

“Striving To Stay Clean In 2015”



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Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned Sunday”

WHAT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SHOULD MEAN

Introduction: So many people have the idea that a church is a social club with an expensive nursery, a large youth department, and a building filled with amazingly talented singers that belong in an angelic choir. However, nothing like that can be found in the Word of God. We see nothing like that in the early church. Let us examine what the Bible teaches about church membership.

FIRST SALVATION HAS OCCURRED. ACTS 16:30

In Acts chapter 16, the Philippian jailer asks a question: “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” I was out going door-to-door soul winning when a man that I was witnessing to asked me, “That word ‘saved’: is that a Baptist word?” I said, “No, sir, it’s a Bible word.” He asked, “Where do you find it in the Bible?” So I showed him.

Luke 19:10, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Romans 10:9, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Romans 10:13, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Note: *Acts 2:47, “... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”*

It ought to be obvious that receiving Christ and having your sins forgiven, which is being “*born again*”, is a must in order to be part of the body of Christ.

SECOND: SUBMERSION IN BAPTIST BAPTISM HAS FOLLOWED. ACTS 2:41

“Then they that gladly receive his word were baptized...”

The mode is absolute because of what baptism pictures. It pictures the death, burial, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ (*Romans 6:3-5*.) Hollywood has produced movie after movie showing that John the Baptist poured water on the head of Jesus. Nonsense! Every person in the Bible that got baptized went down into the water and came up out of the water (*Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 8:36-39*.)

By the way, you can find no babies baptized in the Bible. And not one person sprinkled anywhere in God’s Word. **Only one mode of baptism.**

It ought to be obvious that baptism is involved with church membership.

THIRD: SEPARATION HAS BEGUN.

II CORINTHIANS 5:17

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;

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Signs Found In Kitchens (Some are funny; Some are revealing)

A husband is someone who takes out the trash and gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen...and this kitchen is delirious.

Countless numbers of people have been in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Help keep the kitchen clean—eat out.

My next house will have no kitchen—just vending machines.



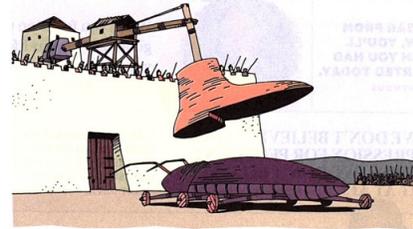
"YOU NEVER TAKE ME ANYWHERE."

A SAILING INSTRUCTOR WHO HAD BEEN RUNNING HIS STUDENTS RAGGED ASKED ONE, "IF A FELLOW SAILOR FELL OVERBOARD, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?"

"EASY, SIR," THE STUDENT REPLIED. "I'D CALL 'MAN OVERBOARD!' AND FOLLOW PROCEDURE."

"AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF ONE OF YOUR SUPERIORS FELL OVERBOARD?" THE INSTRUCTOR ASKED.

THE SOAKED AND ACHING STUDENT REPLIED, "WHICH ONE?"



*GREAT WEAPONS OF HISTORY:
THE TROJAN COCKROACH*

UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS EASILY REPULSED BY THE TROJAN BOOT IN THEIR FIRST AND ONLY ENCOUNTER.



Dr. Al Lacy

When you get the Catholicism and the Protestantism out of your thinking, you will see that you have to be saved BEFORE you can be in the body of Christ and a member of a New Testament church. Saved people are called the family of God (Eph 3-15) the "children of God" (Gal. 3:26), and "saints" (Rom. 1:7)... but in order to be OBEДИENT children and saints, they must be BAPTIZED into a local New Testament Baptist church, which is the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:27). v

Such a thing as a universal, •mystical, invisible BODY cannot exist. In order for it to be a body, it must be FITLY JOINED TOGETHER. Scattered fragments do NOT make up a body. All Christians cannot possibly make up the body of Christ. All Christians have never been assembled together in one place and FITLY JOINED TOGETHER. Most of the saved people are in Heaven... and the rest are scattered all over the face of the earth, which its circumference is 25,600 miles. To the local, visible New Testament church at Ephesus, Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

And [YE] are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom YE [in the peal church at Ephesus] also are BUILDED TOGETHER for an habitation of God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:20-22). Speaking to the same church, Paul called Christ their Head, and referring to Him said,

From whom the whole body FITLY JOINED TOGETHER AND COMPACTED by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in x the measure of EVERY PART, maketh increase of the 1-body unto the edifying of itself in love (Eph. 4:16). In order to have EVERY PART of the body of Christ FITLY FRAMED together, BUILDED together, FITLY JOINED together and COMPACTED, it MUST be all in ONE place! It HAS to be local! The idea of a universal body is ridiculous.

