

The Christian Center Newsletter 12-15-24

The Purpose of the Church

Jesus is in Heaven, and His body on the earth is the church; and we are to fulfill His will on the earth. God's mission on the earth is to bring all men into His family and teach them how to live like He lives. When God the Father sent Jesus to the earth, He didn't send Him just to die for our sins - He sent Him to be the First-begotten so that there could be many sons brought into His glory.

Hebrews 2:9-11 KJV But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. [10] For it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. [11] For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of One: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

God wanted a big family! He didn't want just one Son; He wanted the whole human race to accept Jesus and be part of His glorious family.

Ephesians 1:3-7 KJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: [4] According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: [5] Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, [6] To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. [7] In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;

We can see in these verses that we were predestined to be God's Children. We have been adopted into God's family!

Colossians 1:13-22 KJV Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: [14] In Whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: [15] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: [16] For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: [17] And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. [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. [19] For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell; [20] And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in Earth, or things in Heaven. [21] And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled [22] In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in His sight:

The church today is the family of God. We are not just a religious organization; we are the very family of God!! We are God's children! Just like Jesus is God's son, we are as well. As God's Spirit in us teaches us, we can then accomplish our Father God's will in the earth.

Jesus went to Heaven; He sits right now on His Father's throne. We, the church on this earth, are His body. Our head, Jesus, is giving us instructions to do His will. Just like our natural head gives orders to our natural body to walk and talk and eat, our Spiritual Head, Who is Jesus, is speaking to us (His spiritual body) to do His will in the earth. We must learn about our new role as Jesus' body and perform it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 KJV Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Love you,

Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday 1 Corinthians 15

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 16

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 1

Thursday 2 Corinthians 2

Friday 2 Corinthians 3

Saturday 2 Corinthians 4

Sunday 2 Corinthians 5

STAY CONNECTED

** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Rib Crib 2502 NW Cache Rd

** No Women's Discipleship this Thursday

** Horse Ministry Saturday 1-3pm

** The Christian Center app- <https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career —ages 18-26 Eliav/Kim Nash

ADULT CLASSES

*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

*Faith - Mike Whitley

*Marriage -Danny/Demetrice Williams

*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

*Prayer - Joe Cunningham

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Mon-Fri 6:15-7:15 am

* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm
or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45 am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm before Services in the Foundation 1
Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm
(Youth meet in Youth area)

** Mobile Prayer: Fri 2-3:30 pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

Monthly

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Sat. 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Sat. 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

*** Women's Meeting: 2nd Sat. 9am in Fellowship Hall

*** Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thurs. 5pm in Sanctuary

*** Horse Ministry: 3rd Sat. 1-3pm at Camp Faith

*** Relationship Class: 4th Sat. 10am-12 in Fellowship Hall. Childcare 4 years old and up.