

supplied in the New Testament. I kindly challenge others to take the same test and see where that journey leads. The Bible is God's unchanging truth and I am confident that honest hearts will find their way to the same place.

2. I also love the church of Christ because of the people.

Remember that I grew up in the church of Christ. I've known members, many that are still friends, my whole life. However, the way I understand and relate to members now is entirely different. When I discovered real faith and followed truth, I learned that the church is a family. We are the "household of God" (1 Tim. 3:15). We were never meant to be ships passing in the distance a few hours a week at assemblies. We are meant to be more. The same pattern that showed how to worship, or what name to be called, or how leadership is to be organized, or how to become a Christian, also showed me the unique relationship that is formed between saints. The early church spent much of its time together (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 12:12; 14:27; 20:7) and developed friendships that exceeded any earthly sort. This is why I love the church of Christ.

Christians are just regular people with a common interest in doing the will of God. They do not claim to be flawless or better than others. Instead, they admit their own worthlessness and devote themselves to the perfect Savior. Sure, there are bad apples in every batch. That's the exception and not the rule. I wouldn't trade my brothers and sisters in Christ for anything. They are the cream of the crop. They are the apple of God's eye. They are the best of the people on earth. When I've been down, they comforted me. When I have been joyful, they have rejoiced with me. We have the greatest principles in common. We have the same interests and goals. They are on the same journey as me. I cannot name better friends than people in the church of Christ. I truly love the church of Christ.

I loved the church of Christ as a boy because it was familiar. My parents were members. My friends were there. Now my love is different. My time away from God nearly destroyed me. It robbed me of faith and years of service to God. But my journey led me right back to the same place for different reasons. I am a member of the church of Christ because the Bible tells me to be. I love the church of Christ and I want you to love it too.

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday 10:30 am, 5:00 pm; Wednesday 7:00 pm

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9 am-Noon



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I love the church of Christ (Final)" David B. Smith

This is the same standard I applied to all my questions about religion. The Bible was the key and only the people that followed the truth could be called the church. This held true in every characteristic from the Bible about the church. The name of the church identifies it with the Lord (Rom. 16:16; Acts 11:26; 20:28). The organization of the church is specific (Acts 14:22-23; 1 Tim. 3:1-11; Phil. 1:1). The work of the church is clearly outlined (Mark 16:16; Matt. 28:18-20). When I had placed every claim to the test, only the church of Christ prevailed. This is God's church. This is the church founded on Jesus Christ and operating on the pattern.

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Prayer List - Members

Nancy Birch	Bobby Wilson	Susie Hargis
Jenny Partin	Loretta Leffew	Judy Lusk
Tommy Grandfield	Barbara Castleberry	Kathy Castleberry
Kaye Hopkins	Joan Holloway	Joel Laney

Prayer List - Friends and Family

Mike Bouldin	Fred Hafley	Tina Brown
Tony Miller	Steve Gaines	Steve Higginbotham
Tim Randolph	Bill Greer	Juanita Johnson
Janice Smith	Grayson Ledbetter	John Webster
Diane Stacy	Becky Eustice	Jan Burton
Ruth Fuller	Terry Driver	Carol Dodd
Tammy Hudson	Kathy Hamilton	Willie Langley
Clinton Miller	Kenlie Carr	Don Thurman

(See additional information on each of these on the bulletin board at either hallway.)

Sick and Recovering

- **James Groves** had a light stroke last Friday. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **Norma Wright** had surgery Monday. Keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.
- **John Blanks** was tested positive for the Corona virus. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **Susie Hargis** is not doing well. Please pray for that family as they are experiencing these difficult times with **Susie and Jo**.

Sermon Topics

- **AM:** The Folly of Idolatry
- **PM:** Four Words for Leaders
- Livestreaming continues in the fellowship room (masks mandated) for all services.

Attendance

Sunday 1/10 AM – 104; PM – 90; Wednesday 1/13 – 82

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday

17 – Jimmie Cash
18 – Patricia Harvey
20 – Carrie Hendrickson
22 – Pat Pursley

Anniversaries

19 – Freeman & Debbie
Cooper

Congregational Information and News

- **Member info:** If your picture is not on the board or if you need to update your picture, please stay for a few minutes after services today to get that corrected. Pictures will be taken in the conference room.
- **Men:** If you are assigned a public part in the worship service and are unable to participate, please let **George Farmer** or **Curt Stewart** know so they can get a substitute.

“Above all things have fervent love
for one another, for ‘love will cover
a multitude of sins,’
1 Peter 4:8

