

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 p.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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“God knows”

After a great storm in England many yrs ago, the naked lifeless body of a small child was found on a deserted beach. There was nothing to indicate the identify of the child & none came to claim the body, so the tiny, mangled form was tenderly prepared for burial & laid to rest in the silent city of the dead. – Over that lonely little grave, thoughtful & loving hearts raised a simple headstone having inscribed upon it the terse & sad epitaph, “God knows.”

It would be impossible for human genius to compound from its vast treasury of elegant words & phrases a statement more hauntingly beautiful, more meaningful or fraught with comfort, hope & promise than this simple declarative sentence of 2 words – a subject & a predicate. There is no circumstance of life nor problem which it could pose for the Christian that cannot be met & satisfactorily solved on the basis of the truth inherent in the statement: “God knows.”

Satan has been the openly avowed spiritual head of the major part of the human race for more than 6 millenniums. Only a small minority of the vast multitudes of mankind has successfully overcome the temptations of this powerful seducer. The 8 souls that survived the ravages of the great flood of patriarchal times (1 Pet 3) stand in sacred history as a monument to the power of Satan’s influence over the hearts/lives of men & as a predictor of the eternal destiny of vast majority of human race. Such a terrifying thought would overwhelm the Christian but for the stirring truth, “God knows.” Inspiration solemnly assures us: “*The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation & to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished*” (2 Pet 2:9). “*God is faithful, who will not* →

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suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor 10:13).

In a cold, unfriendly world dominated by Satanic influence, the validity of the Cristian's faith is often challenged and exposed to attacks and ridicule. Militant atheism, sensualism of our time, secularism, sectarianism and ecumenism constantly assail the simple "Christian" after the NT order as to his spiritual identity.

Under such pressure, the Christian can find solace, strength, and stability in the uncomplicated truth, "God knows." The Holy Spirit assures us, "*The Lord knoweth them at are his...*" & (2 Tim 2:19). To the world about us, we re but "*a sect everywhere spoken against*" (Acts 28:22). Despite that, Christians can be assured in the hearts that they are known & loved of God (1 Jn3:1,2) Those are certainly encouraging words to all of us who are Christians. When the storms of life, which are common to all of Adam's descendants, come upon the Christian, they affect him not as they affect the worldly man. In addition to the fact that "God knows," the C's faith is consoled in the fact that God not only knows but he cares and will sustain him thru it all. In his memorable sermon on the Mt., Jesus assures us: "*The Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly...your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him,...*" (Mt 6).

The Hebrew writer certified that the C. can confidently "let his manner of life be without covetousness" knowing God has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb 13:5). Simon Peter declared, "*Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care on him; for he careth for you*" (1 Pet 5:5-7). Let us in our hours of discouragement and disillusionment, engrave on our hearts the simple epitaph, "God knows," & from the confidence and hope which it inspires, "*be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the word of the Lord...*" (1 Cor 15:58). -db

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Carol Caldwell had an 85% blockage in an artery so a stent was installed. She is recuperating at home...**Freddie Horton** was still unable to be out last week. He is seeing a rheumatologist**Pat Spencer** has been move to the Phil and Flo Jones Hospice House. Pray for her and her family... **Mike McFarland** has been diagnosed with Covid. He has been experiencing fever and chills...**Easton Blackford** had tube put in his ears and surgery to remove his adenoids on Friday. He was not a happy camper, but hopefully he will feel better soon... **Lynissa Davis** is undergoing more testing... **Karen Livesay** still has no relief from migraines ...Remember to pray for **Chloe Humblet** who is away from home for extended treatmentSeveral times we have mentioned friends and relatives of the members here as needing our prayers. Let's remember all those who continue to undergo health challenges...**Shut-ins:** **Rhea Vines** (at Roger's house)...**Gail Brooks** 423 Lawrence Hall, Walnut Ridge... **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village, ...**Shirley Coots**, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Karen Livesay** at home...**Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Jean Evans** at home...**Betty Shrable** at Ridgecrest, room 304...Pray for these!

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am., or you can catch it throughout the day.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 21-26 – Paragould (Village Creek) – David McPherson

April 21-25 – Northside – Steve Monts

April 26-28 – Bartlett TN -Gary Kerr

April 27 – Melton Ave. (Trumann) **Singing** at 10:30

June 22 – Ladies' Bible Study (three speakers) – 9a.m. -12 noon

July 21-25 – StoneRidge – VBS!

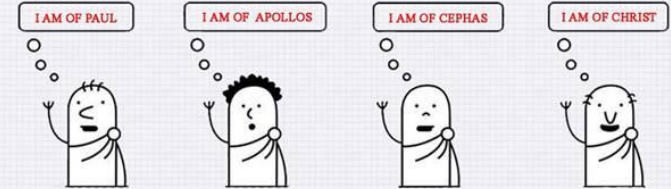
As soon as the second human appeared on earth, the rights of the first were cut in half. Now, divide your rights by the total population, and that explains everything.

Before a "prodigal" will return to his Father, he must come "to himself." (Lk 15:11-24)

A person is not necessarily generous just because he gives free advice.

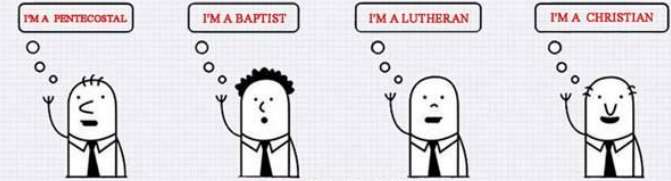
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