

THE WAY THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

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...the churches of Christ salute you (Romans 16:16)

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In Ramona

WELCOMES YOU



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am
Morning Services 10:30am
Evening Services 6:00pm

Third Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am
Morning Services 10:30am
Evening Services 1:00pm

Wednesday Worship

Bible Class 7:00pm

Combating Consumerism

Don Loftis

As I sat eating lunch at Subway today, my view outside reminded me how much we have come to depend on the services that are provided to us. Restaurants of all types compete to feed us tasty meals. Doctors want to improve our health, while gas stations keep our cars running. Where would we be without sanitation engineers, bankers, barbers, and dry cleaners? All of these vie for our business, and if our expectations are not met, we will take our dollars to someone else.

I recognize that in some ways the church occupies its own consumer niche. The local church provides biblical education and skill development. Its staff offers counseling in times of uncertainty and support in times of grief. It partners with parents in providing youth programs and with senior citizens in establishing retirement programs. If the consumer is pleased, he stays and tells others what great blessings his church offers. If he is dissatisfied, he complains and moves on to a church that claims to offer more.

It seems to me that our involvement in the local church should exist at a different level than a store or business. The kingdom of God should transcend the fickle consumer mindset of "what am I getting out of this?" Membership in the church is a privilege, and participation is a responsibility. We are active workers not passive customers.

Long before John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country," Jesus had stated the same principle for His disciples. Of His own mission He said, "I came not to be served but to serve and to give my life a ransom for many" (Mt. 20:28). Paul quoted Jesus as having said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 10:35). Within our congregations, let's be committed to give more than we take!

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Those Whom We Have The Privilege To Pray For

1. Scott Pease, Nancy (Howarth), Griffin Turley, Carla Cavin, Pat Vinson, Eunice Black, Claude Eberle, Kenny Terry, Trent Barnett, Vivian Beavers. Also, Dale Bennett, Ruby Bradd, Danny Lee, Jennie Wright & Dallas Beam have cancer.
2. Heather Jones continues to struggle and hasn't found what is needed medically to give her any relief.
3. Doyle Brooks, Rebecca's dad, as they wait on a date for surgery.
4. Bob Nigh, Kristin's dad, had his second stint put in & it went well.
5. Please keep those affected by the Tornado in Tennessee in your prayers.
6. Remember the Cavin family in your prayers with the loss of Gayle this week.
7. Remember the Huffaker family during this time with their loss.



Announcements

1. Next week's sermons are "There's a time for Everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; & God By Name: Yahweh Rapha (Exodus 15:26).
2. Today is the 3rd Sunday of the month and that means our 3rd Sunday schedule. We encourage everyone to eat with us and stay of the afternoon service that follows.

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear/Study *Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:15*
- Faith in Jesus *He 11:6; Jn 3:16; 14:15*
- Repent *Ac 17:30; 2 Pt 3:9*
- Confess *Mt 10:32; Ro 10:9-10*
- Obey The Gospel *2 Th 1:8; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5*
- Live a Faithful Life *1 Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8-14*

If you have any questions or would like to study this or any other biblical matter, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- Game Night is March 27th and starts at 6:30pm.
- Oologah church of Christ's Spring Lectureship is April 3rd-5th with the theme being "Searching The Scriptures in 1 Peter."
- Silver Servants Dinner is April 11th at 12:00pm.
- Bible Way Media is a great way to be edified with sound teaching throughout your day. You can listen at www.biblewaymedia.org or the new app.

Bible Trivia

1. What man tore his clothes and pulled out his hair because of marriages that were not biblical?
2. What man tore out other men's hair because of marriages that were not biblical?
3. Who was the first bigamist to be mentioned in the Bible?