin McGaughy
 Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 6pm
 The Eclectic Warehouse
 45 Main Street, Eclectic, A I*

Calendar

Oct 30 – Trunk-n-Treat. Adults park your cars behind the fellowship hall.

Nov 4—Family Game Night at 6pm. LTL-Animals

Nov 6 – Service Sunday! Worship, lunch, devotional & service. We will use our service time for the upcoming Marriage Weekend & ThanksSinging; we will divide up that night and attend different congregations to promote the two events.

Nov 8 – Election in Fellowship Hall

Nov 11-13 – Fayetteville's Marriage Enrichment Weekend, Friday Night Dinner at 6:30, Catered by Village Café, cost \$15.00 per person

Nov 18 – SilverWings Thanksgiving Dinner at Fried Tomato Buffet in Newnan. Bus will leave the building at 5pm.

Nov 20 – ThanksSinging at Fayetteville COC

Dec 3 – Adult Holiday Party at 7pm in the fellowship hall

Dec 11 – Ladies' Ornament Exchange hosted by Melanie Boelsterli

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Family Game Night at 8:30pm

Youth Events

Tonight – Trunk-n-Treat—part your car behind the fellowship hall.

Nov 4 – Church Family Game Night (Animal)

Nov 5 – 24th Annual Youth Lecture-ship at Lithia Springs COC

Nov 13 – Area Wide Youth Devo -

Fairview

Dec 9 – Frog Holiday Party/Movie

Dec 18 – Area Wide Youth Devo - Tara

Feb 4, 2017 – Providers/Keepers Class

Mar 11 – Samaritan Day

Area Events:

Nov 4-6 – Central COC Annual Fall Lectureship, Building Up in a Crumbling World

Nov 5 – Buford COC Ladies' Day “ Seeds of Blessing’ Lessons by: Cathy Powell

Oct 8 – Becoming Enough ladies ministry of Peachtree City COC

Nov 13-16 - Buford COC “Keep the Family Strong”



Urgent Needs:

Undershirts (Girls-ladies' sizes medium, large & extra-large. boys - men's sizes medium, large and 2XL.)
 School Binders (2 inch),
 Subject Dividers, Snack size snacks
 & chips, juice & water.
 A list is on the bulletin board.

	10/30	November, 2016	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
Call To Worship	Greg Nash	Call To Worship	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Scripture Reading	Rick Sharpe	Scripture Reading	Rory Bell, Jr	Jake Garner	Luke Quinn	Zeke Poskevich
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell	Jimmy Garner
Prayer	Eric Hagen	Prayer	Jim O'Brien	Curtis Hurt	Ray Russell	Hugh Kelly
Preside Lord's Supper	Mike Fields	Preside Lord's Supper	Ken Fincher	David Riley	Larry Rose	Steve Hopkins
Server	Anthony Stinson	Server	Mike Fields	Morris Jones	Mike Fields	Morris Jones
Server	Zeke Poskevich	Server	Wade Foster	Jack Sorrell	Wade Foster	Jack Sorrell
Server	Randall Bell	Server	Greg Curtis	Ben Rogers	Greg Curtis	Ben Rogers
Server	K Killingsworth	Server	Randall Bell	Jerry Riner	Randall Bell	Jerry Riner
Server	Bill Ruffer	Server	James Walker	Shirley Allender	James Walker	Shirley Allender
Server	David Hopkins	Server	Charles Nash	Brian Johnson	Charles Nash	Brian Johnson
Server	Jim Lindsey	Server	Zeke Poskevich	Luke Quinn	Zeke Poskevich	Luke Quinn
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Server	Tommy Chapman	Larry Fields	Tommy Chapman	Larry Fields
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Pelfrey	Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	Greg Nash	Announcements	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash	Dave Rogers	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Shepherd's Prayer	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey
Evening Worship		Evening Worship				
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Song Leader	Jimmy Garner	Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Rory Bell	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson
Prayer	Jim O'Brien	Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Eric Hagin	Paul Lyons	Thomas Quinn
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Sermon	Service Sunday	Dave Rogers	ThanksSinging	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Randall Bell	Lord's Supper	Greg Curtis	Luke Quinn	Randall Bell	David Hopkins
Lord's Supper	Zeke Poskevich	Lord's Supper	James Walker	Larry Fields	Zeke Poskevich	Michael Boesterli
Prayer	Larry Fields	Prayer	Bill Ruffer	Anthony Stinson	David Riley	Ron Biles

Fayetteville Church of Christ - 2016 Goal - Evangelism

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David Hopkins
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Andy Johnson
Paul Lyons
Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
Anthony Ravenell
Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning
Bible Class
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night
Ladies Class
(September-May)

Communion Preparation

Nov—Linda Howell

Nursery

30 Terri Durden
Nov 6 Charity Nash, 13 Joan Poskevich,
20 Sandy Garner & 27 Linda Johnson

Care of Building

16-30 Jerry Kendrix/Jimmy Garner
1-15 Jack Sorrell/Larry Rose
16-30 Anthony Ravenell/Eric Hagin

Ushers

Media Center Helpers

Oct 30 & Nov 6 Rory Bell, Jr
13 & 20 Brad Hopkins

Open Arms

30 Sally Wallace, Jo Ruffer,

Jean Johnson, Linda Armstrong,
Tommy & Gail Chapman

Nov 6 Susie Graham, Barbara Edmonds,
Margaret McCain, Theresa Green,
Tom & Terri Durden

13 Martha Vickery, Connie Kelly,
Jessa Quinn, Anne Siebert,
Hugh Kelly & Ron Biles

20 Linda Johnson, Jo Hurt,
Zeke Poskevich, Linda Armstrong,
Thomas & Meggi Quinn

27 Jo Ruffer, Sandy Garner,
Joan Poskevich, Theresa Green,
Paul & Decieta Lyons

Wednesday Evening Devotional

Nov 2 Keith Killingsworth, 9 Rory Bell

Our Missionaries



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November 2016

Evangelism

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9

Response Elder- Tom Durden

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