

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Chris Ball

Closing: Jim Bangs

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Robert Foster

Closing: Ray England

Singing: Johnny Knabe

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

AM 68 PM 35

*[Average for the Year]*

AM [68] PM [35]

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

30 *[Average for the Year]* [33]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

Actual \$ 3,021.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

*[Year-to-Date]* \$ 3,021.00

*[Average]* \$ 3,021.00

*[+/- Budget]* \$ 521.00

*[YTD +/- Budget]* \$ 521.00

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## Thoughts from Bill:

### Visualizing the Church

#### Colossians 1:13-20

The church of our Lord is God's creation and in it are those who are saved (Acts 2:47). As with any creation, the creator usually has a vision of what they want their creation to be and the function they want it to perform. The same is true with the church, and we must believe that God, and Christ as its head, has a vision for it. In this article we want to consider how to visualize the C-H-U-R-C-H.

The letter "C" in the word church needs to remind us that God visualizes the church as being **Christ-centered**. Paul pointed this fact out many times in his writings as seen in Ephesians 5:23 and Colossians 1:18. When congregations become self-centered instead of Christ-centered, there will be problems, and the body of Christ will suffer as seen in the

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## Plan of Salvation

### Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

### Believe

Hebrews 11:6

### Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

### Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

### Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

## Sermons for January 14, 2024

**A.M.—Visualizing the Church**

**P.M.—Obeying the Right Law—**

**A Study of Colossians 2:11-23**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:13-20**

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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case of the church at Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22) and Corinth. Jesus Christ and Him crucified should be the focus of every congregation (1 Cor. 2:2).

The "H" in the word *church* stands for ***holy in nature***. Paul told the church at Ephesus that Christ gave Himself for the church that He might sanctify and cleanse her and present her as a glorious church not with spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish (Eph. 5:25-27). The word *holy* means something that is set apart. The church and the worship of the church is to be God and Christ-centered and offered by people who are set apart or sanctified and who offer up sacred worship to God. Members of the church are to live lives that are holy in nature, both in and out of the place where they congregate.

The "U" in the word *church* stands for ***unity of purpose***. As noted earlier, the church at Corinth was self-centered, but why? Paul lists division as the outgrowth of this self-centeredness. The church at Corinth was more focused on who baptized whom (1:11-16), gossiping or condoning sin (1 Cor. 5), suing the brethren (1 Cor. 6), and arguing about which spiritual gift was greater (1 Cor. 12). How did Paul fix these divisions? He called them to the more excellent way, which is the way of love. He knew that if they loved right that unity would follow.

The "R" in the word *church* stands for ***revived in spirit***. It is possible for a church to be lukewarm (ex. Laodicea) or to leave their first love (ex. Ephesus). Christians need to be fervent in spirit like Apollos (Acts 18:25) and as Paul commanded in Romans 12:11. Do you need to be revived for the Lord because you have fainted spiritually?

The second "C" in the word *church* stands for ***consistent in character***. What a Christian professes and confesses should be in harmony with the life they live before a world lost in sin. If this is not the case, their message, and to some extent the message of the church, will be hindered.

The final "H" in the word *church* stands for ***heaven bound***. Christ wants to

present the church or the saved to the Father in heaven one day (Eph. 5:27). Those who are saved will be the members of His body who "walk in the light" and are continually cleansed by the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7). As a member of the body of Christ, are you truly heaven bound?

### *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Sherry Rounds** will have laser surgery on her right eye on January 17. **Jerry Bowen's** surgery went well, and he feels a little better. He is recovering at home. **Gary Mize**, Glen and Eunice Mize's son, will have bypass surgery on February 9 in Little Rock. **Ray and Nancy England** are a little better. **Angela Smith, Jeremiah and Isiah** are sick. **Patty Ball** has covid. **Bill Coles** is taking treatments. Please pray that his treatments are working. **Mark May** is having problems with his stomach but is doing better. Continue to remember **Diana Hudson** and **Lavon Rogers** in your prayers.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Haden Davis (soldier deployed to Israel), Ed Hager, Melvin Hudson, Paula Millikin, and Butch Minyard

**Visitation Meeting:** There will be a Visitation Meeting today after the evening service.

**Seating Change:** On Wednesday nights, it is asked that everyone sit in the back pews. This will help ensure that everyone is heard during the auditorium class.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** **Tissues (i.e. Kleenex)**

**Monthly Singing:** This month's singing will be on January 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Bobby and Shelia Smithee.

**Colossians 1:13—He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**