Picture yourself walking down the local railroad tracks. Suddenly, you look down and see blood all over the place. Your eye falls on a hand. You say, "That looks like Humphrey's left hand." Twenty yards down the tracks, you find another hand. You say, "Hmm. That looks like Humphrey's right hand." Continuing on, you walk another twenty yards and see a leg. You say, "That looks like Humphrey's left leg."

Another thirty yards, you spy a second leg, saying, "Sure enough, that looks like Humphrey's right leg." You proceed a little further . . . let's say twenty-three yards, and you find a torso. You say, "That looks like Humphrey's torso." Hurrying onward, you walk another forty yards and find Humphrey's head. Quickly, you run, pick up the head, and say, "Humphrey! Are you hurt?"

Now I ask you... is that a BODY? Of course not. Scattered parts do not make up a body, neither do Christians who are scattered make a body.

behold, all things are become new.” New hopes, new desires, new thoughts immediately come to the one that now has God, in the form of the Holy Spirit, dwelling within them. Every person that I have ever known to have receive Jesus Christ changed after they trusted Christ, even if it was for a short period of time. By the way, even the thief on the cross changed as soon as he believed on the one shedding His blood on the Cross for the sins of the world. **II Peter 3:18, “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.”**

If a person is growing, then they are changing. “Church” means “called out assembly.” Called out sets you apart and makes you appear different.

The persecution that takes place, not only in the book of Acts, but throughout history, has always been connected to a people that were different after they placed their faith in Christ.

So, it is obvious that church membership includes salvation, submersion, and separation.

If this be true, then how does this fit in with what you profess to believe?

Conclusion: Have you placed your faith in Christ? If you have, what is your relationship with the local, New Testament Baptist Church? Have you been saved, submersed in baptism, and now realize you are to be separated from that which would destroy your relationship with Christ and dim the light that your loved ones need to see? Would you be willing to pray with me right now?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

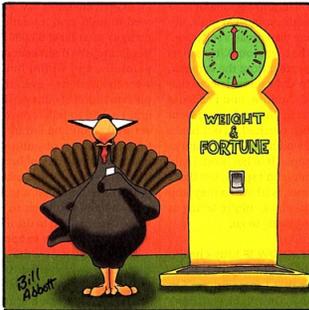
“Dear Jesus, I’m asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I’m trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.” (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



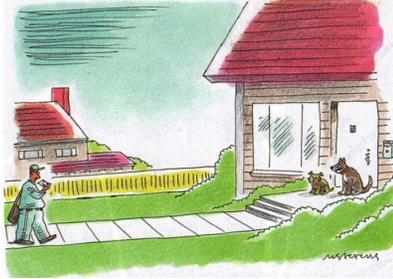
Prayer of Service

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (Acts 9:6)

WHEN A SOLDIER CAME TO THE CLINIC WHERE I WORK FOR AN MRI, HE WAS PUT INTO THE MACHINE BY AN ATTRACTIVE, YOUNG TECHNICIAN. SOMETIME LATER, WHEN THE EXAMINATION WAS OVER, HE WAS HELPED OUT OF THE MACHINE BY A FAR OLDER WOMAN. THE SOLDIER REMARKED, “HOW LONG WAS I IN THERE FOR?”



“WILL FEED A FAMILY OF FOUR TO SIX. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?”



“REMEMBER, I’LL DO ALL THE BARKING.”



“YOU WANT TO HEAR A SCARY BEDTIME STORY? I’LL TELL YOU ABOUT MY WORK.”



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Counsel

Who has your ear when it comes to counsel? Is it a person who is skilled in the understanding of the Word? Taking the advice of a friend who uses her feelings rather than the Word of God as her guide could damage your life.

Look at a few things when considering counsel:

1. Look at the lifestyle of the counselor. The person who claims to be a Christian while living like the world may not provide consistent counseling, and you may get your “ears tickled” with what you want to hear rather than what you need to hear.
2. Take a very hard look at the counsel being given. If it is not biblical, then you need to find another counselor.
3. Godly peers of your own age group may be excellent counselors, but there is wisdom in asking someone who is farther along in life than you. Many of my counselors are ten to twenty years older than I, giving me an opportunity to glean from their experience.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last nine (9) years in a row!
2. The buses are still rolling!



A Thanksgiving Offering

The parents of a young man who was killed in World War I gave their church a check for two hundred dollars as a memorial to their loved one. When the presentation was made, another war mother whispered to her husband, "Let us give the same for our boy."

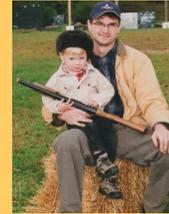
The father said, "Why, what are you talking about? Our boy didn't lose his life."

