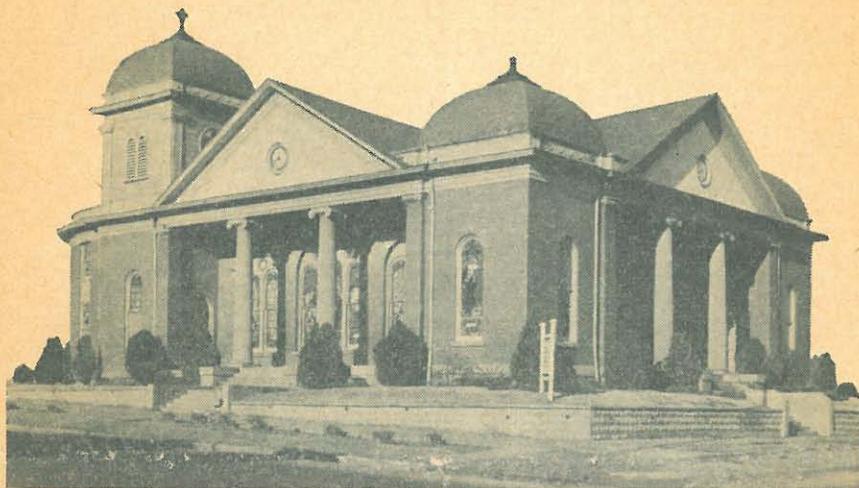


The Christian Reminder

"I stir up pure minds by way of remembrance." (2 Pet. 3:1)

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tenth and Austin

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

| | |
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| Bible School | 9:45 A. M. |
| Preaching | 10:45 A. M. |
| Communion | 11:45 A. M. |
| Young Peoples Meeting | 6:00 P. M. |
| Preaching | 7:00 P. M. |
| Communion | 8:00 P. M. |

Wednesday

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Women's Bible Class | 9:30 A. M. |
| Teachers Training Class | 7:00 P. M. |
| Prayer Meeting | 7:30 P. M. |

You are invited to attend every service

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To Kill the Church

1. Never be on time at any service. This is such an excellent way to show your indifference.
2. Don't attend the prayer meeting. Do only that which your conscience drives you to do.
3. Take a back seat, and, if possible, look bored and indifferent.
4. Stay at home every time you have company. You can always make this excuse look reasonable --- to yourself.
5. If you are a leader, show the church that you can't be depended on to be at every service.
6. If you are a teacher, don't study the lesson, and be just a little late every time -- or better still, be absent occasionally.
7. Do not do anything in or for the church that conflicts with your personal interests, pleasure or convenience.
8. Don't help in the singing; and whatever you do, do it reluctantly and half-heartedly.
9. Don't feel any responsibility. Leave it all for a few of the faithful.
10. Object to, and find fault with every-thing.
11. Avail yourself of every silly excuse that the devil has invented.
12. Be selfish, peevish, stingy, and above all, be as discouragingly pessimistic as possible.

13. Give your least coin.
14. Don't attend services Sunday evening.
15. If you are too interested in spiritual things to follow the above rules, join a bridge club, try to be a social "knock out", attend a few dances and degrading shows, and you'll soon acquire the necessary indifference.

New Members

Bobbie Cleo Jones, 1614 Tenth.
Wynonah Faye Hodges, 1623 Tenth.
Norma Jo Hise, 1106 Travis.
Clark E. Lane, 211 Austin.
Mrs. Gladys Oveta White, Houston, Texas.
Charlotte Ferguson, 2015 Lucille.
Wayne H. Taylor, 1404 Travis.
Majorie B. Linton, 3205 Peckham.
Mrs. C. E. Ogle, 2109 Eighth.
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Mead, 2003½ Joline.
Mrs. Glenn Steffee, 1915½ Eighth.
Mrs. Tesse J. Ownsby, 1710 Filmore.
Lester Slover, 1909 Taylor.

A Fresh Start

It is good for us to "take stock" and balance accounts and resolve to turn a new page and make a fresh start at specific dates -- birthdays, business anniversaries, or the new year. Constant introspection is not good, but it is more profitable to have certain set times when we examine ourselves and our position in life and make -- and then follow -- definite resolutions about the time ahead. Promptly at noon every day, the old time mariner "took the sun" with his sextant and then carefully worked out his exact latitude and longitude in order to determine the future course of his ship. We also do wisely if, at periodic intervals, we take pains to discover whether we are on or off the course. Like the mariner, we are almost certain to find that in spite of our best endeavors we have been strongly acted upon by invisible currents and have drifted a little or much from the line of advancement marked upon the chart. Hence, if we are wise, we will change direction more or less and make a fresh start toward the end to be attained.

The One Body

[Eph. 4:4-6] "There is ONE BODY, and one spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."

