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PHILIPPIANS 4:8
whatsoever things are
TRUE
whatsoever things are
HONEST
whatsoever things are
JUST
whatsoever things are
PURE
whatsoever things are
LOVELY
whatsoever things are
OF GOOD REPORT
if there be any virtue, if there be any praise
THINK ON THESE THINGS

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

What Denomination Are You?

The word “denomination” means “designation” or “to give a name to;” it is a formal classification of something. When it comes to the religious realm, “denominations” denote different named sects of “Christendom.” I put that in parentheses because the New Testament does not speak of different named sects that cumulatively make up the worldwide body of Christ. There are different local congregations named in the New Testament, such as Philippi, Ephesus, Corinth and others. These were “churches of Christ” (Romans 16:16), but they were separated only geographically, and perhaps by the cultural background of their members (cf. “churches of the Gentiles” Romans 16:4). But “denominations” such as Baptist, Lutheran, and Methodist are nowhere found in the Scriptures; these are separated by doctrine and practice, divisions not tolerated among first-century churches (1 Cor. 4:17; 16:1; Col. 4:16; 1 Tim. 1:3).

The New Testament uses the word “church” in three senses:

- 1) *The Universal Sense* indicating the entire body of Christ worldwide (e.g. Colossians 1:18).
- 2) *The Local Sense* indicating a group of Christians in a given locale comprising one congregation under one autonomous leadership (e.g. 1 Corinthians 1:2).
- 3) *The Assembly Sense* used to denote the gathering of a local congregation for the purpose of worship (e.g. 1 Corinthians 14:34).

A group smaller than the universal church, but larger than the local church which claims to be is a division of Christ’s body is nowhere found in the New Testament. Moreover, when people denominate themselves by the names of men, such as “Lutheran” or “Wesleyan” it smacks of the factious attitude of exalting men that the inspired apostle was quick to censure when he saw it crop up among his converts (1 Corinthians 1:10-13). Thus, when I am asked what “denomination” I am a member of, I cannot easily let it pass by. I am aware of the frame of mind the questioner has. I am not trying to be difficult. I know that the trend in modern America is to regard oneself as part of a “denominational family,” that is one of many such families that are on different paths but supposedly all destined for heaven. But the New Testament does not teach that I am to be a member of Christ’s universal church **and also** a fragment group that has a particular name, particular beliefs, and particular practices. I am simply a member of Christ’s universal church (Acts 2:47); I am part of the local flock in my area that submits to the local shepherds (1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Pet. 5:1), and I come together with other Christians in the assembly of the saints (Heb. 10:25; James 2:2). Hence, I feel obligated to say, “I do not belong to a denomination.”

When I tell them I am a member of Christ’s church, or more euphoniously, the “church of Christ” (Romans 16:16), I know that they will likely assign this as the name of the denomination. This is because similarity has been confused with identity. Though I am by this name trying to indicate the identifiable features of the church which may distinguish it from many other practices extant in the present religious world, I do not mean to indicate that it is a denomination. In the first century, Christ’s church was identified by the uninformed as another sect of Judaism, “the sect of the Nazarenes” (Acts 24:5; cf. 28:22) because of some similarities it shared with groups like the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes; however, it was absolutely not a sect of Judaism, just as Christ’s church today is not a denomination. Paul was sure to point out that it was his accusers, no he, who called the way he followed a sect (Acts 24:14); we endeavor to show the same. —Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- *guest speaker: Ralph Brewer*
 PM- *"Think On These Things"*
 Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:8

Dates to Remember

- Jan 24**- Lauren Conley Babies Shower- 12-2p
 annex large classroom (rescheduled)
Jan 26- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Jan 29- Ladies Luncheon-O'Charley's- 12:30p
Jan 30- Ernie & Sharon Perry's 50th Wedding
 Anniversary celebration- annex- 5p-7p
Jan 31- 5th Sunday, Preacher Answers Your
 Bible Questions
Feb 2- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Feb 6- Sweethearts Banquet- 6pm- annex
Feb 9- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Feb 16- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Feb 21- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
Feb 21- Youth devo-7p- annex- hosted by
 Matt & Tammy Vonderheide
Feb 23- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Feb 26-28- Christian Youth Conference
Mar 1- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Mar 8- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Mar 13- Youth devo- 7p-annex- hosted by
 Nathan & Davonne Parks
Mar 15- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Mar 19- Anna Bean's Baby Shower- dtf
Mar 20- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
Mar 22- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Mar 25-27- Lads 2 Leaders Convention-Tenn.
Mar 29- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Apr 5- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Apr 8- Parents Night Out- 6p- annex
Apr 10-13- Gospel Meeting w/ Phil Sanders
Apr 11-13- Bible Study- 10am- auditorium
Apr 17- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
Apr 19- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Apr 22-23- Overnight Youth Outing- Carter
 Caves State Park
Apr 26- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
May 3- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
May 10- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
May 15- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Guest Speaker Today

This morning (weather permitting), Ralph Brewer, the Executive Director of the Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries, will give a presentation to 3rd grade classes and up at 9:45am and preach the morning sermon.

January Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to O'Charley's on Friday, the 29th at 12:30pm, weather permitting. The ladies meet on the last Friday of each month to share good Christian fellowship and fun.

50th Anniversary Invitation

Everyone is invited to join Ernie and Sharon Perry celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this Saturday, January 30th. The event will be in the annex from 5-7pm. RSVP on the foyer board.

Memory Verse Challenge

In 2016, everyone will be given an opportunity to participate in a new memory verse challenge almost every week. Every Sunday evening sermon will be based on one verse, the memory verse for that week. You may turn it in at the box on the office desk.

**Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?**

**Why not
 today?**



Gauging Our Faith

	01/17/16	Goal	01/18/15
Bible Study	102	110	88
AM Worship	145	150	139
PM Worship	100	110	94
Mid Week	53	110	88
Contribution:	\$4,901.00	\$5500.00	\$4762.50

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: J.C. Hughes

PM: Clyde Hammonds

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Brad Morris

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Bobby Edmonds, Lowell Parsley,
Michael Perry, Mitch Stafford,
Tim Hammond, Daniel Goshorn

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Greg Hall

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Tim Hammonds

DEVOTIONAL: Brad Morris

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Brad Morris

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

Memory Verse

Jan 24th- **Philippians 4:8**

your name _____

witnessed by _____

January preview:

Jan. 31st- 5th Sunday Q&A

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers at 5:45pm

in the front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under,

but everyone is invited to attend.

Boys: have a song ready to
lead for the group.

★★★ Feb. 6th ★★★

Sweethearts Banquet-

6pm- annex-

What will you do to help?

