

“What Do The Churches Of Christ Teach?”

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Sometimes people ask me, “What does the church of Christ believe?” or “What do the churches of Christ teach?” Honestly, that’s a very loaded question because the church consists of the people of Christ (Acts 11:22; I Corinthians 12:27) and people of Christ have all sorts of different beliefs and teachings. When answering this question I try to clarify and say, “The Bible teaches...” or “God teaches that...” or “I am a Christian and I believe... but I cannot speak for every member of the church.”

The church is the pillar in the ground of truth (I Timothy 3:15). The church originated **out of** truth, but the church is certainly not the **creator** of truth. Because local congregations are autonomous (self-governing), one congregation of God’s people might teach something different than another congregation of God’s people. Sometimes those differences fall within the realm of opinion and God certainly allows room for opinion on various items (Romans 14; I Corinthians 8). Other times those differences fall within the realm of God’s commands (I Corinthians 14:33-37). If there is a difference in teaching on the very commands of God, then that is a problem. God doesn’t want such division and opposition in His church (I Corinthians 1:10).

Regardless of what different local congregations teach, the fact that one congre-

gation teaches one thing while another congregation teaches another thing does not change truth. God’s Word is truth (John 17:17) and God’s Word will always be truth (I Peter 1:23-25) no matter what man tries to do to it (II Peter 3:15-16).

You want to know what the churches of Christ teach? That’s a good question. Depending on who you ask, you may get some variations to that answer. Because of that possibility, I don’t want to know what the churches of Christ teach. I want to know what the Christ of the church teaches! He has all authority (Matthew 28:18), not His church. He purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28), not the other way around. He is the chief cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20), not us. May we never get this reversed in our thinking.

Don’t blindly follow what a member of the church says. Test them to make sure what they believe and teach is in accordance with the Word (I John 4:1-6; I Thessalonians 5:21). If you really want to know what each individual congregation of the Lord’s church **should** believe and teach, go back to the source (Hebrews 5:8-9). If you want to know what **should** be practiced in the church today, go see what was practiced in the church of the New Testament (I Corinthians 4:17).

Luke Yates



Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jerry and Louise Faules, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Jean Hanger, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Nolan Murray, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Bobbie Tuggle, Robin Van Dorn, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, and Neosho Christian School.

- Ed Cornell is in rehabilitation at National Healthcare in Joplin.
- Richard Tink continues in rehabilitation at Wildwood.

Keri Collinsworth's article on foster parenting, "The Front Porch Children" is featured in the March/April issue of *Christian Woman*. Pick up a copy at the ladies' corner.

Congratulations to Jaime Leonard! The faculty and staff of Freed-Hardeman University named her Miss FHU 2017 for character, scholarship, service, etc.

Door knocking! We will be knocking doors in the area around Stella in anticipation of our upcoming gospel meeting with Spencer Furby. Meet at 1:00 this Saturday at the church building to carpool over there. Please see Luke for more details.

This Sunday night after evening services we will have a fellowship meal to welcome the accreditation team coming from Texas to evaluate Neosho Christian School. Spaghetti and salad will be provided. A sign up for desserts, bread, and parmesan cheese is on the bulletin board. Please join us.

Save the Date: The Neosho Christian School Benefit Banquet will be held Saturday evening, April 22, at Crowder Gymnasium. There will be a silent auction, dinner by Butcher's Block, performance by the NCS choir, and entertainment. Call 451-1941 to reserve a seat.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *New Atheists and the Old Law*
(Danny Boggs)
P.M. *Ancient Truths, Modern Tunes*
(Danny Boggs)

Did you give an extra dollar last Sunday? That money has gone to help a family dealing with lots of medical bills and other financial woes. Thank you for your contribution!



every ONE counts!

Juice boxes: We're collecting juice boxes to help with the Bright Futures effort to send needy Neosho children home with nutrition over the weekends. Place your donations in the west nook of the foyer.

A work day is planned at Green Valley Bible Camp Saturday, April 1, beginning at 8:00. Bring tools for outside cleanup.



Youth Devotional: Saturday, April 1, at 5:30 at the Boggs' home. Spencer Furby will be our guest speaker. Weather permitting, we'll have a hot dog and marshmallow roast. Girls bring desserts, boys

bring chips and drinks, and everyone bring your Bible, GVBC book, and a friend!

The White Rock church of Christ in Jane invites you to their **gospel meeting with Don Deffenbaugh** next week. See the flier posted on the bulletin board for more details. We will take the van Monday at 6:15.

The Coffeyville church of Christ invites you to a **family enrichment seminar: *Rebuilding the Building Blocks***, this Friday to Sunday, March 24-26. See the flier posted for more details.

Our **gospel meeting** is just over a week away. Take invitations from the foyer for friends. Plan to join us for lunch that Sunday. The **navy hostess** group will set up, serve and clean up. If you would like to host Spencer in your home for supper on Monday or Tuesday, please let Jessica know.

ASSIGNMENTS	
<p>Prayers Sunday, March 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AM Opening: Alec Fehring •AM Closing: Rick Hyder •PM Opening: David Freund •PM Closing: Glen Honeycutt 	<p>Scripture Reading Sunday, March 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Deuteronomy 32:1-5, Jared Thomas <p>Prayers Wednesday, March 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Opening: Sam Collinsworth •Closing: Elijah Boggs

RECORDS	03-19-17	03-20-16
Bible Study	141	139
AM Worship	195	198
PM Worship	122	128
Wednesday	131	132
Contribution	\$9,737.85	\$7,331.99
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67