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Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - June 9, 2024

The Unique Nature of the Church

by Troy Spradlin

There are many things in this world that are quite simply *unique*. In other words, nothing else exists on the planet that is like it. Fingerprints, snowflakes, the iris of the eye, certain customs, and even people in general are just a few of the things that are truly unique. The word "*unique*" means "the quality of being the only one of its kind; the quality of being particularly remarkable, special, or unusual." This same definition can also be applied to the church. The church is certainly remarkable and special. It is unique!

The church of our Lord (Matthew 16:18), the one that can be seen and identified in the Bible, is extremely unique. There are certain qualities and characteristics that separate it from any other religious institution. God set up the church in a very specific and unequalled manner. Each of those aspects are easily found throughout the New Testament in commands and examples. A close examination of each of those qualities can help one to identify the genuine, Biblical church of our Lord. Understanding its unique nature can then help one to find the church described in the Bible from among all the various "churches" in the world, claiming to be the "one true church." This is an extremely important part of one's faith because it has to do with obedience to God's will (Matthew 7:21; Mark 3:35). God has always been a God of patterns and specifics. Therefore, it would behoove us to fully understand what His will is for the church and our role within that community.



So, how do we know if the Church of Christ is the church of the Bible? We know by identifying the specific characteristics that make the Church of Christ unique. Then, we apply them in practice. They are:

- The church is unique in its **establishment** (where and when it started).
- The church is unique in its **ownership** (its name and how it is identified).
- The church is unique in its **government** (its authoritative law or code system).
- The church is unique in its **headship** (who its leader is).
- The church is unique in its **leadership** (how it operates or functions).
- The church is unique in its **assignment** (its mission, objective - what its purpose is).
- The church is unique in its **fulfillment** (the promise given by God).
- The church is unique in its **membership** (who are and how one become a member).
- The church is unique in its **worship** (the elements and manner of its praise).
- The church is unique in its **fellowship** (its exclusivity and what constitutes its community).

We, as members of the Lord's church not only need to know these differences well in order to assure that we are in the right place, and doing the right things according to God's will, but also to "*be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear,*" (1 Peter 3:15). On the second Sunday of each month, during our evening services, we will be looking at each of these characteristics of the Unique Nature of the Church. Join us and learn!

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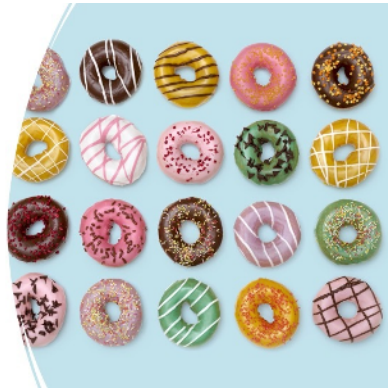
MSYG EVENTS & INFO



Please be prayerful for a fun and fruitful time at camp in 2024 for our Youth Group & Kingdom Kids!

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. June 19th
4:30 pm in the FH



SIGN-UP & PAY \$40 BY JUNE 16



- AUG. 18 @ ROBERTSDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST
- SEPT. 15 @ REGENCY CHURCH OF CHRIST
- OCT. 20 @ SCENIC HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST
- NOV. 8-10 @ FUEL RETREAT GULF COAST BIBLE CAMP
- DEC. 8 @ VOLLEYBALL TOURN / DEVO WHEELER DEVOTIONAL RETREAT
- JAN. 12 @ SPANISH FORT CHURCH OF CHRIST
- FEB. 2 @ CREEKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
- MAR. 9 @ SUMMERDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST
- MAR. 30 @ MARGARET ST CHURCH OF CHRIST

Margaret St church of Christ

VBS 2024

Saturday, July 27th

Time: 9:00 - 1:30

"But whomever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst" John 4:14



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church," - Eph 1:22



Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Joe Bartell* - hip replacement, recovery
- Cassie Buchanant* - recovery, PT outside
- Caitlyn Crider* - surgery June 25th
- Sherry Davis* - physical/mental comfort
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Dawn Holloway - health, hospice
- Paul Lipford* - hand surgery, recovery
- Jack Locklin - surgery, recovery (Avalon)
- Gloria Martin* - humerus broken, recovery
- John Pace* - surgery, knee replacement
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Ruth Phillips* - hospice, prayers for comfort
- Kenny Schenck - heart procedure (Fuller*)
- Edwina Sumrall - broken tailbone, prayers
- Debbie Rivers - surgery soon (Jak G.* sister)
- James Williamson - heart surgery (Roxanne P)
- Marty Wilson* - health, prayers

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Winston & Lola Burnham - loss of Brooks Ann
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family* - loss of Terry
- Lanya Lester and family - loss of mom, Renee
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Ted Russel* - loss of sister
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis* - Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley - Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rosa Health Care
- Larry McDaniel* - Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Coral Bay of Pensacola
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Expectant Mothers

- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard - aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton* - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton - severe health issue (McGriff*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Patrick Johnson - upcoming surg. (McGriff*)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae, health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Edith Sullins - future surgery (Hatcher*)
- Donnie Turner - (Helms*)
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation (Pace)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Ron Bartenan* - lung
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jennings - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Greg Lewis* - lung cancer
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Timothy Parker - (Brittany's dad)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Amy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- Troy Vonada - kidneys (Gloria)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Eli Whitney* - prostate
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Students in College


- Haley Bartell
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Savannah Smith
- LizAnn Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Deanna Wilson* - Restored 4/19/24
- Joe and Gloria Martin* - Identified 2/4/24
- Billy & Heidi Hudgens* - Identified 4/21/24

Directory Pictures
Make up pictures **June 16th** in the Library after Services!

Debbie Gill
Joe and Gloria Martin
Brad and Amy Turner
Deanna Wilson
Sosa Smith
Matt McReynolds - Deacon Picture




KINGDOM LEADERS
MEN'S MINISTRY

JOIN US!
June 20th @ 6:30 PM
Rick Bird's Home



5th Sunday
Potluck

June 30th
after AM Service
Theme to be determined



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

MORNING

Opening Prayer Jak Gallagher
 Song Director Stephen English
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Being Prepared for the King"
 Scripture Reading Parker Godwin
 Matthew 25:31-34
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Rick Bartenan Seth Crider
 Joe Taylor Michael English
 Logan Ray (Balcony)
 Comments Billy Hudgens

EVENING

Opening Prayer Joe Martin
 Singing Jon Raley
 Scripture Jeff Scott
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Comments Billy Hudgens

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ... Mike & Patsy Scott
 PowerPoint Lori Mense
 Secure Building Jak Gallagher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Phillip Webb
 Opening Prayer Doug Lee

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 102
 AM Worship 182
 PM Worship 107
 Wed. Night Bible Class 164
 Contribution \$11,426
Weekly Budget : \$11,558

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.



FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 6/11/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 6/12/24 @ 5:30 PM
 - 6/13/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 6/13/24 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating toiletry items or sunblock

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!

OWLS BIBLE STUDY

1st Corinthians

Every Thurs. 10:30 AM

love is patient, love is kind
1 corinthians 13:4

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