The mother said, "That's just the point. Let us give it because he didn't."



Jarrod
Collingsworth
1st Place

21st Annual Turkey Shoot Champions of 2015



Jeff Oswald
2nd Place



The most humiliating event was when Bro. Jarrod had trouble with his right eye. He changed to his left hand, and left eye, and still won the shoot.

The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

HE DOES THE WORK OF THREE MEN: LARRY, MOE AND CURLY.

From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

LIVING WATER



Each day we must consume a certain amount of water to survive. Water serves a number of essential functions to keep us healthy. It is vital for our health.

Is it no surprise that Jesus is the Living Water! He that drinks from the Living Water shall never thirst again. If physical water is good for our health, than drinking from the Living Water is good for our spiritual health, but we must be mindful to get our fill every day so that our spiritual functions will be healthy.

Every day the world's philosophy and mind set is thrown at us. If we, as Christians, are not getting our daily fill of God's Word, we then are drinking from the world's fountain - which is not spiritual.

When we allow ourselves to make decisions that are not based upon God's Word then we are not drinking from spiritual water - hence we are not wise- we are stupid! I do not like that word, probably because I have been stupid too many times in my life. But beware, those little fleshy decisions you make without obeying God's Word can destroy you or someone else. I call this drinking from Stupid Water.

Filling yourself with God's Word causes you to increase your prayer life, to apply God's Word to your daily actions and to seek spiritual counsel.

Isaiah 55:8, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD." Proverbs 3:5-7

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."

Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

So are we getting our fill of the right kind of water? Yes, it is so important for our bodies to have the proper intake of daily water for our physical health. We need to remember it is so important for us to consume the Living Water (the Word of God) daily to be spiritually healthy. Are you getting your dally fill of the Living Water?



Dr. Jack Hyles

God's Revelation

Some say that there are different types of churches such as the soul-winning churches and deeper-life churches. No, we have a church and they do not. The Bible is a church's charter to exist, and if the Bible is not the church's final authority in practice and doctrine, then you are not a church. You may have the word "church" on the sign outside, but you are not a church.

Follow my logic in these observations:

1. There must be a God. If any man will admit to me that he believes there is a God, I believe that if he will logically follow me, I can win him to Christ.
2. If there is a God, He must know who I am. If He is God, certainly He knows His creatures.
3. If there is a God and He knows me, then He must want to reveal Himself to me. Nobody would want to love someone and that someone not know who he was.
4. If God wants to reveal Himself to me, He must reveal Himself to me in a manner that I can understand.
5. Therefore, to reveal Himself to me in a manner that I would understand, He must reveal Himself to me as a man because that is all that I can understand.
6. If God wants to reveal Himself to me, then He must want me with Him.
7. If God wants me with Him, He must have made a way whereby I can be with Him.
8. Being His child, God must want what is best for me.
9. If He wants what is best for me, there must be a revelation from God of what is best for me. He has to get it to me.
10. However, He reveals to me what is best for me must be pure and perfect. If it is not pure and perfect, then I cannot know purely and perfectly what He wants for me.

God has a perfect (complete) will with intricate plans for your life. He must get those plans from His mind to your mind. How will He do it? "He does it through the church," says the Catholic. "He does it through the mind," says the humanist. "He does it through the heart," says the charismatic. "He does it through a man," says the cultist. "He does it through a group of men," says the new evangelical. They are all wrong! God revealed His perfect will through a perfect, written revelation, the Bible—our final authority.

AFTER A TALKING SHEEPDOG GETS ALL THE SHEEP IN THE PEN, HE REPORTS BACK TO THE FARMER: "ALL 40 ACCOUNTED FOR." "BUT I ONLY HAVE 36 SHEEP," SAYS THE FARMER. "I KNOW," SAYS THE SHEEPDOG. "BUT I ROUNDED THEM UP."

ONE FARMER SAID TO ANOTHER, "I ONCE MADE A SCARE-CROW SO TERRIBLE THAT IT FRIGHTENED EVERY SINGLE CROW OFF THE PLACE." "OH, THAT'S NOTHING," THE OTHER FARMER REPLIED. "I ONCE MADE ONE SO TERRIBLE THAT THE CROWS BROUGHT BACK THE CORN THEY STOLE THE YEAR BEFORE!"

Barna Group finds America in 2015 to be 44% post-Christian, compared to 37% just two years ago

To qualify as "post-Christian," individuals had to meet 60% or more of the following factors (nine or more). "Highly post-Christian" individuals meet 80% or more of the factors (12 or more of these 15 criteria).

