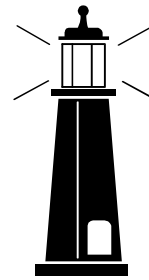




The Berryville Church of Christ

Bible Beacon



"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

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Not a Lick of Sense

Kevin Cauley

Some things I just don't get. One of those things is the behavior of those in denominationalism. I am not sure what the situation is in other cities, but in a town of about 4500 people we have about fifteen Baptist buildings. Now, I have nothing personal against any particular Baptist. I have known and know people who are Baptists and they are generally good moral people. However, I fail to understand how they could have fifteen different assemblies in one small town such as Berryville, Arkansas. What is more interesting in this regard is that from what I understand most of the division among them is due to matters of personal opinion. This is at least consistent with denominational teaching that in matters related to salvation "it doesn't matter what you believe." However, in matters that concern personally opinion, they are dogmatic! Is this confusion or what?

One of the great restoration principles in the early 1800s was this: "In matters of faith, unity; in matters of opinion, liberty; in all things, charity." I believe this to be an accurate reflection of the Bible's teaching on these subjects. This is proved by such passages as Ephesians 4:3-5, Romans 14, and 1 Corinthians 13 respectively. However if we follow the example of those within denominations, these principles become totally reversed. They would have us believe the following: "In matters of faith, apathy; in matters of opinion, rigidity; in all things, division." This is a great reason to reject denominationalism.

What lies at the heart of the matter is the fundamental misunderstanding regarding the exclusive nature of the gospel. Denominationalism teaches that all are going to heaven anyway, so what difference does it make if we are divided? Denominationalism fails to understand that division itself is sinful and that *only* those who do

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Kevin's Korner

Our Family and Friends day is only one week away! Our VBS starts one week from tomorrow!



These promise to be great and exciting days for the church in Berryville. I have heard several mention to me that they have already invited family and friends to our services. We need to continue our efforts. Let's make this week the week that we canvas our neighborhoods and REALLY make an effort to pack the building on Sunday June 9th for this great day! I mentioned this from the pulpit last week and I mention it again here that I want there to be **STANDING ROOM ONLY** on Sunday and I know several who will volunteer to stand for this. So let's make a great effort in our community to show them that we love them and want them to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!

On Friday and Saturday I had the privilege of being able to have a tour of the new Berryville Community Center. This facility is truly a wonderful facility. I had the opportunity to walk around the center with the director, John Crew. He mentioned to me that this community center is equal in size to the one in Jacksonville, Arkansas. You are probably wondering why I am writing about this new place. The church has a great opportunity here to do community service and expand the borders of the kingdom. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). We can show our love for one another and for the community by participating in events within the community. Although I take community service very seriously as part of my responsibilities as a preacher, it is because I am a Christian first that I care about and love the community. Every Christian has the

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responsibility of being a light in their community. This community center gives us an additional opportunity to do just that. I want to encourage you to volunteer at this new community center in every scriptural way possible when you get an opportunity. I also want to encourage you to become a member of this community center. The price is less than \$10.00 a month and there are so many benefits by being a member. By participating in the community, we can help others learn more about the truth and help the church to grow. Let's be an active force for Christ in our community!

I once again had the privilege of floating down the King's river in Glenn Quigley's boat this past Monday morning. We fished and floated, but both of us came up short this time. Austin went with us and had a blast. He loved to row the boat in circles for us. He also had his shot at fishing and even got a couple of nibbles. Thank you Glenn for inviting us again and for the wonderful opportunity to spend time together in Christian fellowship.

Every Christian Is a Member of the church of Christ

Thomas B. Warren (1920-2001)

There are those today who claim that the Bible teaches that there are *Christians* who are *not* members of the *church of Christ*. But I have no hesitation in affirming that *the Bible teaches* that *every* person who is a *Christian* is, a member of the church of Christ. This means, obviously, that I am affirming that *the Bible teaches* that there are *no* Christians who are *not* members of the church of Christ. The church of Christ is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). The *saved* are those who have been *reconciled* unto God, and those who have been reconciled unto God are members of the body (church) of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18). The matter is really just that simple, but in the light of the importance of the matter, let us say a bit more about it.

The Bible teaches that *salvation is in Christ* (2 Timothy 2:10). To be in Christ is to be in His church (Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 20:28; Acts 2:38; Ephesians 1:7; et al.). The Bible teaches that it is *impossi-*

ble for one to "*cross the line*" into *salvation* without "*crossing the line*" into *Christ*. The Bible also teaches that it is impossible for one to "*cross the line*" into *Christ* without "*crossing the line*" into the *church*.

The crucial relation of the church to salvation is seen in the statement, "and the Lord added (Greek imperfect "was adding," TBW) to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47, KJV). The English Revised Version, in an excellent treatment, translates Acts 2:47 in this way: "And the Lord added to them day by day those that were being saved" (Greek present participle).

In short, the Bible teaches that there are *no* Christians *outside* of the church for which Jesus died. When one obeys the Gospel, being baptized (as a penitent believer) in the name of Christ (that is, By His authority), the Lord adds him to the church. He never fails to do this (cf. Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

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God's Will will be saved (Matthew 7:21). Jesus taught His people to be united in John 17:21. Paul taught this in 1 Corinthians 1:10, 11. Who was crucified for us? Was John the Baptist crucified for us? Was Martin Luther crucified for us? What John Calvin crucified for us? Was John Wesley crucified for us? Well, no! Yet, it is no problem on the part of some to take the name of these individuals and apply it to their "church." Didn't Paul tell the Corinthians that this was a sin? Are those in the denominational world even reading the Bible?

