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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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A close-up photograph of several bright orange oranges. One orange is in a white ceramic bowl with a blue rim, while others are scattered around it on a wooden surface. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the orange peels.

*Be fruitful
and multiply,
and replenish
the earth, and
subdue it*

Genesis 1:28

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!

An Ancient Recognition of Authority

Clement was an elder at the congregation of the Lord's church at Rome. His letter to the Corinthian church, written around AD 95, is widely considered to be the earliest Christian writing outside of the New Testament that we have today. The Bible is inspired of God and gives us all the necessary information to be saved (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). Letters like Clement's, though not inspired and authoritative, give us historical glimpses that corroborate the picture of early Christianity before many departures from the ancient order took place. Note this interesting passage:

The Apostles received the Gospel for us from the Lord Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ was sent forth from God. So then Christ is from God, and the Apostles are from Christ. Both therefore came of the will of God in the appointed order. Having therefore received a charge, and having been fully assured through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and confirmed in the word of God with full assurance of the Holy Ghost, they went forth with the glad tidings that the kingdom of God should come. So preaching everywhere in country and town, they appointed their first-fruits, when they had proved them by the Spirit, to be bishops and deacons unto them that should believe.¹

The chain of authority is important to consider: God, Jesus, the Apostles, Bishops and Deacons. The New Testament gives details concerning this chain because God wanted His people to follow the proper authority and stay with the pure Gospel He had given. Jesus spoke only what the Father gave. In John 12:50, He said, "And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." The apostles were to be guided by the Holy Spirit into all truth — to recall all that Jesus had said unto them while present with them and to be taught the many things Jesus did not say to them during His earthly ministry because they could not at that time bear them (Jn. 14:25-26; 16:12-15). The apostles were witnesses of the resurrection (Acts 1:22); an event that provided evidence so convincing that even the skeptical Saul, when he saw the Lord, repented of his persecution, was baptized to wash away his sins, and began preaching the resurrection (Acts 22:3-21; 26:12-23; 1 Cor. 9:1; Gal. 1:23). The resurrection gave assurance to the apostles who went forth to preach the gospel to all nations as Christ commanded (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16). Just as Jesus said the kingdom was nearby (Mt. 4:17; Lk. 16:16; 22:29), the apostles preached the kingdom (Acts 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31). The first-century converts were in the realm of the kingdom (Col. 1:13), yet there is a sense in which they were preparing to enter the everlasting kingdom of heaven (Acts 14:22; Heb. 12:28; 2 Pet. 1:11). Among those in each city who had received this word and brought forth fruit, the apostles appointed elders and deacons (Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1). The caliber of men appointed to these works is described in Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

How drastically different is the picture of many churches today. Some churches have their own contemporary "apostles" who have not witnessed the resurrection of our Lord. They look to these men for revelation rather than the complete truth revealed to the true apostles of Christ in the first century, preserved for us in the New Testament. Many churches have an entire hierarchy with directors over multiple congregations and/or have one pastor over each congregation rather than the organization of the first-century church. It is no wonder then that many doctrines are taught today that cannot be found in the once-for-all-delivered faith of the New Testament for which we should earnestly contend (Jude 3). They are not respecting the authoritative message, but looking to different authorities who teach different doctrines. Let us respect the authority of God by following the gospel of the Lord Jesus delivered to all the world in the first century by the apostles and maintained at the local level by men, qualified according to the standard of the Scriptures, who watch for our souls.

- Mark Day

¹ Clement of Rome, *Corinthians*, 42

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Without Excuse"

PM- "After Their Kind"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:11-28

2018 Cookbooks Available

If you haven't gotten your copy of our newest cookbook, please, see Jane Isaacs in the office to get yours today.

Ladies Group in 2018

Do you have a skill you want to pass on or a project you would like to invite others to help you? Do you crochet and/or knit for a charity? Paint for pleasure? Make cards to donate or send? Write your ideas and hand them in at the office or speak with the secretary or an elder's wife to get some ladies group ideas for 2018. Thank you.

2017 Dates to Remember

Nov 28- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Dec 2- Scotts' Pancake Breakfast- annex- 8a

Dec 5- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Dec 9- Kathy Hall's Ladies Holiday Party- 6p

Dec 12- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Dec 17- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p

Dec 19- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Dec 29- Ladies Luncheon- Blazers- 12:30p

Dec 31- New Year's Eve watch- 9pm

2018 Book Reading Challenge

Jerry Sturgill is coordinating another book reading challenge into the new year. You must sign up on the foyer bulletin board then read 6 books in 5 months. The book list, with the basic rules, will be available on the round table. See Jerry Sturgill for the bonus gift book for participating. The reading challenge runs from November 8, 2017, to April 8, 2018.

Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, Dec. 2nd, the Scott family will have their annual pancake breakfast at 8am in the annex. Bring your own syrup, toppings and drinks. Please, sign up on the foyer bulletin board for planning purposes.

Ladies Holiday Party

Ladies, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, Kathy Hall will host her annual ladies holiday party in her home. There will be an optional gift exchange with a limit of \$10 for a gift, but only if you choose to participate. The church van will be taken due to limited parking around Kathy's home, leaving the building at 5:30pm. If you are going to drive from this area, please, come to the building first in case the van is full and ladies still need transportation. Please, sign up on the foyer bulletin board for planning purposes.

Prime-timers Holiday Schedule

Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. Due to the holidays the group will cancel the 12/26 group.

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
**Why not
today?**



Gauging Our Faith

	11/19/17	Goal	11/20/16
Bible Study	101	110	106
AM Worship	148	160	144
PM Worship	96	110	85
Mid Week	nc	110	86
Contribution:	\$5708.35	\$5600.00	\$5190.84

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Dan Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Brad Morris

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
David Smith, Ben Poling,
Dan Stone, Shelby Steele,
Ernie Perry, Mark Gullett

Presiding PM: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Denny Deskins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Brad Morris

DEVOTIONAL: Greg Hall

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Castle

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a **first-time visitor** with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you find on the back of the pew. Please, put it in the collection plate or hand it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We offer **free Bible correspondence courses** you can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending. Come back anytime!

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is welcomed.

Boys: have a song ready to lead



★★ Dec. 2 ★★

Pancake Breakfast

Come have breakfast in the annex at 8:00am with Chris & Amanda Scott making everything. Just bring your own syrup and drinks! Sign up today!

