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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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MISSIONS

-Dustin Bolks
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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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!

Denominationalism Is Wrong

Denominations abound in the religious world today. Some have estimated there are as many as 33,000 denominations presently in existence. Whether this is even close I am unsure, but one can readily see around us many different “churches” teaching and practicing many different doctrines. Some have claimed that this is a good thing and are thankful for this situation for one reason or another.

When we consider denominations, what are we referring to? What is a denomination? A denomination is a religious organization who considers themselves to be a “branch of the Christian Church”. In other words, and to be more specific, the Baptist Church considers itself to be a “branch” of the “Christian Church,” or the church of the Bible. No true denomination considers itself to be the church of the Bible, only to be one division or part of the true church. However...

Denominationalism is unscriptural in origin. Jesus promised to build only one church. He said in Matthew 16:18, “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Jesus promised to build His church upon the bedrock truth Peter had just confessed, that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” vs. 16. The Bible teaches there is only one church. Colossians 1:18 speaks of Jesus saying, “And he is the head of the body, the church...” (See also Ephesians 1:22-23) The body = The church. Ephesians 4:4 says, “There is one body”. Therefore “one body = one church”. The Bible, which was written long before any denomination came into existence, only speaks of THE church and does not mention nor give approval for denominationalism.

Denominationalism is unscriptural in authority. The Lord Jesus Christ did not die for any denomination. He did not build any denomination. The Bible gives no authority for the existence of any denomination. In fact, to build a denomination requires the Bible plus the doctrines of men. To stand upon the Bible and only the Bible would be the end of denominationalism. For a denomination to exist requires the Bible plus such things as the decisions of counsels, synods, conventions, claimed ongoing revelation, and on and on the list goes. In the first century there were no “hyphenated Christians” there were only Christians (cf. Acts 11:26, 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). The reason was because they stood upon the Word of God and not the doctrines of man. Today if we take our stand upon the only Word of God in worship and doctrine, just as they did in the first century, we can be what they were, Christians only and the only Christians.

Unity is found in the one church, not denominations. In the first century Christians “continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine” (Acts 2:42). The result, UNITY! Their unity is described as they “were together” (Acts 2:44) and “with one accord” (Acts 2:46). The Lord expects there to be unity in His church and it was achieved from the very beginning. Years later, Paul would write to the church of Christ at Corinth addressing the division of the Lord’s church there and admonish them “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” 1 Corinthians 1:10. The context of this passage is the Lord’s church (cf. 1:2) not denominations. The point we learn from this passage is that division within the Lord’s church is condemned. That being the case, how can denominationalism, which has no part with the Lord or His church, with all its division, be pleasing to Him? It is not.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

News & Notes

Sermons This Week



AM: Jerry Sturgill- Immortality/Resurrection
 PM: Jerry Sturgill- The Church at Sardis
 Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

VBS Volunteers Needed

If you can help with this year's Vacation Bible School in any way, please, speak with Jeremiah Smith about this. Thank you.

Little School Graduation

On May 10th at 7pm, everyone is asked to attend graduation to show support for the Little School program. If you can bring food, there is a sign up sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

Dates to Remember

May 5- Ft. Hill Camp registration- tuition free
 -see Jeremiah Smith after services

May 6-8 -Owingsville Gospel Meeting with
 Mike Johnson -7p

May 7- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 10- Little School graduation- 7p

May 12- Second Sunday Bible study &
 Singing at Morning Pointe- 2pm

May 14- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 16- Participating Partners- 6p- annex

May 19- Coffee, Tea & Desserts- 7p- annex

May 21- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 19- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

May 28- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 31- Ladies Luncheon- 12:30p- O'Charley's

Jul 22-26- Vacation Bible School

Aug 16-22- Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville

Sep 13-15- Our Seminar with Eric Lyons

Gauging Our Faith

| | 04/28/19 | Goal | 04/29/18 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bible Study | 110 | 110 | 98 |
| AM Worship | 154 | 160 | 157 |
| PM Worship | 88 | 110 | 95 |
| Mid Week | 93 | 110 | 79 |
| Contribution: | \$7433.83 | \$6200.00 | \$6866.25 |

Second Sunday Bible Study

On May 12th at 2pm, everyone is asked to meet at Morning Pointe Care facility on Addington Drive for Bible study and singing with Fred & Genevieve Obroff and their friends.

Ladies Evening Bible Study Group

The monthly ladies Bible Study group, Participating Partners, will meet in the annex large classroom on May 16th at 6pm. Please, note the date change.

May Ladies Luncheon

All Ladies are invited to attend the luncheon on Friday, May 31st at 12:30pm. The location will be O'Charley's.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10:00am in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the group. Everyone high school age and above is welcome to attend. This group will take a summer break June 1st through August 31st.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Ben Poling

PM: Nathan Adkins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Jordan Conley,
Mark Gullett, Daniel Goshorn,
Auston Clarkson, Brad Morris,
Jackson Morris, Jack Little

Presiding PM: David Smith

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Denny Deskins

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTIONAL: Greg Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Jerry Sturgill

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

Pew Packers at 5:45 pm

in front auditorium

geared to age 12 & under,

but everyone can come

-Boys: have a song to lead-

★★ May 5th ★★

Ft. Hill Camp sign-up

begins after services today

-tuition is free, campers pay for
snacks & shirt-see Jeremiah Smith

★★ May 10th ★★

Little School Graduation

& reception -7pm

-Come support this program!!



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 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.