

The Church In The New Testament...

by Dave Rogers

...is Christ's church; HE said "I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

...is the body of Jesus Christ, and acknowledges HIM as its Head, rather than any man or group of men. Paul wrote "And he is the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18).

...is the only place where salvation is, Acts 2:41 & 47. "They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added (unto them) in that day about three thousand souls" (verse 41). "And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved" (verse 47).

...is under the authority of Jesus Christ. He said "All power [authority, ASV] is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18).

...is the KINGDOM of Christ, over which He is NOW reigning. Christians are NOW in His kingdom; "...the Father...delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;" (Colossians 1:12 & 13). Jesus is NOW reigning over His kingdom, not waiting for some future time; "For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet" (1 Corinthians 15:25). Jesus rules over His kingdom **from heaven**, where He sits at the Father's right hand; He "...hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Compare 1 Corinthians 15:27 & Hebrews 12:1 & 2).

...is NOT a denomination, nor is it composed of many denominations. Jesus prayed that His disciples would be united, John 17:21. A denomination is larger than a congregation, but smaller than the whole church; there are NO examples of denominations in the New Testament. In 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, Paul wrote to Christians who were dividing the church and said, "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be joined together in the same mind and in the same

judgment. (11) For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. (12) Now I say this, that each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ.' (13) Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" These folks were in the process of **making** "denominations," and Paul rebuked them for it!

...is made up of individuals, John 15:5; Jesus said to His disciples "I am the vine, ye (are) the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

...is where the sins of men are forgiven and where we are redeemed from death, Ephesians 1:3-7. Paul wrote "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (verse 7).

...is **entered** through faith (Ephesians 2:5 & 8), repentance of sins (2 Corinthians 7:10; Acts 17:30; Matthew 21:28-29), confession of faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10), and baptism in water (which is a "burial" in water, Romans 6:3-5) for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21). These steps bring a person to the place where **God** will add that one to His church; after that, we are responsible to "walk in the light" with Him, through His word (1 John 1:5-10).

FRIEND, have YOU done these things?

Take Responsibility

by Joe Slater, Justin, Texas

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13, NKJV).

On April 13, 2016, a nineteen-year-old man was sentenced in Ft. Worth, TX, to two years in jail for killing four people in an automobile wreck. He was sixteen years old when he rammed his pickup truck into a crowd of people who were helping a motorist. His blood alcohol level was three times the legal limit for adults.

Originally this man had been given only probation after his attorney argued that he didn't understand what he did was wrong. The attorney reasoned that growing up with an easy life in an affluent family hindered this young man from developing a sense of right and wrong. Usually the excuse is that the perpetrator grew up in poverty, and therefore we should excuse him; but this time being rich is supposed to have put this boy at a disadvantage. The media dubbed this the “affluenza” defense. The teen violated his probation, fleeing to

Mexico with his mother, where both were apprehended several months ago.

It would be all too easy to simply boo and hiss at the spoiled rich kid and his obviously-complicit mother, and if you said his original probation was absurd, and that six months in jail for each of the four people he killed is nowhere near enough, I'd be inclined to agree with you. But I want to get past that to deal with our own willingness to take personal responsibility, and to teach our children to do the same.

Denying responsibility is as old as the Garden of Eden. When our earliest ancestor, Adam, had sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, he blamed Eve and, by implication, blamed God: “The woman *whom You gave me* ... she gave me of the tree, and I ate” (Genesis 3:12). Eve then acted like an early version of Flip Wilson – “The devil made me do it!” (Genesis 3:13). Bottom line, Satan, Eve, and Adam each bore personal responsibility before God. So do you. So do I.

We do our children no favors if we allow them to excuse their misbehavior. We must hold them accountable, because God certainly does! And God will hold us accountable if we fail to hold our children accountable (think of Eli in 1 Samuel 3:13). This begins, of course, by setting the right example. When you sin (and we all do), don't make excuses. Own it. Apologize. Pledge yourself to do better next time. God will forgive you, and your children will respect you.

**29th Annual Mother's Day Special Collection
for Raintree Village Children's Home
Sunday, May 8th**

Family Matters

Kimber Beckwith – Judy’s grand-daughter is waiting on MRI results.
 Theresa Green – Is having health problems and waiting on test results.
 Terry Crump – Is undergoing chemo treatments. Cards can be sent to 5 Summit Village Dr., Unit B, Jackson Gap, AL 36861.
 Ronnie Johnson – Former member had a stroke last week.

Deepest Sympathy

To **Sister Mattie Croix and her family** for the loss of Bill last week. The funeral will be Saturday, April 16th at 2pm at Williamson Funeral Home. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Members With Health Problems: Bob Howell, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Becky Higginbotham, Marlene Etheridge, RuPearl Sharpe, Mattie Williams, Sally Wallace, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, David & Shirley Lee, Butch & Joann Trawick, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Harry Johnson & Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne’s Nash B-in-L & Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash’s aunt), Cathy Cavenden (Tiffany Durden’s M-in-L), Suzanne Oderry (friend of Gayle Pelfrey), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins’ friends), Loretta Russell (Ray’s mother), Walter Campbell (Sylvester’s brother), Joyce Greene (Denise’s mother), Pamela Morris (Mitchell’s friend), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell’s aunt), Tom Holcomb and Jean Benefield (Annette Benefield’s S-in-L and D-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook’s sister), Virginia Poskevich (David’s mother), Xermonia Fortson (Una’s daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich’s B-in-L/Sis-in-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma’s B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson’s brother)

Prayer Requested – Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy’s son).

