

Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (Mat. 28:19-20).

How does one become a member of God's family, the church? To those who were convicted of their sin and believed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41). "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Only the Lord can add one to His church when one obeys the Gospel as Peter and the apostles presented it. Has the Lord added you to His church?

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- 1 Ladies Day
- 2 Youth Devo
- 4 Ladies Class
- 5 J.D.'s Class 5:30 At Mexigo's
- 6 College Devo at Pult's
- 7 Father/son Breakfast
- 8 4th—6th Grade Youth Rally
- Prison Volunteers Get together
- 9 Elder/Deacon Meeting 3:30pm
- 9 Fellowship Group
- 10 Monday Night For The Master
- 11 Ladies Class
- 14 Men's Night Out Hornets Game
- 18 Ladies Bible Class
- 19 Golden Doers Breakfast
- 4th-6th Grade Devo
- Tom Wacaster report on India
- 21-23 Seminar with Brad Harrub
- 24 Yellow House
- Monday Night For the Master
- 25 Ladies Class
- 28 Singing Youth of Denver
- 28-29 College Ladies Mystery Retreat
- 29 Prom Alternative

Stringtown Preaching Assignment:

Sunday, April 30th

Pete Duncan

John Ray

Sunday, May 7th

Bobby Johns

Jim Begin

May

Contribution Counters:

Tommy Vass, Wayne King, Coleman Pennington, Charles Yahola

Sunday AM	April 30th	May 7th
Opening Prayer	Glendel Hatton	Ron Ingram
Scripture Reading	Jarrold Tollett	Dylan Hendricks
Prayer - Bread	James Anderson	C.J. Vires
North 2	Kyle Wilson	Gene Albright
North 3	Kurt Gilliam	Clint Bowker
North 4	Garett Hatton	Don Blankenship
Prayer - Fruit	Ken Roper	Wade Sumpter
South 2	Daniel Jonka	James Byers
South 3	Kelley Benson	Weldon Cravey
South 4	Dylan Hendricks	John Bynum
Alternate 1	Elmo Fulton	Caleb Estes
Alternate 2	Terry Fulton	Kurt Gilliam
Balcony 1	Jack Long	Byron Rowsey
Balcony 2	Tommy Myers	Wendell Sherrell
Closing Prayer	Wade Sumpter Jr.	Brent Lowe
Song Leader	C.J. Vires	Raymond Johnson
Bus Driver	Cody Frye	Alan Simpson
Attendance Count	Gary Littleton	Jack Long
Usher - North	Scottie Paul	Caleb Stone
Usher - Center	Dakota Roberson	Nathan Stone
Usher - South	Devin Riley	Alex Vercelli
Nursing Home	Darrell Nemecek	Justin Nail
Nursing Home	Josh Nail	Keith Nail
Nursery Attend	Sheri Hayes	Hazel Jamar
Sunday Night	April 30th	May 7th
Scripture Reading	Josh Nail	Justin Nail
Bread	Jimmy Davis	Vernon Morgan
Fruit	John Bynum	David Rodriguez
Contribution	James Byers	Jim Vercelli
Opening Prayer	Greg Chilcoat	Jimmy Davis
Closing Prayer	Bart Conley	Cody Frye
Song Leader	Richard Howard	C.J. Vires
Bus Driver	Jade Benson	Keith Ailey
Wednesday	May 3rd	May 10th
Bus Driver	Greg Chilcoat	Jade Benson
Announcements	W.B. Borders	Eugene Cannon
Song Leader	Russell Neill	James Anderson
Invitation	David Rodriguez	C.J. Vires
Closing Prayer	Butch Platt	James Byers

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Evening Assembly: 5 p.m.

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Ladies Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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"Christ and the Church"

By David A. Sargent

It is not uncommon today to hear people devalue the church. Some say in effect, "Christ, yes; the church, no." While some profess they love Jesus, desiring even to follow Him, they have little use for "the church." The Scriptures, however, are clear: One cannot have the church without Christ, and one cannot have Christ without the church.

The church was God's idea. God's plan. It is not man-made. In fact, observe the close relationship between Christ and the church. Christ is the head of the church (Eph. 5:22-23a); He is the complete voice of authority. Christ is the Founder of the church. Christ said to Peter, "On this rock [the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God], I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Mat. 16:18). Christ is the foundation of the church. No building or institution can be stronger than the foundation on which it rests. And for the church, "no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). Christ is the Savior of the body, which is the church: "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body" (Eph. 5:23).

Indeed, as has often been noted by some in an attempt to minimize the church; "the church doesn't save anyone." However, Christ saves the church! In fact the church is composed of the saved (Acts 2:47). Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:25). We usually judge the value of something by the price we pay for it. For what price was the church purchased? Christ purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). One cannot separate Christ from His church.

A low estimation of the church may be due to a lack of understanding of what the church truly is, as taught in the Bible. There is also a misconception of what the church is all about. One of the most simplistic, yet one of the most beautiful images of the church in Scripture is that of the family of God. As such, the church is designed to be a place of loving encouragement (1 Thes. 5:11; Heb. 3:213) to those who are seeking to follow Christ. Also, it is God's desire for His family, the church, to grow and grow. God wants His family to share the good news about Jesus Christ, as Jesus instructed His disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

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