

EvTIME 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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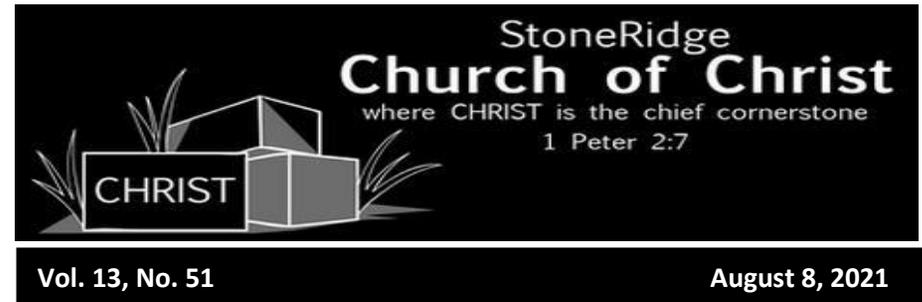
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THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.



Evangelical Churches

“It is now common practice in most evangelical churches to offer the people, especially the young people, a maximum of entertainment and a minimum of serious instruction. It is scarcely possible in most places to get anyone to attend a meeting where the only attraction is God.

One can only conclude that God’s professed children are bored with Him, for they must be wooed to meeting with a stick of striped candy in the form of religious movies, games and refreshments. This has influenced the whole pattern of church life, and even brought into being a new type of church architecture, designed to house the golden calf.

Any objections to the carryings on of our present golden-calf Christianity is met with the triumphant reply, “But we are winning them!” And winning them to what? To rue discipleship? To cross-carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To nobility of character? To a despising of the world’s treasures? To hard self-discipline? To love for God? To total committal to Christ? Of course, the answer to all these questions is no.”

A.W. Tozer, Man: The Dwelling Place of God

Many church members go to the movies and weep over a sentiment, then go to church and are unmoved by the fact of a lost world.

People often call on God but seldom stay to visit.

Denominationalism

Denominationalism has never been pleasing to God. Jesus prayed that it wouldn't happen and that his disciples would remain one – **that the world might believe!** Jesus implied that if those claiming to follow Christ are divided, then the world will not believe. Sure enough, many look at the divided religious world and it looks so confusing that they throw up their hands at the whole mess, saying, *"I don't know what to believe. I just won't believe anything."*

In the NT there was just one church. It was founded and built by Christ and purchased with His blood. *"So let's name it after some other man or doctrine"* is the faulty reasoning of man. They are the ones perpetuating the division! And where do they get those names? Not from the Savior but from among themselves! There is **no salvation** in any of those other names, nor is their any authority. Peter said salvation is only in the name of Christ (Acts 4:12) and Christ possesses "all authority" (Mt 28:18).

The Theophilus strip (below) has a denominational man asking Theophilus "What are you religiously?" When Theophilus says "a Christian," the denominational person says "You always try to be different, don't you!"

Actually, it was all the denominationalists who were being different from the New Testament! The disciples were called "**Christians,**" not any of those other names! (Acts 11:26). So it was they who were different. If men would go back to the Bible instead of cherishing their own names and doctrines we could all be one, in keeping with Christ's prayer. Denominationalism is sinful. "Come ye out from among them" and be simply "Christians," members of Christ's church. -db



News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. The **Ledgerwoods** have all been sick. **David** has been diagnosed with pneumonia. **Brad** has improved som. Keep them in your prayers.....Continue to remember **Virginia Bishop** who is dealing with blood clots... **Gail Brooks** has gone home from Encompass...Remember **JoAnn Williams**, mother of Sarah Stevens, as she continues cancer treatment...Also remember **Donald Crisler** who is undergoing treatment for cancer... **Shirley Coots** is under hospice care at the Lawrence County Nursing Home.....**Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Editha Kern** at Liberty Park Assisted Living....**Charles Bradsher** is at St.Elizabeth's Place. **Rita Kieffer** is at St. Bernard's Assisted Living.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

OCT 3-8 – STONERIDGE – Wayne Fancher

Some Reasons For Teaching A Bible Class

1. You get more time in God's word to learn His will
2. You get to know the kids.
3. You get experience teaching others.
4. You learn much more.
5. You can be like your teacher, Jesus.
6. You find out they know much more than you thought they did. Perhaps even things you did not know.
7. You know it meets heaven's approval.
8. Add your own to this list!

The word of God will stand a thousand readings; and he who has gone over it most frequently is the surest of finding new wonders there.

When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate others.



It is a little thing for a child to be afraid of the dark, but a tragedy for me to be afraid of the light.

