

Being A Member Of The Lord's One Church

By Ron Boatwright

The fact that the Lord has only one church is unpopular with many people who want to belong to one of the many differing denominations of their choice. Jesus says in Matthew 16:18, “I will build My church”. The word “church” is singular, meaning one and only one and the word “My” is possessive, meaning it belongs to the Lord. The Lord began His one church more than 1900 years ago. Christ “loved the church and gave Himself for her” (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus Christ did not die for or establish any of the more than 600 different denominations which men have begun during the past 500 years. Denominations are of human origin and have no scriptural authority to exist.

How does one become a member of the Lord’s one true church? Jesus says, “He that believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). One must believe and be baptized in order to be saved. Once people are saved, the Bible says, “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47). The Lord adds only the saved to His church. Since those in denominational churches do not believe the Lord’s requirement, that baptism is necessary for salvation, they remain unsaved. And since the Lord does not add unsaved people to His church, the unsaved have to join a denomination.

The one church that Christ purchased with His own blood belongs to Him and the name it wears must honor Him. We read in Romans 16:16, “**The churches of Christ greet you**”. This name glorifies and honors Christ who died for it and built it. Even by the names the denominations wear, they do not claim to be the Lord’s church. Christ has only promised to save His one church (Ephesians 5:23).

What is going to happen to all of the many different illegitimate counterfeit denominational churches that men have started? Jesus says, “Every plant My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted” (Matthew 15:13). Since Jesus did not build any denominational church, they all stand under His condemnation. Today, there are many people laboring in vain in their man made churches. God’s word says, “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psalms 127:1). It does one no good to belong to and worship in a denominational church. One is wasting his time and will lose his soul in eternity !! Jesus says, “And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men” (Mark 7:7). Vain worship is useless.

If people really want to go to Heaven, they must come out of their denominations and be baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38) so they can be saved (Mark 16:16). Then the Lord will add them to His church (Acts 2:47), the church of Christ (Romans 16:16), where they can worship God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). Jesus promises “Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

“Let’s make going to Heaven our number one priority in this life.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Class	7:00 PM

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\* There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please silence cell phones and any other noise making devices during worship.

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A Place of Worship and Healing

2016 Theme

How To

Love  
Let Go  
Live  
Learn  
Lead  
Laugh

Speaker  
Phil Sanders

Time Warner Cable  
Channel 20  
Thursdays 11:00 AM

SEARCH  
OF THE LORD'S WAY  
IN  
SEARCH

Praise the Lord

Yolanda Davis was baptized into Christ last Sunday.

**Acts 2:47**  
*praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

**Prayer List**    *In our prayers let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

**Let’s Keep These Folks In Our Prayers:** Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Tony and Egla Grana, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron Cameron, and Jodie Kelly.

Updates

**Jeannie Johns** is showing signs of improvement but still needs our prayers. She had a follow-up doctor appointment Friday.

**Egla Grana** fell Thursday night and was taken to the ER. She is home now, shaken up, but doing OK.

**Jean Cameron** is in St. Mary’s with heart issues. She had a test done on Thursday.

**Ron Cameron** had a test done on Thursday at Memorial Medical Center.

**Renee Kinney** continues to deal with cancer. Her brain cancer is still gone but the liver and bone cancer is back. She is off chemo for now and also all her meds except for one new med. In a few weeks she will have a liver scan. They are checking for other forms of treatment.

**Diane Fritton**, a friend of Diane Mellott, has been diagnosed with a very aggressive type of breast cancer. It is difficult to treat but after surgery she will have chemo and radiation therapy.

**Billy Stine**, Sonny & Linda’s son, has some major heart issues and also has a kidney stone.

**Wednesday Rahelich**, George and Peggy Golias’ granddaughter, is having stomach issues and was seeing a pediatric gastroenterologist but they can’t find the source of the problem. She has now been admitted to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester for tests.

**Congressman Ted Poe**, (from Texas, a member of the Lord’s church, father in law to Grana’s grandson Anthony), has leukemia. He is being treated at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

**Doreen Woods**, a co-worker of Glory Marten, need prayers for health problems she is having.

**Marc Morse**, Bruce Brink's co-worker's husband, is going through some health issues. He was at the Cleveland Clinic recently and is waiting to hear results.

**Mike Kliss**, a friend of Louella Hopkins, had colon cancer and is now cancer free.

Denise Garlitzs’ daughter’s mother-in-law **Betty Leistner** .... Her cancer has spread to her lungs. Chemo is not working. They are going to try radiation again. Prayers for her are needed and appreciated.

**J. P.** , a good friend of Wayne Carter’s youngest brother Ralph in VA had surgery July 8 for a brain tumor the size of a baseball. They were not able to get it all and are still awaiting pathology reports. He is undergoing therapy.

**Sermon Topic Today:** How To Learn ....  
To Control The Tongue

**Scripture Reading:** James 3:3-12

**Trays Today:** *Sherry Carter*

Upcoming Events (Lord willing) (see web site for extended list)

- Jul. 17 Today.** Men’s Business Meeting
- Jul. 22** Ladies Devotional at the building. 6:30 PM
- Jul. 24-30** Camp Agape
- Jul. 31** Area-Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Sardinia church of Christ  
No PM service at LaSalle.
- Jul 31-Aug. 6** Mark and a group of teens are going to Potter Children’s Home.

Sun. AM Adult Class - Qualifications of Elders & Deacons  
Sun. PM - A study of the Gospels (Tonight I Cor. 9-12)  
Wed. PM Adult Class - The Book of Job

Sunday PM Class

The new monthly reading schedule for August has been set out.



In 2016 we have been reading the New Testament and discussing questions each Sunday evening. In 2015 we read through the Psalms and spent time in prayer and discussion on Sunday evenings. If you remember we started our journey in 2014 reading through the entire Bible chronically and had discussions on Sunday evenings. Well, it is time for someone to start planning 2017 (Lord wills) and we are looking for someone to volunteer to be in charge of planning our Sunday evening services. The idea has been for us to spend time together in God’s Word and then come together Sunday evenings to reflect on God’s Word. See Mark if interested.

Mission Trip

Becky Rose is a friend of Mark & Audrey. She is on a mission trip to Malawi (southern Africa). She has arrived there safely. It’s a 2 week mission trip. Let’s pray for her well being and safety.

Pray for Camp

There is a problem getting qualified people for camp with respect to life guards and nurses. If they can’t be found camp will have to be canceled.