

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS
ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS
COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE
NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.**




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1 Peter 2:7

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Celebrating The Birth of Christ

We need authority for what we do in our worship. Sometime people wonder why we don't have a special worship service to commemorate the birth of Jesus. It's not because we're not happy Christ came into the world. We rejoice every day that Christ came! I hate to think about where we would be if he hadn't come!

Christ made a specific point to tell us to observe his death and resurrection. On the eve of his betrayal he gave clear instructions to "Do **THIS** in remembrance of me" (Matt 26:26-28). The "THIS" was partaking of his memorial meal that was designed to remember his sacrifice for all people. He wanted us to partake of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine in memory of his body and blood which were sacrificed as our Passover meal. Christ was our Passover (1 Cor 5:7). It was a very simple observance. He could have given an elaborate celebration of his birth, but he ignored that. If Christ had not been crucified and resurrected, his birth would have been meaningless and we probably wouldn't even know about him. He would have passed into obscurity.

We are not free to do what we want in worship. The religious world seems to think we are. Many are still making the mistake of Cain, following their own desires without giving thought to what the Lord wants. It never has been left up to us. He gets to decide and we are to keep "hands off." Anything we do in our worship, there must be scriptural authority on its behalf. We don't need an itemized list of "thou shalt nots" when it comes to worship. We need a "thou shalt" in support of what we are to do. Jesus condemned some who claimed to be following him, and he called whatever they were doing "iniquity" (Mt 7:23). Some. 

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translations have “lawlessness.” It is less a law on its behalf. If you want to play scrabble as worship, then you need a law on its behalf, otherwise, it’s not authorized. It is not necessary to find a passage that says “thou shalt not play scrabble as worship.”

The coming of Jesus into the world was and is cause to rejoice, but God didn’t authorize a “mass” in honor of Christ or any kind of religious service for that. He could have, but didn’t. He chose not to. We should respect His choice and be busy doing what he HAS authorized. We recently had a Bible class on “the star of Bethlehem” and events surrounding the birth of Jesus. All Scripture is profitable. *-db*

If Jesus Descends with a Shout and Trumpet

David Jeremiah (in his commercial on Fox News) depicts people being snatched suddenly away and this makes the news clips around the world as a 7 year tribulation begins on the earth. What he does not depict is the Lord descending with a SHOUT, the trumpet, the voice of the archangel. (1 Thess.4:13-18). There wouldn’t be a single camera that didn’t focus on this, and in this moment, there would not be a single atheist left in doubt. This passage does not leave room for a snatching away for 7 years. Secondly, those caught up will EVER be with the Lord. It won’t be 7 years in heaven and then a 1000 years on earth. Again, that is twisted scriptures using twisted logic. There will be a “delivering up” (1 Cor.15:23) of the kingdom that has already been here since Pentecost (Acts 2; Col.1:13). Our opportunity is NOW to enter the kingdom (2 Cor.6:2). There will not be second chances when He comes.

First, the passage says nothing about a snatching away for seven years, and says nothing about people being left here to endure 7 years of tribulation, with opportunity then to change their minds and be saved. That is all made up by ignorant men! When Jesus returns, every knee will bow to Him (Phil.2:10,11), and there won’t be a 7 year tribulation to change a few minds, nor will there be a “setting up” of the kingdom on earth for 1000 years.



News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **Jacob Martin** is dealing with Covid...**Levi Lands** had an injury on a trampoline and broke his femur...**Easton Blackford** has been diagnosed with RSV and an ear infection...**Beverly Allen** continues to battle Leukemia...Lori Watson has been diagnosed with Flu – B...**Debbie Spencer** will see her surgeon on Dec 12 to determine when she will have back surgery.... **Gracelyn Lands** will have surgery on 12/6...**Virginia Bishop’s** knee surgery has been moved to 12/14... **Ruby Vanhooser** (Virginia’s mom) is now under hospice care... **Corey Ladyman** had foot surgery and has a large wound ...**Sherry Horton** had another back injection and is to have an MRI...**Holly Kortan’s** surgery is scheduled for 12/15... **Chloe Humblet** is away for some extended treatment **Shut-ins: Rhea Vines** (at Roger’s house)...**Gail Brooks** room 423 Lawrence Hall, Walnut Ridge... **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village ...**Shirley Coots**, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth’s Place... **Bob and Jean Evans** at home...**Betty Shrable** at home. Pray for these!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS. 5th – Cohen Sawyer; 7th – Alyssa Lee; 11th - Michell Kieffer; 13th – Kodi Herndon, Jaxon Ladyman; 16th – Kathy Suell; 17th – Cherilyn McFarland; 20th – Lavonne Cox; 21st – Sandra Stubblefield; 25th – Gail Brooks; 28th– Lavada Crisler; 30th – Travis Moody; 31st – Paula Hafford

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If your hope of being saved eternally in heaven has faded, revive and restore it!