Why should we not make every human effort possible to have ONE church that takes the name of Christ and ONLY the name of Christ? Why should we not make every human effort possible to have ONE body that worships God as authorized by His Son Jesus the Christ in His New Testa-

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Elders: Clay Bozarth, Bill Fort, Glenn Quigley
Deacons: Leon Duncan, Bruce Foster, Dale Pinkley, Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle
Preacher: Kevin Cauley 870-423-6707

Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

KEEPING ACTIVE!

Carl Hanson

"I can't wait until my kids grow up, then they can do this and I won't have to." Or... "Just as soon as I train someone else in this, my work will be done." Such is often the view. DUTIES are performed, but only until one finds another to take them over. This, however, is not the way it is to be in all areas of life. Some DUTIES were never intended to end. Retirement is not to be associated with all tasks.

Toward the end of David's reign, he made sure everything was set in place for the continuing DUTIES relating to the worship of God. We read of the divisions of the priests, the responsibilities of the Levites, the singers, gatekeepers, treasurers, etc.; all to make sure each task was adequately covered. (1 Chronicles 23-27) David was setting the stage for his son, Solomon, to take up his reign over Israel.

In the listing of these clans and their specified DUTIES, there is a statement made regarding those trained and skilled in music for the Lord. "YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE, TEACHER AS WELL AS STUDENT, CAST LOTS FOR THEIR DUTIES." (1 Chronicles 25:8)

Did you notice the old did not cease from their duties and turn it all over to the young? Nor did the teacher train and then sit back for the student to do all the work. All continued in the DUTIES together. There was still work for all to do and doing it together would aid in perpetuating the fulfillment of the DUTIES from generation to generations.

As we develop skills in serving the Lord, as we work along with others, we continue to encourage those skills in those with whom we LABOR. And we need to keep in mind that our LABORS for the Lord are to continue as long as we have life. Through our continued LABORING -- whether

young or old, student or teacher -- we remain a source of encouragement to each other as the Lord continues to use us in His service.

Let us not lose sight of the fact there will continue to be something for all of us to do in the Lord's service. Our spiritual retirement is not for this realm. May we continue to fulfill whatever role is laid before us.

Have a great day CONTINUING TO LABOR FOR THE LORD!

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ment? Why should we not make every human effort possible to have one congregation that is organized as is specified within the New Testament? These are the questions that seem OBVIOUS to me. The answer is YES, we should make every effort possible to do this notwithstanding my own personal opinions! However, we do not see that effort being made in the denominational world. This is another reason to reject denominationalism.

I had someone tell me this week, "You say your church is the only church." Well, first, it is not MY church. It is the church that belongs to Christ (Matthew 16:18)! Now that we've corrected the misunderstanding, let's modify the statement. "You say that Christ's church is the only church." AMEN! That is right! Christ's church is the ONLY church that will be saved. Do you disagree? Are you a member of that church? If you are not, you should be. The church of Christ claims simply that they are the church that Jesus built—nothing more, nothing less. Am I being an exclusivist? Perhaps, but Christ certainly IS! Christ is the GREAT EXCLUDER and he will exclude a majority of people from heaven in the day of judgment (Matthew 7:13, 14). Where do you want to stand in that day?

Sunday's Sermons

For June 2nd

Morning The Office of the Elder
Scripture..... Philippians 1:1
Evening The Holy Spirit (3)
Scripture..... John 14:26

Our Record

Week of May 26th

Sunday Class	62
Sunday A.M.....	80
Sunday P.M.	66
Wednesday	64
Contribution.....	\$1523.25

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Angel (Marie's granddaughter), Marty and Michael Collins, Lanita Gonzales, Regina Horton, Opal Hull, Evelyn Johnson, Art Roberts, Michael Southerland
- Jessica Lovelady is in the hospital with pneumonia; she is in room 113.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Mary Patterson and Elsie Meadows are confined to their homes due to health problems.
- Tonight our youth devotional will be here at the building.
- Our VBS is coming up in just one week! Let's all make our final preparations for what promises to be a great week of Bible study with our youth!
- Friends and Family Day is also next week. Let's get out and make those invitations!
- Let's also remember that we will be having a pot luck lunch next week due to our special day.
- Next Sunday is the second Sunday of the month, so we will have our Sunday night question and answer session. Be sure to submit your questions this week!
- Saturday will be our monthly men's breakfast.
- I would like to share a note of VERY good personal news. I was able to sell my house this past week after being on the market for almost eight months. It is a great relief for Mary Lynn and I and we thank God for this blessing that has been sent our way.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Hair Gel.



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	June 2nd, 2002	June 9th, 2002
Song Leader:	Brent Stevens	Brent Stevens
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Williams	Clyde Atchley
Scripture:	Ray Duncan	George Eddings
Lord's Table:	Ken Smith	Clay Bozarth
	Rusty Windle	Glenn Quigley
(assist)	Bruce Foster	Perry Foster
	Hugh Atchley	Rusty Windle
Closing Prayer	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Clyde Atchley	Clay Bozarth
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Brent Stevens
Scripture:	Brent Moore	Dale Pinkley
Lord's Table:	Leon Duncan	Bruce Foster
	Brandon Foster	Hugh Atchley
Closing Prayer	Bruce Foster	Glenn Williams
Wednesday		
Songs:	Glenn Quigley	Glenn Williams
Opening Prayer:	Bob Moore	Dale Pinkley
Invitation:	Kevin Cauley	Leon Duncan
Closing Prayer:	Clay Bozarth	Bob Moore
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	Ken Smith	
Worship Coordinator	Bill Fort	
Communion Prep	Gladys Kimes	Pam Pinkley
Communion Carry	Glenn Williams	Kevin Cauley

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