

**TIME 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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**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.**

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**Church of Christ**

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone

1 Peter 2:7



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**You Can Understand The Bible**

**Many think the Bible** is a mysterious book that' can't be understood by to common man.

Strangely enough, the greatest perpetrators of this notion have often been the very preachers who were supposed to be helping us **to** understand it. Just a few years ago it was the position of the Catholic Church that only the clergy should study to Bible because they were the only ones qualified to understand it.

The Protestant clergy hasn't done much better. Invariably, when a Protestant preacher is questioned about the hundreds of divisions in Protestantism, he will respond by saying something to the effect that "we just can't all see the Bible alike, implying not only that the common man can't understand it, but that Protestant clergy can't understand it very well either.

The fact is, ***you can understand the Bible!***...if you will follow a few simple steps.

**First**, you must read it. It's absolutely amazing how many who complain about not being able to understand the Bible have never read more than a dozen or so pages in it.

**Second**, you must read it with the understanding that it is a revelation of the will of God to man. Anyone who refuses to accept the divine origin of the Bible will never understand it.

**Third**, you must read it with a willingness to obey it. A person reading a manual on cooking, automotive repair or on similar matters will often have great difficulty →

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understanding the instructions until he actually tries to carry them out. Likewise you will often have difficulty understanding why God requires certain things of us until you actually start putting them into practice.

**Fourth**, you should always start with the parts of the Bible that are easy to understand, and then let them be the basis for interpreting the more difficult parts. Unfortunately, many spend their whole life studying nothing but the most difficult parts of the Bible, and they end up doing nothing more than confusing themselves and everyone they can buttonhole to listen to them.

**Fifth**, Finally, you should study the Bible without having your mind already made up about what it teaches. Many read their Bible determined to find their own denominational doctrines and practices taught there. When they don't find them, they just assume the Bible is too hard to understand. In short, you should be willing to take the Bible and it alone as your guide to the will of God.-db

***A pessimist can hardly wait for the future so he can look back with regret.***

***Compromise of truth may halt problems temporarily, but sooner or later the problem resurfaces and must be dealt with, along with all the additional problems it has allowed room for.***

***Marriage is like being in a three-legged race. Each outside, free leg represents the individual. The two legs tied together represent the marriage. The only way you move forward is if all three work together.***

***\*\* This bulletin was prepared in advance, so be sure to catch the announcements of updates on the news among us.***

## *News/Notes/Quotes.*

**CROSS TIES.** We rejoice with Don Warrenburg on his baptism into Christ last Sunday. A great decision! Contact info: 410 Magnolia Rd, Jonesboro AR 72401. Email: [fxwatcher72@yahoo.com](mailto:fxwatcher72@yahoo.com). Phone: 870-203-0045. Birthday: 7/31.

**GROUP MEETINGS.** Group 1 will meet Sept 16 at 5:30 at Chris and Rita Cassidy's. Group 2 will meet Sept 30 at 5:30 at Leon & Nola Christenberry's.

### **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

Sept 10-13 - Piggot (Westside) -Different speakers: Dick Blackford, Nolan Glover, Sean Sullivan, Rick Willis

**Oct 1-6 - StoneRidge - Chuck Bartlett**

### **THE KINGDOM CAME ON PENTECOST!**

**The kingdom was to come during the lifetime of some present (Mk 9:1)**

**The kingdom was to come with power (Mk 9:1)**

**But the power came with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)**

**BOTH the holy Spirit and power came on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)**

**Therefore, the kingdom came on Pentecost!**

**No wonder Jesus and Peter referred to it as "the Beginning" (Lk 24:46,47; Acts 11:15)**

### **NO ONE CAN ENTER THE CHURCH WITHOUT BELIEVING -**

That Christ died for our sins (Acts 2:22,23,36)

That he was buried and rose from the dead (Acts 2:24,32)

That he ascended and sent the Holy Spirit of promise (Acts 2:30-33)

That baptism is by Christ's authority (Acts 2:38)

That salvation is in the name of Christ (Acts 2:36,38)

When we find these elements present for the **first time**, we will find the church for the **first time**.

Not one of these did John the immerser preach

Not one of these did the apostles preach before Pentecost (Acts 2)

Nobody could enter any of the conservative denominations today without believing them - everyone of them!

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