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**Christ is its Purpose for Living.** Philippians 1:12, For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**Christ is its Purchaser.** Acts 20:28, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

**Christ is its Intercessor.** Hebrews 7:25, Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**Christ is its Peace.** Romans 5:1, Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ is its Provider.** John 10:10, The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

As Christians, we should be able to give an answer to why we believe and teach as we do (1 Pet. 3:15). If someone were to ask: "Why are you a member of the church of Christ?" would you be able to give a kind, valid, well-reasoned and, above all, biblical answer?

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## The Church is OF Christ

The church presented by, and approved of, God is designated in the New Testament in a variety of ways - the bride of Christ, the church, the church of God, the body of Christ, the church of the firstborn and, congregationally, as "churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16).

When I identify myself as being a member of the church of Christ, it implies the church is not of human origin. It is, truly, OF Christ. How so? Please consider...

**Christ is its Founder and Builder.** Matthew 16:18, And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**Christ is its Head.** Ephesians 1:22-23, And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.

**Christ is its Foundation.** I Corinthians 3:11, For no other foundation can anyone lay than which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Christ is its Savior.** Ephesians 5:23, For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

**Christ is its High Priest.** Hebrews 4:15, For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**Christ is its Advocate.** 1 John 2:1-2, My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

**Christ is its Lawgiver.** Galatians 6:2, Bear one another's' burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Christ is its Belief.** Matthew 6:16, Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**Christ is its Husband.** 2 Corinthians 11:2, For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

**Christ is its Hope.** Colossians 1:27, To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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### Leadership

**Elders** Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey  
**Deacons** Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale  
Joe Sweeney  
**Pulpit Minister** David Wright  
**Associate Minister** Irvin F. Williams

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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#### AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer Joe Sweeney  
Scripture Ron Iverson  
Sermon David Wright  
Lord's Supper  
Message Caleb Hambelton  
Attendant Hank Tincher  
Attendant Brandon Montgomery  
Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

#### PM Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr  
Bible Reading Leon Stocksdale  
Selection 4  
Prayer Greg Blanton  
Sermon *Singing Emphasis*  
Closing Prayer Ernie Marshall

#### AM & PM Services

Announcements Harold Tincher  
Lord's Supper Grover Blanton  
Offering Hayward Blanton  
Usher Art Patrick  
Count Offering Art Patrick  
Assist Count Marc Owens

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11

If unable to serve please call: Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511

## The Temple of God

David Wright

Peter invites his readers to come to Jesus and be built like living stones “into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God” (1 Pet. 2:5). This appeal presents the church as the reality anticipated by the OT temple and priesthood. Peter’s word picture suggests two important conclusions.

First, the church is special. Solomon’s temple was an elaborate stone building. The intricately-carved wood on the interior walls was overlaid with gold. But what made the temple sacred was the presence of God. On the day Solomon dedicated it, “the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord” (1 Kings 8:11). The true “spiritual house” is even greater than the stone building foreshadowing it. The church of Jesus Christ is a growing and breathing temple, built of “living stones” (1 Pet. 2:5).

Second, the church is holy. The Aaronic priests presented animal sacrifices on the bronze altar in the temple court. Detailed regulations governed every offering. The priest was to be a healthy man, free of disability or disease. And every bull, goat, or lamb was to be free of blemish or defect. The holiness of the sacrificial system pointed to the purity of the church, the “holy priesthood” (1 Pet. 2:5). “Do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,” Peter urges, “but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct” (1:14-15).

Peter’s temple talk is both encouraging and challenging. A Christian is a very special person. The presence of God is in his heart and life. He is a living and breathing stone in the Lord’s sacred temple. But this great honor comes with responsibility too. A Christian must be as careful to abstain from the pollutions of the world as the priests were careful to avoid contaminating their offerings.

### Sermon

Ps. 19:7-14

All Scripture Is Profitable (a.m.)

Singing Emphasis (p.m)

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:4-9

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), MARTIN BONNEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Bernie Jackson (Harold), Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THRESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West, Jeremy Whitlow

### Hamburg Pike Happenings

Our young people are invited to go to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to go. The church will cover part of the admission and each teen or child will pay \$10. The estimated time of departure is 10:00 a.m. Caleb Hambelton will be joining us for the trip.

On Sunday morning, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Caleb will teach a combined class for grades 5 thru 12.

Robby and Kirsten’s fellowship group will meet Sunday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship. The theme is Mexican.

Our Sunday evening worship will be a “Singing Emphasis” service. Men and young men who would like to lead a song or read a scripture please sign the sheet in the foyer.

From time to time throughout the year, guest speakers will encourage our evangelism efforts at the Monday Night for the Master meetings. The first of these guests, Bruce Blanton, will be with us on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to share in the meal and class.

Our Fall Gospel meeting with Brother John Board from E-town is November 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>. The lesson theme is “Reaching the Lost.” Times are: Friday and Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday bible class 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. Flyers are available on the table.

Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> is “Orphan Sunday.” The contribution that day will be devoted to orphans in 10-12 different countries including Russia, India, Uganda, Kenya, The Philippines, Pakistan, Mexico, Haiti, and Panama. Please read James 1:27 and pray regarding the “Orphan Sunday” collection.

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