

RESTORING THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

The church of the New Testament was established in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost following the resurrection and ascension of Christ. Over time many turned from the pattern of God just as the apostles had given warning: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth" (1 Tim. 4:1-3). Denominations began to emerge where men were teaching their own beliefs which were contrary to the Bible. A movement began to return to the New Testament pattern and to restore the church of the New Testament. The Restoration Movement in America was led by men such as Barton W. Stone, Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, and "Raccoon" John Smith. These men were seeking to follow only the Bible in religion.

The church today needs to continue the Restoration Movement and continually seek to restore the church as it was in the first century when it was established. Are there some things that the church today needs to restore in order to become more like the church of the New Testament? If there are what are these things?

Restoring Knowledge

"My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hos. 4:6). God's people were destroyed in the days of Hosea because of a lack of knowledge. Christians must be aware that we too can be destroyed because of a lack of knowledge of God's Word. God desires that His people know His Word and live by it. The only way that we can know the Word of God is to study it and learn it (2 Tim. 2:15). Knowing the Word of God will keep us from sin (Psa. 119:11) and will help us in overcoming temptation (Matt. 4:1-11). We need to return to being people of the book!

Restoring Desire to Seek the Lost

The first century church was constantly growing and increasing in number. The book of Acts shows over and over again how that people were added to the church and at times how the number of the church multiplied. The first century church hearkened to the Great Commission and worked toward converting the world. Even in the face of persecution and martyrdom, the first century church was working to carry the Gospel to the world: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). We need to restore this desire to convert the lost and cause the church to grow as it did in the first century.

Restoring Reverence For God and His Word

The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16, 17) and is all-sufficient (2 Pet. 1:3). There are people in the world today who do not seem to respect the Bible nor do they regard it as the Word of God. Christians need to restore their reverence for the Word of God. When we truly believe that the Bible is the Word of God, the avenue by which God speaks to man, then we will diligently study it and conduct our lives by it. Christians should reverence the word of God just like those who listened to the book of the law of the Lord (Neh. 8:1-9).

The church today must strive to pattern itself after the church of the first century. May we, as Christians, all endeavor to seek to restore the New Testament pattern for the church of Christ. Let us all seek to restore knowledge, a desire to seek the lost, and reverence for God and His Word.

Chance Hicks

Remember in Prayer

Sam Swiney is at Princeton in MICU

Dan Pulley is at UAB in ICU

Long Term Needs

David Burford, Sara Morgan, Earl Martin

Gertrude Blackwell, Ruby Glidewell, Ruth Parsons,
Bernice Snow, Glenn Terry

Military

Please remember the following who are currently serving for our country: **Tyler Burger, Mark Davis, Chris Ham & Chris Pridmore**



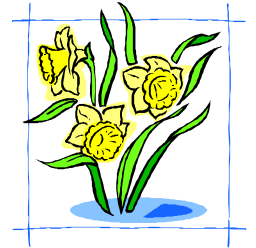
Elder's/Men's Meeting

Elders, Deacons, Ministers, & Male Members Sunday, April 19, 2009

At 2:30 PM the Elders and Ministers will meet in the elder's office. At 4:00 PM the elders, ministers, deacons and all male members will meet in the large classroom in the rear of the auditorium for their quarterly meeting. The elders, ministers, and deacons are expected to attend this meeting. All other male members are encouraged to attend and have a part in making decisions that involve all of us at Adamsville. Thank you for attending. **Leon Jackson** will be the chairman of these meetings.

Adams House Devo

Remember the **Adams House Devo** on Sunday at 2:00 PM. Your presence will be as much of a blessing to you as it will be to the residents of the Adams House.



Mark Your Calendar/2009

- Apr. 16--Keenages trip to Bass Pro Shop in Leeds, Al.
- Apr. 17-18 -- Prom Alternative
- Apr. 25 -- Ladies' Day with **Cindy Colley**
- May 1--Keenages trip to Homestead Hollow
- May 8-9 -- Men's Retreat
- June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: **Ken Tyler**
- July 5-10 -- Ronnie's week @ICYC
- July 26-29 -- VBS
- Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting: **Curtis A. Cates**
- Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
- Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Singing

Visitation Team Meeting

Visitation Team #3 which includes their Captain, **Dusty & Heather Parker** and members: **Gary & Doris Weaver, C.A. Prater, Cecil & Sue Gilbert, Jenenne Boyd, Jamie & Kim Gilbert, Bernard & Teresa Majerik, Butch & Donna Myers, Ron & Mary Hudson, Cheryl Gafford, Nancy Ingram, Sandra Burford, Clay & Linda Blackwell,** and **Ashley & Candace Kizer** will meet Sunday after the morning service. This is a great opportunity to work in God's Kingdom. Continue to make your plans to prepare food and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Keenagers, your next trip is to Homestead Hollow, on Friday May 1, 2009. The cost will be \$8.00 each. See the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer.

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE: April 12, 2009

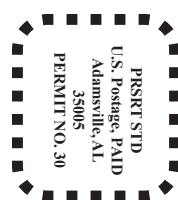
BIBLE CLASS: 85

WORSHIP AM: 113

WORSHIP PM 165

CONTRIBUTION: \$7,423.96

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 Return Service Requested



Please worship with us at the following times:

SUNDAY
 Bible Class 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 5:00 PM

TUESDAY (September-May)
 Bible Class 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Class 7:00 PM

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Please come for a day of devotion and
 fellowship for our **LADIES' DAY**
 Saturday, April 25, 2009
 with **CINDY COLLEY** as our special guest
 speaker.
 Theme:
"My Peace I Leave With You"

Registration begins @ 8:30 AM
 with a hospitality
 breakfast. Our Program
 will begin at 9:00 AM.
 Lunch will be provided.

For more information call:
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