

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Cole Meador

Song Leader
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Joseph Barry, Mark Davis,
Randy Ellis

Prayers
Clay Morris, Mike Davis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements
Jack Calvert

Song Leader
Clay Morris

Prayers
Cole Meador, Jerry Schnelle

Invitation
Joseph Barry

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Mike Davis
Clay Morris

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)
Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

If you make a mistake, apologize (Matthew 5:23-24)

If you trip, get back up (Psalms 37:23-24)

If someone needs help, help them (Galatians 6:2)

If you see wrong, take a stance (Ephesians 6:14)



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Can A Church Offer Too Much?
Rodney Pitts, edited

Can a church offer too much? Strange question? Maybe. Yet, with churches today seeking to draw people through an endless variety of amenities and services ranging from coffee shops to gymnasiums, musical bands to financial classes, it is a reasonable question. Can it be that in the rush to meet the wants and needs of everyone that the real purpose of Christ and His church is getting lost in the shuffle? We think so.

Why did Jesus come to earth? It seems that fewer and fewer people are looking in the bible to find the answer to this question. Yet, Jesus presented the answer in plain words saying, "...the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus' work was about saving souls. So, it is not surprising that He sternly rebuked those who followed Him for reasons other than their soul's salvation saying, "...Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but

for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you..." (John 6:26-27, all emp. mine, rp). Unfortunately, few churches today understand the implications of these words, seeing it has become common practice for churches to motivate people to "come to Jesus" by appealing to the very same fleshly desires that Jesus condemned.

What is the purpose of the local church? Because Christ's purpose is to save souls, it is not surprising that the New Testament teaches us that the local church's purpose is to save souls. This purpose is to be carried out in two ways. First, there is the work of assuring the salvation of Christians through worship of God, instruction in the word, and discipline (Acts 20:7; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 5). Second, local churches belonging to Christ are to seek and save lost souls through preaching the gospel (Philippians 4:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-8). With the addition of some limited acts of

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Francine Davis, Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

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benevolence, this is the sum total of the work that God has given the local church to do.

With this in mind, for churches to add the use of carnal weapons, or weapons that appeal to the flesh, in attempting to win the spiritual battle for the souls of men carries little logic and contradicts the teaching of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Paul writes, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." Think about the message of this verse. Food, fun, and social programs cannot cast down arguments and bring every thought into obedience to Christ. Only the gospel can do that! So, if churches are going to appeal to the world and their members through food, social activities, and entertainment, how can they possibly say that the "weapons of their warfare are not carnal"?

Now, I realize that for most people in today's society the thoughts I have presented may seem odd or out of sync with modern life, which is no wonder considering the fact that "church" has become synonymous with all the things we have mentioned above. But, I must ask why has it become so strange to just go back to the ways of the New Testament church, to seek to believe what Christians in the bible were told to believe, and do what they were to do in service to Christ? Has the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God to salvation to all who will believe (Rom. 1:16), become so weak and ineffectual that we must resort to games and gadgets of our own devising to "save" the world? Have we truly moved beyond the wisdom of God who "it pleased...through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (1 Cor. 1:21)? I do not think so.

If you desire the simple way of Jesus and would like to be a part of a church that focuses on Christ and the salvation of your soul, there is hope....

At the Franklin Drive church of Christ, we are a group of Christians who love God and each other. We diligently seek to learn and apply biblical teaching and practice God-centered worship. We want to share Jesus and the simple gospel with you. - Bryan Garlock

The People of God Bill Robinson, Jr.

On four different occasions in the book of Deuteronomy, Moses summoned the people to receive instruction from the Lord by saying, "Hear, O Israel..." (5:1; 6:4; 9:1; 20:3). Someone has stated that it ought to be a matter of

encouragement to every sane person that God has spoken to us.

Just prior to fording the Jordan River into the Promised Land, "Moses and the priests spoke to all Israel, saying, 'Take heed and listen, O Israel; This day you have become the people of God. Therefore you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today'" (Deuteronomy 27:9). There is something significant about being called the people of God. While I write that I know none would dispute it though some by their teaching and practice make it void.

What it meant to be the people of God is that they were to "take heed" to what God says. It is not merely acknowledging that God has spoken. It is not some mere exercise in the reading and recitation of some facts. It is to give one's self over to what God says for the sole purpose of obeying. One is not taking heed who argues, complains and becomes disgruntled with the message of God. A chief characteristic of the people of God is that they respond to God's word without questioning, rationalizing otherwise discounting the word to mean anything more or less than what it says. Furthermore, they do not allow circumstances, whether convenient or not, to determine whether or not they heed God's commands.

It is interesting to note Moses tells Israel to "Take heed and listen." Why this order of "take heed" and "listen?" Moses had reminded Israel earlier that they were a special people to God (26:16-19) and with that comes not only privileges but solemn responsibilities which should be carried out with all their heart and soul. To listen then, is another mark of the

people of God, it indicates their readiness and willingness to hear God whenever and wherever He speaks. Again someone has well noted that listening is the beginning of all understanding (James 1:19-20). Thus, to listen is an expression of dependence on God; as obedience (from the heart and soul) is an expression of gratitude toward God by those who are called the people of God.

God speaks today through His Son Jesus Christ and it is contained in the New Testament (Hebrews 1:1-3; John 12:48-50). Can we do any less today, with respect to God's instructions through His Son, than "take heed and listen" if we truly desire to be the people of God? While Israel, the people of God, under the Old Testament received the earthly promised land, the Hebrew writer reminds those today under the New Covenant "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9). Let us, "Take heed and listen."

10 Lessons to Instill in Children (Unknown)

If you're thankful, show it (Luke 17:11-18)

If you love someone, tell them (John 15:12)

If you're wrong, fess up (James 5:12)

If you're confused, ask questions (James 1:5)

If you learn something, teach others (Colossians 3:16)

If you're stuck, ask for help (Matthew 7:7)