

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 18, 2016

SUNDAY MORNING

Greeter

Don and Susie Harrison
Eric and Beth Henry
John and Michele Jones

Ushers

Ronnie Gass and Glen Horner

AnnouncementsBarry Christian
Song Leader.....John Jones
Prayer..... Ben Giles

Serve The Lord's Supper

East Side	West Side
Mike Mehaffey	Jim Ervin
Daniel Gass	Justin Nixon

Scripture Don Harrison
Speaker..... Tom Moore
Attendance Cards Nathan Pratt
Dismiss..... Boyd Holley

NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader.....
Prayer.....
Scripture.....
Speaker.....

Serve The Lord's Supper

Dismiss.....
If you are unable to serve, please contact
Don Harrison, 817-408-6057

Thank You For Serving.

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ELDERS

Barry Christian
John Jones ~ Pete Jordan

DEACON

Ronnie Gass ~ Don Harrison

GOSPEL PREACHER

Tom Moore

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:25 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Ladies Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS

Second Sunday of every month
Men's Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

ELDERS MEETINGS

Fourth Sunday of every month
Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m.

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."



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- John 15:13

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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

By Tom Moore

Nearly two thousand years ago the Lord promised to build His church (*Mat. 16:16-18*). In AD 30 the church of Christ, the promised church, was established in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ (*Acts 2*). Jesus purchased this church with His own blood (*Acts 20:28*). The church of the first century was united under the one Head – Christ, followed the same rule – the New Testament, and were of the same mind and same practice. The first century church was united in doctrine, in worship, and in organization.

For about two hundred years the church was true to apostolic teaching. But the church of the first century began to drift into apostasy. This came as no surprise, for it was foretold by the apostle Paul, "But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons" (*1 Tim. 4:1*), and he said there would be a "falling away" (*2 The. 2:3*). There were six basic developments that caused this "falling away." First, there was the gradual development of a system of rulers, a hierarchy, patterned after the political organization of the Empire. Secondly, there came extensive modification of Christian doctrine through Greek culture. Thirdly, there was the introduction of Jewish and pagan doctrines, customs and ceremonials into the church. Fourthly, there came the formulating of elaborate, uninspired church decrees. In the fifth place, there came the creation of a human priesthood, vested with spiritual powers and privileges. And finally, there was the assumption of both spiritual and temporal power by church leaders. These were foreign to the Bible, yet they were very prominent in the development of church history. Centuries of ignorance and superstition led to the birth of the apostate church. ⇨⇨⇨

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Charles Buck (Beth Henry's dad), Susie Morgan (Betty Leach's sister), Olivia Garst (eye problems), Lily Hudson, Lila Driver, Bobby Cathey (recovering), Annie Singleton, David & Virginia Cole, Joan Stegemoller, Tim Jordan (Wanda Kitchens brother), Stuart Newhouse (Mary Pruitt's brother), JoAnn Dehart, Bobby Thompson, Jeanette Cook, Bobbie Ragsdale, Laphane Brumalaw, Maudine Tubbs, Kathy Glover, Ray Hudson, Paul Rogers, Eva Newton, Mrs. Geeslin, Terry Underwood (Lila's son in law), Rod & Gaye Kyle.

GOLDEN AGE DINNER **SEPTEMBER 17TH @ 6:00**

This is a Dinner we have every year to honor our older members. If you are 65 yrs of age and would like to attend, please sign the list.

THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE & LUNCHEON

Sunday, **September 18th** will be our third Sunday service. We will have our regularly scheduled Bible classes and worship service which will begin at 10:25 am. There will be a luncheon following the service.

This is also our Homecoming and we will have many guest to eat lunch with us. We are asking our members that will be staying for the luncheon to please bring extra food for our extra guests.

MARK YOUR CALANDARS

September 18th, 2016
PARK HEIGHTS HOMECOMING

This will be our 3rd Sunday. We will have a potluck lunch after morning services. Following the meal, we will go to the nursing homes and end the day with a devotional that is for everyone.

Over the years there were many who had tried get back to the "old paths" (*Jer. 6:16*). Men such as John Huss and Huldric Zwingli gave their life in such an endeavor. Later, other men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, and a host of others, worked toward the old paths. The trouble with these men is that they did not reach all the back to Jerusalem – they tried to reform the church instead of restoring the New Testament church. Much good came out of the Reformation Movement – the Bible being translated in the language of the people, and the people being encouraged to study the Bible for themselves – but they did not go all the way back to AD 30 in search of the New Testament church.

Early in the nineteenth century there was a general unrest among the churches of America. In all denominations there could be found those who believed that the followers of Christ should lay aside the traditions of men and go back to the church described in the New Testament. Among this number were men like Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, and John Smith. The aim of these men, and other like them, were to do things just as the Apostles had taught, and thus, being disentangled from the desire was not to establish or start another church, but to call people back to the church of the New Testament. These restorers held up the Bible as their only guide in religious matters and restored the church of Christ.

It is important to realize that if we sow the same seed the apostles sowed in the first century – the word of God (*Lk. 8:11*), the same harvest will be produced. Paul said, For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap..." (*Gal. 6:7*). Every seed produces after its kind. If we sow oats we will reap oats, and is we sow corn we will reap corn. When the seed of the kingdom was planted in the first century it did not produce various denominations – it produced the New Testament church – the church of Christ. Today, if that same seed is planted – the word of God, then the New Testament church will be the result. The church of the first century exists today because the very same seed is planted. The Lord's church will never be destroyed as long as the seed – the word of God – exists. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (*Mk. 13:31*).

SONG LEADERS TURN IN **YOUR SONGS**

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class; Sept.15th @ 10:30 a.m.

SUGGESTION BOX

If you have a suggestion, be sure and write it down and put it in the wooden box in the foyer. If you see something in the building that needs attention, such as changing a light bulb or any task that needs to done, write it down and put it in the box.

GOOD SAMARITAN PANTRY ITEMS

Spaghetti sauce, canned chicken breast, spam

NURSERY ATTENDANT

SUN. September 18th Pam McKinzie

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. God's Family
(*Ephesians 3:14-19*)

RADIO PROGRAM (Monday Evenings)

"The Harris and Moore Expedition: Exploring the Bible"
KOME (95.3 FM.) 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
www.thegospelradionetwork.org

RADIO PROGRAM (Sunday Mornings)

@ 9:00 am. (KOXE 101.3 FM) Michael Light "Preaching the Word"

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

SUN AM CLASSES	62
SUN AM WORSHIP	82
SUN PM WORSHIP	55
WED PM BIBLE STUDY	38
CONTRIBUTION	3,082
BUDGET	3,000