There are many bodies, many faiths, and many Gods. But there is only one true God, only one saving faith, and only one genuine, scriptural, religious body.

[Eph. 2:14-16] "For he is our peace, who made both [Jew and Gentile] one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man so making peace; and might reconcile them both in ONE BODY unto God through the cross having slain the enmity thereby."

[I Cor. 12:20] "But now they are many members, but ONE BODY."

[Jn. 10:16] "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD"

The New Testament Church is the One Body

[Eph. 1:22, 23] "And he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all"

[Col. 1:18] "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Is Membership in the One Body, the Church, Essential to Salvation?

[Eph. 5:23] "For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of THE BODY."

[Eph. 1:3] "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ."

[Eph. 1:7] "In whom (Christ) we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."

[Eph. 5:25] "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it."

[Ac. 20:28] "Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the holy spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood."

[Mt. 16:18] "I will build my church; and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it."

God, Christ, The Holy Spirit, and the inspired Apostles worked in planning, purchasing, building, directing, feeding and advancing the church, the ONE BODY. Was all this for a nonessential institution? Membership in a denominational church is nonessential, but membership in the ONE BODY is essential to Salvation. The Lord does not engage in a foolish nonessential act when he adds us to the church, (Ac. 2:47) or when he sets us in the body, (I Cor. 12:18).

How Do We Get Into the Body of Christ, the Church of Christ?

The same things that make you a Christian, a child of God, also make you a member of the Body of Christ.

Faith, (Rom. 10:10; Repentance, (Ac. 20:21); Confession, (Rom. 10:9, 10);
Baptism, (Mt. 28:18, 19; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27). Read Acts 2:36-42.

Financial Statement for December, 1938
Church of Christ

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|-----------------------------|---|---|----------|----------|
| Balance December 1 | - | - | - | \$101.91 |
| Collections for December 4 | - | - | \$173.40 | |
| Collections for December 11 | - | - | 189.51 | |
| Collections for December 18 | - | - | 152.50 | |
| Collections for December 25 | - | - | 103.50 | \$618.91 |
| | | | Total | \$720.82 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|----------|
| Robert C. Jones | - | - | - | \$280.00 |
| O. P. Newton (Janitor) | - | - | - | 28.00 |
| Firm Foundation Publishing Company | - | - | - | 18.10 |
| Standard Publishing Company | - | - | - | 5.00 |
| Railway Express Company | - | - | - | 1.78 |
| Story & Company, Picture and Cut | - | - | - | 7.50 |
| Texas Electric Service Company | - | - | - | 8.88 |
| City Water Department | - | - | - | 1.40 |
| Boles Orphan Home | - | - | - | 23.50 |
| Tipton Orphan Home | - | - | - | 23.50 |
| Powell Floral Company | - | - | - | 2.50 |
| Hearn Printing Company | - | - | - | 9.00 |
| Colored Minister, local mission | - | - | - | 17.50 |
| Firm Foundation Publishing Co., 300 sets collection Env. | - | - | - | 33.00 |
| Community Natural Gas Company | - | - | - | 21.39 |
| J. H. Allison (note) | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| Dr. J. P. Gipson, Abilene, Texas (foreign missions) | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| Repairs on doors and windows | - | - | - | 5.40 |
| Postmaster, C. O. D., Bible School Literature | - | - | - | 3.12 |
| Telephone Company | - | - | - | 3.95 |
| Returned Checks | - | - | - | 4.00 |
| Incidentals [grape juice, etc.] | - | - | - | 1.80 |
| | | | | \$609.02 |
| Balance January 1, 1939 | - | - | - | 111.80 |
| | | | | \$720.82 |

Itemized Budget for 1939

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|---|---|---|-------|-------------|
| Preaching [Local and revival meetings in and around Wichita Falls] | - | - | - | \$4,000.00 |
| Orphans Homes | - | - | - | 600.00 |
| Local Charity | - | - | - | 150.00 |
| Foreign Missions | - | - | - | 360.00 |
| Printing | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| Telephone | - | - | - | 40.00 |
| Literature | - | - | - | 135.00 |
| Flowers | - | - | - | 50.00 |
| Lights | - | - | - | 110.00 |
| Gas | - | - | - | 150.00 |
| Water | - | - | - | 12.00 |
| Janitor's Salary | - | - | - | 384.00 |
| Janitor's Supplies | - | - | - | 20.00 |
| Communion Supplies | - | - | - | 50.00 |
| Building Repairs | - | - | - | 100.00 |
| Negro Mission [Local] | - | - | - | 300.00 |
| Church Debt, Allison Note in full | - | - | - | 1,400.00 |
| Incidentals | - | - | - | 39.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | - | - | - | 4,000.00 |
| | | | Total | \$12,000.00 |

A contribution of \$231.00 a week will give us \$12,012 a year.