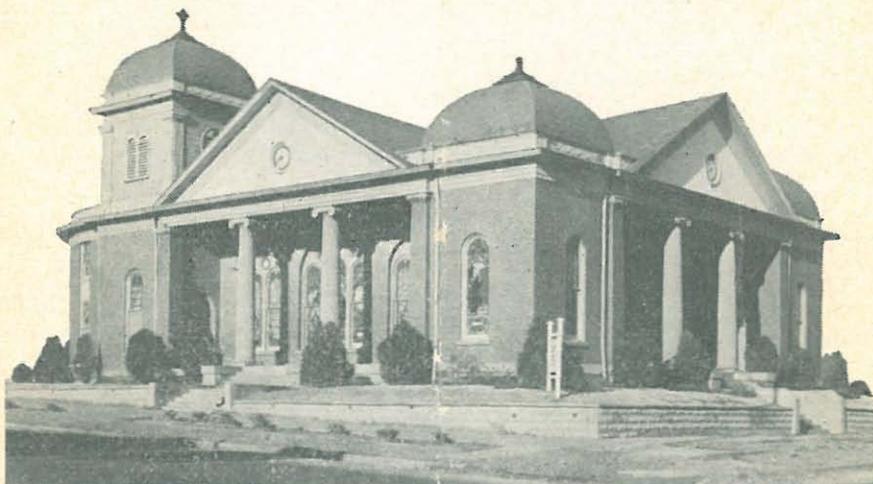


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"I stir up pure minds by way of remembrance." (2 Pet. 3:1)

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

Bible School	9:45 A. M.
Preaching	10:45 A. M.
Communion	11:45 A. M.
Young Peoples Meeting	6:30 P. M.
Preaching	7:30 P. M.
Communion	8:30 P. M.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Class	9:30 A. M.
Teachers Training Class	7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting	8:00 P. M.

You are invited to attend every service

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New Members

Mrs. R. E. Minton, LaDelle Apartments,
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Miss Joyce Skinner, Beech Street.

Giving

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift," (2 Cor. 9:15). Thus Paul ended all he had been saying about giving. It was an explanation, revealing the great inspiration of all the giving which the people had been doing, and were now being urged to continue to do. They had given, they were urged to continue to give in order to carry on the Lord's work. Why should they do so? What motive would be sufficiently strong to inspire them to do so? The answer is found in this explanation. They were children of God, and they were such because He had given His only begotten Son. It was indeed "His unspeakable gift." It is safe to say that about nothing in human history has so much been spoken as about this gift of God. Yet it remains an unspeakable gift; a gift about which, however much may be said, the final thing can never be said. This gift then is the inspiration and type of true Christian giving. Whenever we are called upon to give, let us first think of the unspeakable gift of God. Then love will be the inspiration of our giving, sacrifice will be its measure, and real blessing to ourselves and others its result.

Christians

Some people call us "Campbellites" because they do not know any better, while others call us "Campbellites" through prejudice. If we were followers of Campbell it would be different. Some people were worshipping according to the

Bible before Alexander Campbell was born. Now, if Campbell had founded a church, he did it without authority or even a necessity. Why should we follow Campbell when we have the Bible before us? Christ is the creed of the Church of Christ and we believe in him. When people obey the gospel they become members of the Church of Christ, for the Lord does not add people to denominations. It is true that Campbell set in order "things that were wanting," in many localities, but any preacher is supposed to do that. The church is referred to in two senses -- the local and the general. The church in general is referred to as "the redeemed in the aggregate." When Jesus said: "Upon this rock I will build my Church," he referred to the church in the general sense. "The church which is his body" (Eph. 1:22-23), refers to the church in the general sense. There are many, many passages where the church is spoken of as a local congregation. We hold to the name, Christian, for it is a name given by the Lord. "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch," (Ac. 11:26).---Firm Foundation.

The Lord's Supper

Who is the author?

1. The Lord Jesus. 1 Cor. 11-23.

What should we use in the supper?

1. A loaf. Mt. 26-28; 1 Cor. 11-23.

2. A cup. Mk. 14-23; 1 Cor. 10-16.

For whom was it prepared?

1. The Lord's people. Mt. 26-26.

Why should we observe it?

1. Not to satisfy physical hunger. 1 Cor. 11-34.

2. It is a command. 1 Cor. 11-24,25.

3. To have spiritual life. Jn. 6-53.

4. In memory of Christ. Lk. 22-19.

5. To show Christ's death. 1 Cor. 11-26.

When are we to observe it?

