

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
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CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY.
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED
OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT
JOINED A DENOMINATION.**

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1 Peter 2:7



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Jesus Reigns!

On the day of Pentecost, Peter announced that Jesus reigns. Though godless men put Him to death, God had now raised Him from the dead, as was prophesied long ago. Not only was Jesus raised, He ascended to heaven and sat down at God's right hand, again a matter of prophecy. The day's events were proof. *"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear"* (Acts 2:33).

Jesus reigns in His heavenly kingdom. *"Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both lord and Christ (Messiah, king) - this Jesus whom you crucified"* (v.36). This kingdom consists of those bought by the blood of Jesus (Rev 5:9), elsewhere called the church (Acts 20:28). It is in this spiritual kingdom of God's Son that we can enjoy forgiveness of sins (Col 1;13,14). Jesus reigns -- what an **opportunity!**

Not long after Jesus commenced His reign, his kingdom (church) came under attack from political kingdoms, largely for preaching that only in Christ could people be right with God. At times it doubtless seemed as though the forces of evil were gaining the upper hand. Christians were dying for their faith.

The book of Revelation was heaven's message to a suffering citizenry, assuring →

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them that Christ would ultimately triumph. It opens presenting Jesus as “the ruler of the kings of the earth” (1:5). Long before, Babylon’s mighty Nebuchadnezzar learned “that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whom He wishes” (Dan 4:17). God has chosen to bestow all authority in heaven and on earth now to Jesus (Mt 28:18). He as caught up to God and his throne to rule all the nations with a rod of iron (Rev 12:5; Ps 2:7-9). Jesus reigns -- what a **consolation!**, especially in troubled times like these.

The question each of us needs to ask is, *Does Jesus reign in my life?* Empty claims or token acknowledgments do not suffice (Lk 6:46). Does He rule? Have I become his disciple through faith expressed in baptism (Gal 3:6,7)? Is every step I take as He directs? Only then can we say, Jesus reigns -- what a **Savior!**

Repent!

Elijah told the people to repent.
Isaiah told the people to repent.
Joe told the people to repent.
Jonah told the people to repent.

Jeremiah, Micah, Amos, Malachi all had a message of repentance.

Jesus said repent.
The apostles said repent.

The message hasn’t changed. There is no substitute for repentance.

If you kick a stone in anger, you’ll hurt your own foot.

Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Owen Mundy is still improving, but it may be a while before his prognosis is known... Lori Watson is also improving after knee surgery... **Kemuel Camp** is doing better after his shoulder surgery...**Jack Ladyman** is improving following eye surgery...**Jane Cureton** continue to deal with challenges following a stroke.... **Charles Wayne French** (Nola Christenberry’s brother) had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital due to extremely low oxygen level. Haven’t received an update before going to print. Prayers needed...**Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer...Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Bob** and **Jean Evans** are also confined at home...**Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth’s Place... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.



If a small thing has the power to make you angry, does that not indicate something about your size?

Life is too short to hold a grudge. Also too long.

Anger is one letter short of danger.

Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

Sometimes when I’m angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn’t give me the right to be cruel.

To carry a grudge is like being stung to death by one bee.

The only nation that, in some way, does not become Babylon is the holy nation of God, the body of Christ. God's nation today is not marked off by physical boundaries or ruled by earthly kings. It is the nation of which Christians are citizens first and foremost. Let us act accordingly:

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."
(1 Pet 2:9-10)

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain." (Phi 2:14-16)

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." (Phil 3:20-21).



If every member were just like you, would we need to build more seats or close the doors?

