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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Is the Church of Christ a Cult?

In his book, *Understanding the Cults*, Josh McDowell gives us a list of characteristics of a cult. Those are given below with some information briefly explaining what the Bible teaches, and therefore what the church of Christ believes with regard to those matters.

Cult Characteristics

1. New Truth: God has revealed something special to them.

The church of Christ teaches all truth has been revealed (Rev. 22:18, 19), no other gospel is to be accepted (Galatians 1:6-9), and God speaks to man through the written word (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

2. New Interpretation: Some cults believe they alone have the key to understanding.

We believe the Bible can be understood by those who read it if they will apply common sense reasoning to their study (Ephesians 3:4; Acts 17:1-4). We do not look for some new interpretation.

3. Non-Biblical Source of Authority

We believe the Word of God alone is to be our authority (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). It alone can save (Romans 1:16). It is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). This characteristic would categorize most denominations as cults, and leave the church of Christ as one of the few, if not only one which is not a cult.

4. Another Jesus: Sometimes the cult leader.

Jesus is not going to return to establish a new religion. When He does return, it will be obvious (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), will mark the end of time (2 Peter 3:10-13), and will bring judgment (Acts 17:31).

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5. Double Talk: Say one thing publicly but believe something different internally.

This is called lying (Rev. 21:8). What we teach is what we believe. Further we encourage people to determine the meaning of words by looking at their context (i.e. the Biblical context).

6. Denial of the Godhead.

We do not deny the Godhead. In fact, we believe there is more than One Being who possesses the nature of divinity or godhead (Genesis 1:26). They are three in one (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:18).

7. Changing Theology: No sure foundation for doctrine.

The Word of God is truth (John 17:17). The truth will set you free (John 8:32). We accept nothing but the unchanging Word of God as revealed in the Scriptures. There is no more solid foundation than this for religious doctrine and practice (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Matthew 7:24-27).

8. Central Charismatic Leader.

The church of Christ has no earthly headquarters and no single human leader. Christ is the head of the church (Colossians 1:18). He rules over the church by His authority as expressed in the revealed and written word of God (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 14:37).

9. False Prophecy

The church of Christ teaches that the gift of prophecy is no longer given to man (1 Corinthians 13:8-13). Therefore, we do not have any prophets to give false prophecy. The Bible teaches that false prophets are condemned (Deuteronomy 18:21, 22).

10. Salvation by works.

The church of Christ does not believe anyone can be saved based on the merits of their works (Ephesians 2:8, 9). One is saved by grace through faith. However, this does not mean that a person is exempt from following the law of God. One must have an obedient faith to please God (James 2:14-26). Note the importance of good works in Ephesians 2:10.

The church of Christ has been the target of many untrue attacks and accusations. However, we must always remember that just because someone says something is true doesn't mean that it is. Having examined the characteristics of cults, we must conclude that the church of Christ is in fact the least cult-like of any church in existence.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

November 12 - Heb. 9
November 13 - Heb. 10:1-18
November 14 - Heb. 10:19-39
November 15 - Heb. 11:1-19



November 16 - Heb. 11:20-40
November 17 - Heb. 12
November 18 - Heb. 13



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Madelene Holbrook has been released from the hospital and is at home recuperating from a bout with pneumonia.

Nita Kirkland has had some difficulty with fluid buildup in her body due to her heart and had to have the fluid removed last week. She is somewhat weak from the ordeal but was able to attend the gospel meeting services this past Wednesday evening.

Fred Holder has been having difficulty with his eyes for a number of weeks. He had cataract surgery, was then found to have glaucoma and was given a new treatment which was not successful and is now using the standard medication. He now has developed vertigo, which the doctor believes is due to a medication he is taking.

Charlie Byrd, Joe Byrd's father entered the Baptist Hospital in severe pain this past week. Tests were performed and the doctor diagnosed him as having an infection and was released with medication.

Melia Sheets, underwent a successful surgery this past week and she is now doing well.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Kim Matthews
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



Congratulations

*To Paul and Danielle Hill on the birth of their son,
Paul Silas Hill born this past Monday, November 5th.
No other information is available at this time.*

Lively Stones

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 2:5.

As we will soon approach a new year, each of us should examine ourselves to determine whether or not we are "lively stones" that are part of the spiritual house. If we are not seeking to do God's will by being present with the other "stones" and participating actively in the work of the church, can we really be considered "lively stones". If we are haphazard in our service to God, never giving up anything personally in time or resources, are we offering "spiritual sacrifices" or just passing on the crumbs that fall from our tables? Think on these things and resolve to more pleasing God in the coming year.



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Nov. 13 - Tuesday Evening Class from 7-8 p.m. in the Annex.

Nov. 30-Dec.1 - Congregational Singing Workshop - The classes will be conducted by BJ Bruce, a member of Southside church of Christ in Galax, Virginia. There are sheets available giving information on the workshop on the credenza in the foyer.

Dec. 2 - Baby Shower for Walter & Nancy Cruz from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex. They are registered at Target. (they are expecting a baby girl)

AREA EVENTS:

Nov. 9-11 - Indescribable Revival at the Oak Forest church of Christ with Neal Pollard speaking. Topic: God Loves Reconciliation.

Nov. 10 - Ladies Day at the Oak Forest church of Christ with Kathy Pollard speaker. Visit our website for details: www.oakforestcoc.church

Dec. 1 - Ladies Day at Capernaum church of Christ. Theme: "Women" Kingdom Builders for Christ (Eph. 2:21-11) Guest speakers: Suzanne Brockenborough and Kenya Harley.

(See bulletin board for further information)

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of November:

Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.) Also, please add Ramen noodles to list. (special request from the SW Food Pantry.)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - November 4, 2018	144
Sunday Worship Service	190
Contribution for November 4, 2018	\$8,039
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	39
Chapters Read:	571
Sunday Evening Worship Service	148
Monday Evening Gospel Mtg. - Nov. 5	120
Tuesday Evening Gospel Mtg. - Nov. 6	108
Wednesday Evening Gospel Mtg. - Nov. 7	132

Lord's Day Appointments For November, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For November:

Joe Everett

David Moore Ian Quinn

Allen Cooper

Gina Strickland

Andy Santiago

Jim Harrison

Preparing Communion for November:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - November 18, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Tommy Rose
Song Leader - Clayton Workman	Evening - Shawn Thomason	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Carl Cooper
Prayer - Tommy Ridings		Wed. - Charley Belch	

Greeters for November:

Shawn & Terrie Thomason

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - November 18 ~ Gene Ruark

Wednesday: - November 21 ~ Gene Ruark

Lord's Day Appointments - November 11, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Michael Cooper	Morning - Mark Roy	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Michael Cooper
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Steve Martin	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Prayer - Tim Allen		Wed. - Charley Belch	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - November 11 ~ Rick Clemmons

Wednesday: - November 14 ~ Rick Clemmons

Greeters for November:

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 10:50 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

DEACONS

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury