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Sundays

9:30am - Bible Study

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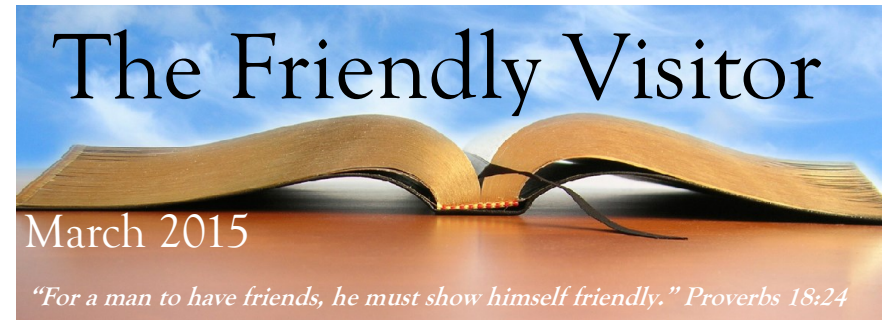
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7pm - Bible Study

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Does the Word Church Bring to Mind...

by John R. Gibson

- ◆ An elaborate, cathedral-like structure? Or perhaps a simple country building?
- ◆ Good food?
- ◆ Recreational opportunities?
- ◆ Scouts?
- ◆ Child care?
- ◆ Education?
- ◆ Political protests?

If these are things you associate with the word “church,” we urge you to consider the following facts...

- 1) In the Bible “church” always refers to people and is never used of a physical structure.
 - ◆ A church could hear and speak. Matthew 18:17
 - ◆ A church could fear. Acts 5:11
 - ◆ A church could pray. Acts 12:5
 - ◆ A church could gather in one place. 1 Corinthians 14:23

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- 2) The New Testament teaches that meals eaten to satisfy physical hunger were to be separated from the church assemblies.
 - ◆ *“Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home.”* Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, and give special attention to vv. 22, 34.
- 3) While the New Testament has much to say about the church, no mention is made of churches being involved in recreation, secular education, political protest, and the like.
 - ◆ *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.
- 4) The word “church” should bring to mind sinners saved by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.
 - ◆ *“The church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”* Acts 20:28

In light of these scriptural facts, the Christians who meet regularly at 17312 Jones Road in Athens, AL are seeking to be...

- 1) A church belonging only to God and His Son Jesus Christ without any denominational ties.
Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 1:2

- 2) A church following the Bible without any human creed.
Revelation 22:18, 19; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Galatians 1:8
- 3) A church emphasizing the gospel of Jesus Christ and its power to save.
Romans 1:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:8
- 4) A church which, without pride or arrogance, has the courage and conviction to question those who have made changes in God’s ways.
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; 1 Timothy 4:1-5

We sincerely hope that the information contained in this brief article will generate a deeper interest in spiritual things and if you are interested in our non-denominational pursuit of truth and salvation, we would urge you to visit any of our assemblies or contact us with your questions or concerns.

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“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ ” Matthew 7:21-23