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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 individual (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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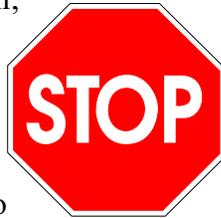
—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Vicki McDaniel and Alroy & Lois McDaniel.**

—**Audrey Terry** continues to recover at home from a mild stroke and dislocated elbow. She goes to the doctor tomorrow to check on her elbow.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.

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When we travel the highways of our nation, we cannot help but notice road signs every few feet. These signs contain valuable information for the traveler. Many signs contain life-saving information such as “Stop Ahead,” “Road Closed,” “Yield,” etc. To ignore or doubt the validity of such signs would be foolish, and possibly lead to serious personal injury or death.



The very same people who would not think of ignoring such highway information ignore something far more imperative—the warning “signs” in the Bible. The Bible is filled with warnings of destruction and eternal damnation to those who obey not the Lord. Do not wait to read the “signs” until it is too late.

It is foolish to doubt the truth in a man-made road sign. How much more foolish is it to doubt the warnings of an all-knowing and all-powerful God?

—Marty Edwards ❖

Sunday, July 31, 2011		
Classes	14	Luke 7:11-8:15
Preaching	23	II Peter 1:3-7
Contribution	\$391.00	
Evening	14	Joel 3:1-21
Wednesday, August 3, 2011		
Classes	7	Numbers 27:1-27

Visitors—
Jul 31 (AM) Brandon Duncan (North Carolina); Brent Goad (Glasgow, KY)
Aug 3 (Wed) Brandon Duncan (North Carolina)

Bible Quiz

The LORD told Moses he had rebelled against the LORD’s commandment in what desert?

Last Week’s Answer— Jochebed (Numbers 26:59)



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—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)