

stands before you is whether or not you will worship with God's church. If you are not a Christian, the question that stands before you is "Will you be added to God's church?" I don't want you to join my church; I want you to be added to the Lord's church.

I don't want you to join my church because you nor I have a right to determine the characteristics of the church. Many people visit different churches in their search for a church. They look at the church and weigh the differences and then determine which characteristics most please them. This is not, however, how we should view the church. We should look for the church whose characteristics most please God! God has given us His word so that we can

know about His church and He has given us His church so that we can know about His word (Ephesians 3:10). It is God's church that we should be seeking. I don't want you to join my church; I want you to seek God's church (Matthew 10:33).

There are some things that I do want. I DO want you to be obedient to God. I DO want you to worship God. I DO want you to be a faithful Christian. I DO want you to be saved. I DO want you to be a member of the Lord's church for which He shed His blood (Acts 20:28). Take the necessary measures today to ensure that you are part of the church that belongs to Jesus—the church of Christ (Romans 16:16)!

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Bulletin

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6

PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30

AM

Sun. Morning Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline, 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search, 7 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30

AM

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I Don't Want You To Join My Church!

By Kevin Cauley

We run into people on a more or less frequent basis that are looking for a church. Many times you will hear people who are undergoing this process say things like, "How do I know which church to join," and "How do I choose the right church?" It is well understood that these individuals are looking to be a part of a particular church but they just do not know which one they should be a part of. However, I submit to you that this type of terminology when looking for a church is foreign to the Bible. In fact, let me emphatically say that I don't want you to join my church.

I don't want you to join my church because it is not my church. It may be the church I attend or the group of people with whom I assemble, but technically speaking, it is not my church—it is the Lord's church. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 "And I say unto you that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." The church belongs to Jesus; it is

His church; He is the Owner. The Bible also says that Jesus is the Head of the body (Eph. 1:22, 23), the Savior of the church (Eph. 5:23), the King of the kingdom (1 Tim. 6:15), the Husband of the bride (Eph. 5:21ff), the Foundation of the church (1 Cor. 3:11) and the Chief Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:5, 6). So I want you to be part of the church that belongs to Christ, not "my church."

I don't want you to join my church because you can't join the church. One will search the scriptures all day long and never find an instance of a person "joining a church." We read of the church having members in 1 Corinthians 12:12ff and Romans 12:4ff. However we never read of someone "joining" the church. Rather we read where God adds a person to the church. In Acts 2:47 we have, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The Lord adds those who are saved to the church. If you are saved you already have membership within the church. The question that

Privileged to Serve

Worship Coordinator: Jim Cruise

Announcements: Ron Peck

Before Service Greeters: Robert Comer & Wanda Crews

After AM Services Greeters: Luther & Betty Sheppard, Terry & Ruth McMasters

Sunday AM

Songleader: Jerry Crews

Lord's Table

*Terry Cruise, Justin Kanengieter, Trenton Kanengieter, Daylon Kanengieter

Opening Prayer: John Marchand

Closing Prayer: Steve Crews

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Sunday PM

Songleader: Ron Thompson

Lord's Table: David Doherty

Opening Prayer: Randy Hyder

Closing Prayer: Robert Comer

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Wednesday Night

Devotional: Paul Fisher

Songleader: Jerry Cruise

Prayer: John Marshand

Statistics for Mar. 26, 2017

AM Worship **98**

PM Worship **76**

Midweek **78**

Total Contr. **\$2415**

News and Announcements

Widow/Widowers Luncheon will be Friday, April 14th at 11:30 AM. The theme will be: A Beautiful Life.

Wedding Shower for Jessie Greer, Saturday, Apr. 22nd, at the building.

Fordland church of Christ is having several events this spring. See the bulletin board for details.

Fair Haven Children's

Home Needs

Dry Goods/Cooking

Sugar
Flour
Cereal
Chocolate Syrup
Cocoa
Microwave Popcorn
Vanilla
Pam Spray
Chili Powder
Chocolate Chips

Condiments

Mayonnaise
Miracle Whip
Taco Sauce
Enchilada Sauce
Honey
Gravy Mixes

Fruits/Vegetables

Canned Pineapple
Green Olives
Green Peas
Canned Mandarin Orang-

es

Black Olives
Canned Peaches
Canned Fruit Cocktail

Canned Goods

Canned Chicken
Tuna
Refried Beans
Spam

Bathroom/Toilet

Bar Soap
Deodorant
Hair Conditioner
Kleenex
Toothpaste

Laundry/Dishes

Bleach
Dishwashing Liquid
Dishwashing Powder
Liquid Fabric Softener

Juice/Beverage

Canned Juices
Coffee

Miscellaneous

Aluminum Foil
Freezer Bags – Quart
Freezer Bags – Gallon
Plastic Wrap
Storage Bags - Quart
Storage Bags - Gallon
Trash Bags - 33 Gallon
Trash Bags - 13 Gal.

Prayer List

Dean Sitton's daughter **Stephanie**.

Continue to pray for **Marcie Marchand**. Her **step-dad** is at the last stages of life.

Bobby Lewis continues to have health problems.

Ron Thompson to have surgery to correct an irregular heartbeat.

Caroline Bright who has health issues.

Connie Isis' sister Doris is very ill. Her other sister has a hurt leg

Donna Walker from Eldorado Springs church of Christ has stage 4 cancer.

Bob Lewis is recuperating at home.

JoAnne Lawrence is having hip replacement June 5th.

Beth Adams is hospitalized, in isolation with an infection.

Continue to pray for **Daniel Henslee** and family, Steve & Michelle's son-in-law.

Lee Hampton, uncle of Travis is having health issues.

Jim Chittendon, friend of Ron and Cathy Thompson (member of the Lord's church) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Robert Comer's step-dad

April Birthdays

Hannah Greer	4-4
Angel Hamilton	4-7
Jan Sanders	4-7
Brooklyn Shafer	4-11
Wyatt Greer	4-27
Mitzi Farley	4-29
Paul Sandoz	4-30
Betty Sheppard	4-30

April Anniversaries

Clifford & Debbie Dombay	4-3
David & Janet Haffner	4-8
Thad & Patsy Layne	4-20
Terry & Ruth McMasters	4-20
Jason & Angel Hamilton	4-27

Ray is having problems with his blood.

Tim Warden, Janet Haffner's brother has contracted leukemia.

Wanda Jennings, friend of Norma has cancer.

Andy Novinger who is fighting Thyroid Cancer.

Magdalena Ospina — Terminally ill with leukemia.

Remember the home bound

- Paul and Ernestine Sandoz
- Estelline Jones
- Ina Gillette (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- Pat Lamb (Marshfield Care Center)
- Judy Barrow (Webco Manor)
- Bonnie Doherty (Webco East)
- Zoe Lawless of Conway (Webco)
- Rosalie Rosenberger (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jax, FL.