Military Members Deployed: Rosa Bell, ECC—A, New Kabul Compound (NKC), APO AE 09354

AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder’s daughter), US Navy



You’re invited to
Luke & Laura’s Wedding
 April 16th at 3pm
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Donna Hagin will start taking family pictures

April 17 & 24 and
 May 15 & 22

Register on:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044AA4A72AA5F49-fayetteville1



**Camp Inagehi
 2nd Annual
 5K and Fun Run
 May 7th**

Need Senior Pictures and Bios
 By April 17th
 Ansley Fincher, Win Lindsey
 & Jordan Madison

Fayette County Grandparents & Kin Raising Children Support Group
 April 21, 2016, 9:30am-1:30pm
 (Lite breakfast & lunch
 Information on bulletin board

Calendar

April 22 - SilverWings Dinner, soup-salad-sandwiches & dessert. Hosted by Barbara Cozart & Judy Beckwith.

April 24 - Donna Hagin’s Baby Shower at 2:30pm. She is registered at Babies-r-us & Target.

May 2 – Raintree Village Children’s Home Food Truck. Have your donations at the church building by Sunday May 1st.

May 8 - 29th Annual Mother’s Day Collection for Raintree Village

May 10 – Tuesday Ladies’ Night Out hosted by Sally Wallace

May 14-15 – Rose Show

May 20—SilverWings, hosted by Sue Riley & Jo Hurt.

May 22 – Lauren Sorrell’s Bridal Shower at 2:30pm

May 30 – Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 5 – Jordan Pyron’s Bridal Shower at 2:30pm

June 14 – Tuesday Ladies’ Night Out hosted by Linda Howell and Annette Benefield

June 26 – Singing @ Hope Center, 2pm

July 10-13 – VBS “The Voyage”. Teachers are needed.

Aug 4-13 – Scotland Mission Trip

Aug 17 – Graham McDonald USA Visit

Aug 19-25 – Polishing the Pulpit Week

September 18-21 –Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker:Joey Barkley

October 7-8 – Ladies’ Retreat at Calvin Center. Please let Luann



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Area Events:

Apr 17-20 - So Cobb COC Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Scott Harp

April 22-23 – Peachtree City COC, Reconnect Men’s Conference, Lonnie Jones & Ben Hayes. Cost \$30 Adults & 15 Students.

Apr 22-23 – Buford Men’s Weekend “Facing Your Giants”, Speaker: Benji Slocumb

Apr 23 – McDonough Church of Christ, 9am-12:30pm, “How to Become an Effective Speaker in 10 Hours” – J.J. Turner, instructor

Apr 24-27—Forest Park COC Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Greg Dismuke

April 30 – Buford Church of Christ Teaching Training Workshop, Speaker: Tish Housley

May 14 - Area Wide Ladies Brunch at Newnan Church of Christ at 9:30am, Speaker: Judie Reagan, a missionary to Rwanda & Uganda, Africa.



2016 VBS
 July 10th-13
 The VOYAGE

Youth Events

April 17 – Area Wide Youth Devo -Conyers COC at 6pm

May 1 – Senior Recognition Dinner after the PM Service. We would like your Senior pictures and Bio by April 17th.

May 7 – Camp Inagehi 2nd Annual Cross Country 5K & Fun Run
June 12-17 – Camp Inagehi Week

June 24 - Faulkner University Six Flags Day

July 10-13 – VBS “The Voyage”

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

	4/17	4/24
Scripture Reading	Morris Jones	Morris Jones
Prayer	Rick Sharpe	Ray Cozart
Song Leader		
Preside Lord's Supper	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Server	Mike Madison	Mike Madison
Server	Charles Nash	Charles Nash
Server	Anthony Stinson	Anthony Stinson
Server	Shirley Allender	Shirley Allender
Server	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson
Server	Tommy Chapman	Tommy Chapman
Server	Larry Rose	Larry Rose
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song		
Closing Prayer	David Hopkins	K Killingsworth

Evening Service

Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Anthony Stinson
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Server	Ron Biles	Hugh Kelly
Server	Bob Howell	Jim Garner
Closing Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash

G.S.O.P. Summer 2016 Short Courses at Piedmont Rd church of Christ

June 16-18 1-2 Peter,
Instructor, Eric Owens

July 21-23 The Godhead
Instructor, Phil Sanders

Communion Preparation

Brenda Mitchell
May - Linda Howell

Nursery

17 RuPearl Sharpe
24 Sally Wallace/
Morgan Boelsterli

Care of Building

16-31 Jack Sorrell/
Larry Rose

Ushers

17 Keith Killingsworth/
Michael Madison
24 Gayle Pelfrey/
Rory Bell, Sr.
5/1 Gayle Pelfrey/
Sammy Hugh

Media Center Helpers

April 3 & 10 Morris Jones
April 17-24 Ben Rogers

Open Arms

4/17 Jo Hurt,
Linda Johnson,
Estell Higginbotham,
Anne Siebert,
Rick & RuPearl Sharpe
4/24 Sally Wallace,
Jean Johnson,
Jo Ruffer, Linda Armstrong,
Tommy & Gail Chapman

**Wednesday Evening
Devotional**

20 Morris Jones
27 Anthony Ravenell

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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)

Our Missionaries



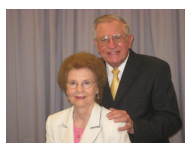
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April 2016

Evangelism

Response Elder: Tom Durden

"His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever." Psalm 111:4

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