

## Calendar

Group 2 (Bryan Byrd & Steve Dickey) will be meeting on Saturday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Schrimsher's home.

Group 9 (Steve Thompson) will be meeting on Sunday Nov. 15th after morning services at the Thompson's home.

## We just want to be Christians

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We believe that a local church can function in exactly the same way as churches in the first century. Our goal is to return to the original plan for the church, as Christ intended when He built it.

Why do we try?

Because a restoration of true New Testament Christianity is the only way to avoid the confusion and division we witness in the religious world today.

Long ago, Jeremiah said in Jeremiah 6:16:

Thus says the Lord,  
"Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths,  
Where the good way is, and walk in it;  
And you will find rest for your souls."

We want to be Christians – nothing more, nothing less; Christians only, meeting with other Christians, doing what Christians are expected to do. This is important because Christ, the Author of Christianity, expects it: Mt 16:16; 28:18-20. He has the authority. He gave the apostles authority (Mt. 18:18; Eph. 2:20) so that they could define the boundaries of who is pleasing to God and who is not. He built the church and only He can change His plan for the church.

Man is not capable of building a "church of Christ." Only Christ can do that and only Christ has done it. We want to be *Christians*.

We have a blueprint for bringing the reality of New Testament Christianity to the 21<sup>st</sup> century: The New Testament. Through sensible and objective interpretation of Scripture and application, without regard to our personal feelings, we can find out what God wants from us. We can speak where Bible speaks, and be silent where it is silent; we can do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names.

Do the writers in the Bible even foresee such a possibility? They tell us we can and must "speak as the very utterances of God." They tell us we can all be of one mind and one spirit, as long as we focus on the gospel of Christ (see I Pet. 4:11a; Phil 1:27; I Cor. 1:10).

### The church of Christ

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#### Service Times

Sunday Morning Assembly

9:30 AM

Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study

7:30 PM

Classes for all ages.

Private classes arranged at your convenience.

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But aren't there insurmountable obstacles? Yes, as long as people are loyal to something or someone other than Christ. Relig-

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ious unity is impossible with those who insist on a relative, rather than *absolute*, view of truth. It takes faith and "faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

Religious unity is a wonderful thing and it *is* attainable. But our goals must be clear: (1) to be Christians only and (2) to work at making the church just like those of the first century. Only then can we realize the unity of all of those who are of like mind.

Our plea to everyone we know and love is to go back to the Bible, and the Bible only, for the answers.

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## "There are hypocrites there!"

A Christian once visited a farmer to talk to him about Christ.

"I wouldn't come to church up there," the farmer said. "There are people in that church who claim to be Christians but they don't live any differently from me. I'm as good as they are."

Everywhere the farmer went he told about the hypocrites in that church.

Months passed and the Christian went to see the farmer again. "I want to buy a hog," said the Christian.

The farmer showed all his best hogs to him, passing quickly by the runt of the litter.

"I believe I will take that one" the Christian said.

"BUT you don't want that one. He's the runt of the litter."

"I sure do" said the Christian. So they loaded the runt in the truck.

"Now," said the Christian, "what if I take this pig from your farm and ride all over this area telling folks that this is the kind of hogs you raise?"

"That's not fair!" the farmer exclaimed. "I have some nice hogs and you want to show people that runt?!"

To which the Christian replied "If it's fair for the church it's fair for the hogs!"

**If God brings you to it  
He will bring you through it.**

**Happy moments – Praise God!  
Difficult moments – Seek God!  
Quiet moments – Worship God!  
Painful moments – Trust God!  
Every moment – Thank God!**