- Do not believe in God
- Identify as atheist or agnostic
- Disagree that faith is important in their lives
- Have not prayed to God (in the last year)
- Have never made a commitment to Jesus
- Disagree the Bible is accurate
- Have not donated money to a church (in the last year)
- Have not attended a Christian church (in the last year)
- Agree that Jesus committed sins
- Do not feel a responsibility to "share their faith"
- Have not read the Bible (in the last week)
- Have not volunteered at church (in the last week)
- Have not attended Sunday school (in the last week)
- Have not attended religious small group (in the last week)
- Do not participate in a house church (in the last year)

These kinds of questions — compared to ticking the "Christian" box in a census — get beyond how people loosely identify themselves (affiliation), and get to the core of what people actually believe and how they behave as a result of their beliefs (practice). These indicators give a much more accurate picture of belief in America. www.barna.org

Some food for thought.....or..... **Seed From The Silo!**

Marijuana Legalization Presses on Amid Concerns

Marijuana legalization advocates continue to gain ground as nearly half of all states have decriminalized marijuana possession at least for medical purposes and a majority of Americans reportedly have told pollsters marijuana should be legal.

Despite such momentum, ethicists, federal agencies and even some mainstream media outlets are warning of serious consequences of further legalization of the mind-altering drug....

The editors of Bloomberg View July 20 called on Congress to heed what scientists have to say about marijuana, noting that “the political discussions involved in this process have been dominated by stories of heartbreaking suffering and frightening drug abuse.”...

“Pot is not harmless, after all,” Bloomberg View wrote. “...To treat medical marijuana as a stalking horse for full legalization, as many of its advocates do, is plainly irresponsible. Protecting public health and safety requires arming both patients and lawmakers with better in-formation.”

As Bloomberg noted, voters in Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and the District of Columbia have approved the recreational use of marijuana; and legal sales of the drug—approved for medical use in 23 states—brought in an estimated \$2 billion nationwide last year.

Five more states that already approved medical marijuana are considering legalizing its recreational use even as the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse warns that the amount of the mind-altering chemical THC in marijuana has been increasing steadily over the past few decades and may explain a rise in emergency room visits involving the drug’s use.

Erin Roach, BAPTIST PRESS

Seventh Shocking Video Catches Planned Parenthood Harvesting Brain of Aborted Baby Who Was Still Alive

The organization that has released six videos exposing the scandal of Planned Parenthood selling aborted babies and their body parts has released a new undercover video ... with another shocking discovery. This latest video catches the nation’s biggest abortion business harvesting the brain of an aborted baby who was still alive. The video features Holly O’Donnell, a licensed phlebotomist who unsuspectingly took a job as a “procurement technician” at the fetal tissue company and biotech start-up StemExpress in late 2012. That’s the company that acts as a middle man and purchases the body parts of aborted babies from Planned Parenthood to sell to research universities and other places. StemExpress was partnered with Planned Parenthood up until [the week of August 10], when it quietly announced it ended its relationship with the abortion corporation.

The new video includes O’Donnell’s eyewitness narrative of the daily practice of fetal body parts harvesting in Planned Parenthood abortion clinics. She tells the harrowing story of harvesting an intact brain from a late-term male unborn baby whose heart was still beating after the abortion.

O’Donnell describes the harvesting, or “procurement,” of organs from a nearly intact late-term baby aborted at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte’s Alameda clinic in San Jose, California....

The Center for Medical Progress alleges that Planned Parenthood is likely breaking federal laws requiring that appropriate medical care and treatment be given to babies who survive abortions. State and federal law require that the same treatment be given to an infant born alive after an abortion as to a normally delivered baby (1 U.S.C. 8, CA Health and Safety Code 123435). California law also prohibits any kind of experimentation on a fetus with a discernible heartbeat (CA Health and Safety Code 123440).

Steven Ertelt for LifeNews.com

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?



**"IT PARKS ITSELF, SO I ASSUMED IT
WOULD PAY THE METER, TOO."**

**A RECRUIT THOUGHT HE WAS
SPECIAL BECAUSE HE WAS AN
EAGLE SCOUT. THE DRILL
INSTRUCTOR PICKED UP ON
THIS AND TOOK HIM INTO
THE WOODS AND MADE HIM
BUILD A NEST. THEN HE HAD
HIM SQUAT OVER IT IN
ORDER TO KEEP HIS EGGS
WARM.**



**"I DO NOT IGNORE YOUR EMAILS. I
PERSONALLY DELETE EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF THEM."**

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority
Autonomy of the Local Church
Priesthood of ALL Believers
Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion
Immersed Church Membership
Soul-liberty
Two officers - Pastors and Deacons
Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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