

TIME OF SERVICES

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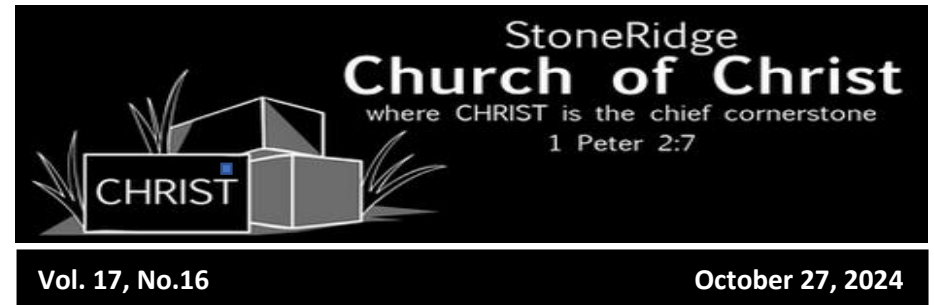
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THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.



“We May Not Be The Church You’re Looking For...”

Are you tired of Country Clubs that masquerade as churches? Do you wish churches were more spiritually minded and get back to being what they’re supposed to be?

At the church of Christ we try to specialize in being just a church like they were in the New Testament, not a sportsplex. We don’t apologize for not having a gymnasium or bowling alley. The Bible is our only creed and is the source book for all our classes and sermons. We believe it to be the final answer to all matters of a religious and moral nature. The reason? We’re committed to its, Author. We believe truth is absolute since it is the only thing that can make us free (Jn 8:32). The Bible says those who have no love for truth will be damned (2 Thes 2:10-12).

Many churches have merged the sacred and the secular to the point that one can no longer distinguish the two. In such a time as this, we are calling men back to the Scriptures. The “social gospel” is *another* gospel from that taught by Christ and His apostles (Gal 1:6-9). made a distinction between earthly things and heavenly things – things which originated in the mind of God versus those which originated in the minds of mere men (Jn 3:12; Mk 11:30). So must we!! That’s why we are trying to be just a church, after the New Testament pattern.

We welcome investigation and have nothing to hide. We may not be the church you’re looking for – but we hope we are, and that you’re looking for a church that wants to please God rather than men. **-db**

God Before Family

It's no coincidence that Jesus taught the principle of placing God before family in the same context in which He taught people to bear their cross. There is no heavier burden to endure in life than loving God more than earthly family. Nevertheless, Jesus said *"He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. And he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me"* (Mt 10:37,38).

Whenever we feel like this burden is more than we can bear, we need to remember what God told Aaron in the aftermath of Nadab's and Abihu's death, who were consumed by the fire for disobeying God in worship (Lev 10:1-3). They were Aaron's two oldest sons (Num 3:2), and had just been appointed by God to serve as priests with their father. Even still, after the men died, God told Aaron and his remaining son, *"Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, lest you die...you shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of meeting"* (Lev 10:6,7). .

Did God not care than a father had just lost two sons and a family was in shock? Of course not. Then why the "harsh" treatment? Why keep them at the tabernacle? Because *"the anointing oil of the Lord"* was upon them (v 7). Aaron and his sons had just been consecrated to serve as priests and could not mourn in the typical manner without becoming defiled. They had to place God's will above their own by supporting His judgment and by fulfilling their priestly duties of making atonement for sin. Amazingly, they obeyed God and bore their cross (v 7). We must hate sin as much as God does. We must not think lightly of sin.

In a similar manner, God is expecting the same commitment from us. We must love Him more than our earthly family by supporting His judgments. Not that we stop caring for our family; that's impossible. It's just that we love God more by adhering to the one faith, one church, and other truths He revealed (Eph 4:1-5), even when our loved ones will not. This is the devotion Aaron had had to have when his sons defied God, and the devotion we must have to stand alone. If we do not, and compromise with error instead, we are not worthy to be called God's

people. But if we do make this painful stand, and bear this most heavy cross, *"by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him"* (1 Jn 3:19).

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. Gauri and Debbie Guha continue to recover at home. Remember them at this time...**Gary Bearden** is recovering from cataract surgery... Remember our **SHUT-INS.** Rita Kieffer at St. Bernard Village; Shirley Coots at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Ray Vines** at Roger's home...**Karen Livesay** at home...

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