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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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—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Allen Riffle, Lillian Riffle, Vicki McDaniel and Shirley Edwards.**

—**Carolyn Bowers** has made her wishes known to be part of the Munfordville congregation. We welcome her to our number and are glad to have her with us. Carolyn lives in Upton.

—Ruby and I are gone to New Mexico for a few days. We probably will not be back until Thursday or Friday of this week. As always, you can reach us on the number on the front of the bulletin as well as text me at that number or email me.

A Bad Dream

Have you ever had a dream where you were extremely frightened or frustrated? It may have been a dream of you being pursued relentlessly, a dream of some horrible crime being committed against you, or a dream where you just could not quite accomplish a simple task such as leaving to go to work.

Such dreams are quite exasperating, and while you are dreaming them, to you they *are* reality with all the hurt and painful emotions. When finally awakening from such a dream, you almost literally breath a sigh of relief. All the problems and frustrations of the dream are but a dim reality. You are so thankful it was only a dream, and not life.

Eventually the problems we endure in life will be but a distant dream. When we awaken on the golden shores of heaven, all the problems, pain, and difficulties we now endure will be long behind us.

Just as the apostles were sent a comforter, we are comforted in the words of the Bible which promise us that we will endure none of

Sunday, June 17, 2012		
Classes	16	John 2:12-3:8
Preaching	26	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Contribution	\$781.00	
Evening	14	Revelation 10:1-11
Wednesday, June 20, 2012		
Classes	16	Joshua 2:1-24

Visitors— Jun 17 (AM) Curtis McDaniel & Tara Perkins (Uno, KY); Lurline Mires (Rex, KY)

Bible Quiz

John ate what given to him by an angel?

Last Week's Answer— Locusts (Revelation 9:7)

these present afflictions in Heaven. Take comfort, for we do have great and precious promises.

—Marty Edwards❖

Romans 8:18, *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

—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)