"GOD OPPOSES THE PROUD" (Esther 10:1-3)

TODAY'S GREETERS: Jan Tinsley & Lynda Malaska

SUNDAY AM BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium - Adults (Rav Rose)

"Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?"

Multipurpose Room - Teens (Doug Boyle) The Life of Paul

WEDNESDAY PM - April 30th

Greeter Song Scripture (Matthew 4:8-11) **Alyssa Boyle Alec Boyle Greyson Waide**

WEDNESDAY PM BIBLE CLASSES

Auditorium - Adults (Greg Waide)

Life of Jesus

Teen Room - Teens (Ray Rose) "The Christian and Culture" (Romans 12:1-2)

Fellowship Hall - Ladies Class (Fern Boyle) **Biblical Geography**

BLAST Class - PreK - 6th (April 30th: Kav Scott)

NEXT SUNDAY - May 4th

Greeters	Travis & Jessie Key
Announcements	Garry Osburn
Songleader	Greyson Waide
Scripture Reading/Praye	
Lesson	Ray Rose
Communion	Garret Wyman
Closing Prayer	Roger Gaddie
PM Songleader	Ron Scott
PM Prayer	Tim Rehmel
PM Lesson	Ray Rose
ELDERS	* <u>Elder of the Month - April</u>
Doug Boyle	* <u>Greg Waide</u>
DEACONS * <u>Respon</u>	sible for locking the building - April

Tim Ford - Audio-Visual/Technology Roger Gaddie - Building/Communion Svc *Tim Rehmel - Education

If you ever miss a robo-call from the church, you can hear the

PULPIT MINISTER - Ray Rose

SECRETARY - Jennifer Waide

Secretary Hours: Mon, 8:30-12:30; Wed - Fri, 8:30 to 4:30; Notary services are available in the office.

69 SUNDAY

THE DEAF PM Worship

ALL SERVICES

INTERPRETED FOR

Bible Classes 9:30 am AM Worship 10:30 am

5:00 pm

Mid-WeekBoostMeal 5:30-6:30 pm

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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HOW TO BE ADDED TO THE CHURCH

For many, this article title may not have much of an appeal. You are not interested in being a part of any church because you have been disappointed or discouraged by what you have seen in churches. This I can understand for at least two reasons. One, many churches do not truly represent the Lord. And two, those that do are still made up of people, and none of us are always what we ought to be.

I hope that by reading this article you will not only come to learn how to be added to the church but that you will want to be added to the church. Paul's letter to the Ephesians emphasizes just how important the church really is (Eph. 1:22-23; 2:14-16; 3:10-11, 20-21: 4:3-6: 5:23. 25).

With this in mind, let us consider how to be added to the church. The outline for this article comes from Acts 2:47 which reads. "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.3

First, note that it is the Lord who does the adding. No man nor any group of men decide who will be or will not be a part of the church. Such a matter is not left to a vote or to some church policy; it is decided by the Lord.

Second, note that it is those who are being saved that are added. One cannot be added to the church without being saved, and one cannot be saved without being added to the church. Therefore, in order to be added to the church, you must be saved.

So, the question now is what must I do to be saved? This question was asked and answered in Acts 2:37-38; 9:6 and 22:16; and Acts 16:30-34. You might ask, "Why is a different answer given in each case?" If you will examine the context of each passage closely, you will see that the persons asking the question were in different places spiritually. In Acts 2, the Jews came to believe but still needed to repent and be baptized. In Acts 22, Saul believed and repented but still needed to be baptized. In Acts 16, the jailor did not yet believe but still needed to be taught, repent and be baptized. In order to be saved, one must believe, repent and upon one's confession of faith, be baptized (Acts 8:35-39). This is why we read in Acts 2:41, that those that were baptized were the ones who were added.

Third, note that the ones who are added are added to the church. First Corinthians 12:13 teaches us that we are all baptized into one body. There is only one body (Eph. 4:4) and that body is the church of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). This is the body of which He is the Savior (Eph. 5:23), the church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20-28).

When one is baptized, he is not only baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27) but also into the body of Christ, the church. The same baptism that puts us into Christ puts us into the church. You cannot separate Christ from His church any more than you can separate the head from the body.

The ones who are added are not added to manmade churches or denominations. Christ prayed that his disciples all be one (John 17:20-21). The church is to be united in Christ, not divided into parties of men (1 Cor. 1:10-13). Churches built or planted by men are not Christ's church (Psalm 127:1; Mat. 15:7-14; 16:18). Christ's church comes from Christ's word (Luke 8:11).

Is the church you belong to the church of Christ you read of in the Bible? Where did your church begin (Acts 2)? When did your church begin (Acts 2)? Who founded your church (Mat. 16:18)? What is your church called (Rom. 16:16)? How does one become a member of your church (Acts 2:37-47)? Who is the head of your church, and where are the headquarters of your church located (Mat. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-23)? Which church do you belong to? Have you been added to the Lord's church?

-Robert Dodson, Northwest church of Christ, Fort Worth, TX; Bulletin Digest (Dec 2013)

(During the school year)

WEDNESDAY



"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;" (Colossians 4:2)

Donna Phillips.....She was released from the hospital on Wednesday.

Family of Brad Stephens (Brother of Eldon) Brad passed away on

Calvina Osburn......She got an injection to her hip on Thursday morning. She was very sick immediately after due to the anesthesia, but Friday she was feeling really good.

Joy McCoy.....She had a spinal cord stimulator implanted on Friday. The procedure went well, but she has been in a lot of pain.

Brandon McNaughton (Coworker of Travis Key)...Brandon is out of the hospital after 155 days! He still has a long road of recovery ahead.

Please continue to lift these loved ones up in prayer:

Dennis Biby	LeAnna Colby
Eldon Gritz	Mike Hager
Donny Hutchinson	Richard & Do
Dwayne McLerran	Lisa Mitchell
Bob Rose	Ray Rose
Connie Walker	Misty Walker
Lucille Wilder	Tina Wilder
	Eldon Gritz Donny Hutchinson Dwayne McLerran Bob Rose Connie Walker





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<u>TODAY</u>			
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PM 869	SONGLEADER - Alec Boyle We're Marching to Zion		
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	Dan Biby.	MENU: Chef Salad	



Virgie Lee, The Commons, Room 305 Zane Johnston, The Commons, Room 108 Ken Strever, Garland Rd Nursing Home, Room 521-B