



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM
 7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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The Church of Christ

The greatest institution on the face of the earth is the Lord's body, the church of Christ. It seems as though today, many are ashamed of that name. Members in the past would proudly tell their friends and neighbors they were faithful members of the Lord's church and would encourage them to investigate the church using the Holy Scriptures.

What makes the church of Christ special? What differentiates the Lord's church from other denominations?

First, deliverance in the Lord's church was established by God. Joel states, *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call (Joel 2:32).* It was God who decided deliverance would come out of Jerusalem. Can any other denomination make the same claim?

Second, God set up the church of Christ, and it was prophesied about by the prophet Daniel. *"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2:44).* The church of Christ was set up by God. Any institution established by the God of heaven is true, right, and perfect because those are His attributes. Which denomination can make the claim that it was set up by the God of heaven?

Third, the kingdom is called the LORD's house. *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established*

in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it" (Is. 2:2). This established kingdom belongs to the LORD and should wear His name. What other church can truly make that claim? Thank God for the church of Christ!

-K.A. Pugh

I take no pleasure in writing this particular thought because I am telling on myself. Women are not immune to this problem, but I hear them saying, "It's a man thing," when they talk among themselves. Have you, man or woman, ever looked for something, which is right before your eyes, and did not see it? Maybe you were scouring your workbench, the pantry or a cabinet. Maybe it was for a particular tie or dress. Have you become frustrated because you cannot find it?

I have seen people that are frustrated with life. They will often complain that life is not what it should be. Yet, the instructions for living an abundant life are right before our eyes. Do you see it? *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* Ps. 16:11 ESV

Learn to live life to the fullest and to His glory. You will find the instructions in God's word.

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