

It doesn't even have to be a lot of poison; just enough to prevent them from genuinely following Christ. So, he changes a name. He writes a creed book. He organizes differently. He waters down or alters the message. In the many ways he does it, the devil is doing a good job hiding the Lord's called out people.

The other part of the problem is our shame. Our culture frowns upon being objective, on having definitive answers to questions. Its perceived as arrogance to suggest that another person could be wrong. So rather than explain what we know about the body of Christ, we cower in corners. We secretly attend worship service without letting our friends, neighbors, and coworkers know that we are disciples of Jesus. We pat people on the back and signal our approval of whatever path they choose just so we can avoid a controversy.

My brethren, these things ought not to be so. The world cannot and should not control our voice or suppress our appreciation for the church. Even if people object or are offended, we have been given a mission to tell people about the church (Acts 2:41, 47). When we talk about the church, we are talking about a matter that impacts our eternal destination. And we should never be ashamed of anything that God said, especially when it bears on the forgiveness of our sins (Rom. 1:16-17).

Why should we be ashamed to tell people about the name, or organization, or founder, or worship of the church? Most people we know aren't ashamed to tell use about what they believe, and we shouldn't be ashamed to explain to others what we know to be true. We shouldn't be afraid that some might reject our plea or even us. Jesus told us that people would. Many more people will reject truth than accept it (Matt. 7:13-14). But, He also told use to sow His seed unapologetically and let His word find good hearts (Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23).

The church is the bride of Jesus (Eph. 5:22-31). He redeemed her with His blood (Acts 20:28). It is the only hope of the world. So let's return to the time when we gladly talked to people about the church of Christ. Let's tell the world about truth and about the house God built. And let us never be ashamed of Jesus' church. Souls depend on it.

NORTH HAMILTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly News

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Services

Bible Classes	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 pm

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Tommy Qualls
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Minister's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Weekly Message Title

David B. Smith

Satan has been effectively working for many centuries to conceal the identify of the true church. He does things through counterfeit religions. These are "churches" that claim fidelity to Jesus, but are, in reality, unknown to Him (Matt. 7:21-23). They line the streets of every town. They are well attended. They use Bibles. People that go there even profess to love the Lord. But Satan sprinkles in poison to keep them away from God.

Sunday's Sermons

AM: When the Prophets Saw Jesus: Psalm 110

PM: Questions and Answers



If you have information or updates for the bulletin, please email them to our secretary at:
nhcocsec@gmail.com.

Attendance Last Week

Bible Class:	98
Sunday AM:	182
Sunday PM:	208
Wednesday:	125

Men to Serve

AM	Opening Prayer	Tom Greer	Announcements	Art Greer
PM	Opening Prayer	Joe Anderson	Closing Prayer	Bob Doak
WED	Opening Prayer	Carroll Oxford	Closing Prayer	Curt Stewart
All Week	Lock Building	Art Greer	Hall Monitor	Keith Herron

Men, please check the duty roster on bulletin board and let Curt Stewart or George Farmer know if you are unable to serve.

Prayer List

Additional information is available on the bulletin board.

James Anderson	Tommie Grandfield	Carlos Shannon
Patricia Anthony	Sarah Graham	Leon Smartt
Nancy Birch	Bill Greer	Janice Smith
Glady Blanks	Susie Hargis	Bessie Smithson
Jennifer Bradford	Grayson Ledbetter	Johnny Southerland
Marjorie Cagle	Judy Lusk	Dianne Stacy
Isaac Cooper	Tony Miller	John Webster
	Lexi Owens	

It was so good to have Tommie Grandfield back with us this past Sunday. We are thankful that she was feeling well enough to join us, though her health often keeps her away.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2: 18th Annual Dayton Lectureship, 9am -12:30 pm with lunch following. Speakers: David Smith, Steven Higginbotham, and Alan Highers.
- Nov. 6: The Food Truck from Tennessee Children's Home will be here.

Announcements

- **Summer Series 2020:** Speakers are now set for our 2020 summer series and are as follows:
 - **June 2:** Kyle Butt of Apologetics Press
 - **June 9:** Eric Owens, Minister at Avondale, Decatur GA (3rd year here)
 - **June 16:** Melvin Otey, attorney and law professor at Faulkner
 - **June 23:** Cliff Goodwin, minister at Ironaton, Talladega, AL (3rd year here)
 - **June 30:** Allen Webster, minister at Jacksonville, AL, known for *House to House* as well as PTP.

We are fortunate to have such a lineup for next year!

- **Men's Devotional:** This Wednesday evening will be our monthly men's devotional period. Men, please have a scripture, devotional, or song ready to share.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Men, don't forget our men's breakfast at *Scottie's Diner* next Saturday morning at 8:30 am.
- **Photos for Directory:** If your photo is not on the photo board in the lobby, or if it needs to be updated, plan on staying just a few minutes next Sunday after the morning service to have your photo taken. We are working on an online directory that can be updated as needed, but we need you to help us have a complete and accurate directory online.
- **Polishing the Pulpit:** Anyone interested in attending *Polishing the Pulpit* together next August should see David Smith as soon as possible. Accommodations nearby book up early.
- **Hygiene Bags:** Paulette Oxford is planning to deliver the hygiene bags to the school coordinator next week, so get yours in before next Sunday. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be given to Paulette.
- **Thursday School:** Our Thursday school program will begin its second year this week. Keep in your prayers those who have volunteered their time to teach these young children and that their influence would spread through the families who participate. If you would like to volunteer to help with it once in a while, see Erica Anderson.