1. On the first day of the week. Ac. 20-7.

How must we partake of it?

1. Not unworthily. 1 Cor. 11-27.

2. Discerningly. 1 Cor. 11-29.

3. Having examined ourselves. 1 Cor. 11-28

How long must we observe it?

1. Till he comes. 1 Cor. 11-26.

FOUNDATION Upon the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God rests the church of the New Testament. It has no other foundation. Read carefully: Matthew 16:18; Isaiah 28:16; Acts 4:12 and Corinthians 3:11.

PLACE The Lord's church began in Jerusalem. The prophets had said that it would: Isaiah 2:3 and Micah 4:2. Jesus told the apostles that the gospel would first be preached in Jerusalem, and it was: See Luke 24:47; Acts 1:4 and Acts 2.

TIME The New Testament church was established on the first Pentecost after Jesus had been raised from the dead. Jesus told the apostles to wait for power (i. e. the Holy Spirit): Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8. That power came on Pentecost: Acts 2. Peter says that it was the beginning: Acts 11:15.

DOCTRINE The early church continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine: Acts 2:42. Jesus Christ gave authority to the apostles to bind and to loose: John 20:23; Hebrews 2:3. We find by reading the New Testament what people were told to do in order to be saved. They were commanded to [1] Believe, Acts 16:31; [2] To Repent, Acts 3:19; [3] To Confess Christ, Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9,10; and [4] To be baptized for the remission of sins: Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16; Gal. 3:27.

WORSHIP The worship of the New Testament church is quite different to the worship we observe in denominations today. In the days of the apostles, members of the church met every Lord's Day for the Lord's Supper, Acts 20:7. We know that they did right then. On the first day of the week they also gave of their means as they had been prospered: 1 Corinthians 16:2. The music in the New Testament church was purely vocal: Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16. No mechanical instruments were used in the worship. It is sinful to use them today.

NAME There IS something in a name! Only one name wherein we MUST be saved: Acts 4:12. Whatever we do must be done in the Name of the Lord Jesus: Col. 3:17. The name "Christian" is the only name we can wear and glorify God: 1 Peter 4:16. Jesus spoke of the church as "my church", Mat. 16:18. Other inspired writers wrote: "the church of the Lord", Acts 20:28, "the churches of Christ", Romans 16:16; and "the church of God", 1 Corinthians 1:2. The church is the bride of Christ (2 Corinthians 11-12). A bride wears her husband's name unless she be an adulteress: James 4:4. Those who think it is all right to wear human names should read carefully 1 Cor. 1:10:13.

Remember the church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). There are just as many churches as there are Christs: 1 Cor. 1:13; Eph. 4:4. Only those who are members of the body of Christ will be saved; Eph. 5:23. Now if the church of which you are a member has to depend (foundation) upon a man made creed for existence; it did not begin in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost; if it accepts as doctrine more or less than the apostles taught; if its worship or name is different to that you read in the New Testament--IT IS NOT THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH!

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Financial Statement for February, 1939

Church of Christ

Balance on hand February 1, 1939	-	-	\$707.51
Collection for February 5	-	\$290.63	
Collection for February 12	-	231.25	
Collection for February 19	-	262.15	
Collection for February 25	-	217.00	\$1,001.03
			<u>\$1,708.54</u>

Disbursements for February, 1939

Robt. C. Jones, Minister	-	-	-	-	\$280.00
Janitor	-	-	-	-	28.00
Express Comany	-	-	-	-	1.36
Standard Publishing Co.	-	-	-	-	1.75
Powell Floral Co.	-	-	-	-	5.60
Wichita Hardware Company	-	-	-	-	6.95
Light Company	-	-	-	-	9.03
City Water Department	-	-	-	-	1.80
Hearn Printing Company	-	-	-	-	6.50
Telephone Company	-	-	-	-	3.00
Colored Minister	-	-	-	-	25.00
Tipton Orphan Home	-	-	-	-	25.00
Boles Orphan Home	-	-	-	-	25.00
Japanese Mission	-	-	-	-	10.00
Minnesota Mission	-	-	-	-	10.00
Wyoming Mission	-	-	-	-	10.00
Gas Company	-	-	-	-	35.43
Allison Note	-	-	-	-	100.00
Incidentals	-	-	-	-	1.80
Checks Returned	-	-	-	-	1.00
					<u>\$587.22</u>
Balance March 1 for building fund	-	-	-	-	\$1,121.32
					<u>\$1,708.54</u>