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The Church in the New Testament. . .

. . . Is Christ's church. HE said, ". . . *I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" (Matthew 16:18).

. . . Is the body of Jesus Christ, and acknowledges HIM as its Head, rather than any man or group of men. Paul wrote, "*And he is the head of the body, the church. . .*" (Colossians 1:18).

. . . Is the only place where salvation is, Acts 2:41,47: "*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls*" (v. 41). "*And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved*" (v. 47).

. . . Is under the authority of Jesus Christ. He said, ". . . *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*" (Matthew 28:18).

. . . Is NOT a denomination, nor is it composed of many denominations. Jesus prayed that His disciples would be united, John 17:21. A denomination is larger than a congregation, but smaller than the whole church; there are **no** examples of denominations in the

New Testament. In I Corinthians 1:10-13, Paul wrote to Christians who were dividing the church and said, "*Now I Beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?*" These were making "denominations," and Paul rebuked them for it!

. . . Is made up of individuals, John 15:5. Jesus said to His disciples, "*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*"

. . . Is where the sins of men are forgiven, where we are redeemed from death, Ephesians 1:3-7. Paul wrote, ". . . *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.*"

. . . Is entered through **faith** (Ephesians 2:5, 8), **repentance** of sins (II Corinthians 7:10; Acts 17:30; Matthew 21:28-29), **confession** of faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10), **baptism** in water (which is a "burial" in water, Romans 6:3-5) for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21). These steps bring one to the place where *God will add* that one to His church; after that, we are responsible to "*walk in the light*" with Him, through His Word (I John 1:5-10).

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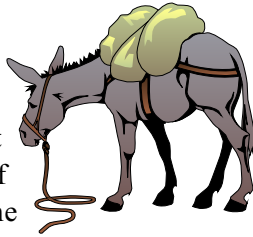


News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Vicki McDaniel and Alice Thrasher.** **Kerry McDaniel** continues to undergo tests.

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Have you heard about the man and his grandson who went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey? They soon met a passer-by who said, “How foolish for both of you to be walking. One should be riding the donkey.” So the man put his grandson on the animal. The next person they met frowned and said, “How dreadful for a strong boy to be riding while an old man walks.” So the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on it. The next traveler they met further down the road said, “I just can’t believe a grown man would ride and make a poor little boy walk.” So the man pulled the little boy up and they rode together.



This seemed to be the solution, until they met the next fellow who cried out, “I never thought I would see anything so cruel in all my life—two intelligent human beings riding on a poor defenseless donkey.” Down the road a piece, they met a couple of men traveling together. When they passed, one man said to the other, “Did you ever see two people carrying a donkey before?”

What’s the point? If you know what’s right to do then do it—regardless of what others may say. Stand on your own convictions and make your own decisions according to the Bible.

—adapted from South Green Street, Glasgow, KY

[Though we all face temptations and enticements, young people constantly face pressures from among their peers. There will be ample opportunities to engage in activities that are wrong and lead to eternal destruction. No matter how much a friend or classmate might taunt you, when you know what is the right thing to do, don’t compromise. Pray for strength to overcome the temptation. The next time you are faced with the same choice, it will be much easier. You will be building spiritual strength and character. —Marty]

Sunday, August 10, 2014		
Classes	17	Romans 3:13-31
Preaching	25	II Peter 1:4-10
Contribution	\$421.00	
Evening	23	Psalm 10:1-12:8
Wednesday, August 13, 2014		
Classes	21	I Kings 5:1-18

Visitors—

- Aug 10 (AM) Ethan Borton (White House, TN); Michaela Sievers (Gelsenkirchen, Germany); Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)
- Aug 10 (PM) Ethan Borton (White House, TN); Michaela Sievers (Gelsenkirchen, Germany)
- Aug 13 (PM) Michaela Sievers (Gelsenkirchen, Germany); Ilka Redenius (Emden, Germany); Rachel Lane (Priceville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What kind of trees did Hiram give Solomon?

Last Week’s Answer— Horses and chariots (II Kings 2:11)

—God’s Plan of Salvation—	
1.	Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2.	Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3.	Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4.	Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5.	Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6.	Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)