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Goals For 2020
Theme
 A Church With 2020 Vision
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 20th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards
 Dale & Greg Kahl (Debbie L's & Ronnie's brother)
 Brooke Thomas

Church: Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:47
 I Cor. 12:13, Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22-23, Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:23-25

Who Have You Invited To Come to Services This Week

Lord's Supper Reading
 Isaiah 53:3-6

Scripture Reading
 AM: Acts 20:28-31
 PM: Gal. 5:16-17

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 110
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 8

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Four Dangers Facing The Church

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Intro: Read Acts 20:28-31. I was asked not long ago to write on what I thought were 4 dangers facing the church. What follows are the four things that I believe are dangers facing us today. Let's take a look

I. Lack of Knowledge

Lk 11:52, Rom. 10:1-3, 2 Thes. 1:7-9
 Jn 6:45, Hosea 4:6, Jn 8:32, I Tim 2:3-4
 2 Tim. 2:15, Is 34:16, I Tim. 4:13
 Ps 119:11

II. A Lack of Love

Jn 13:34-35, Rom. 12:10, Heb. 13:1
 I Jn 4:7-8, Rom. 13:10, I Cor. 13:1-7

III. A Lack of Zeal

Jn 2:17, Titus 2:14, Rev. 3:14-19
 2 Cor. 9:2

IV. Too Much Pride

Prov. 16:18; 13:10, Phil. 2:3-8, I Pet. 5:6

The Spiritual Man

Read Galatians 5:16-17. Let's talk about the man that walks after the Spirit this evening. What might we expect him to be?

I. _____ To _____

Js 4:7, Lk 6:46, Gal 5:16, Eph 3:5, Jn 16:13, Ps 119:105, 1 Pet 2:2

1 Sam 3:10, Gen 6:22, Ex 40:16, Eccl 12:13

II. Resists The _____

Js 4:7, 1 Pet 5:8, Lk 22:31ff, Eph 4:26ff, Matt 4:3, 2 Cor 2:11

1 Cor 10:13, 1 Jn 2:15-17

III. Draws _____ To _____

Js 4:8, Ps 73:28, Heb 11:6, Matt 22:37, Eph 1:4-5, Heb 10:22

Matt 6:6, Ps 73:25; 42:1

IV. Cleanses His _____

Js 4:8, Matt 1:21, Ps 119:9, 2 Cor 7:1, Gal 5:19-21, 1 Cor 6:9-11

1 Jn 2:15-17, Js 4:4

V. Purifies His _____

Js 4:8, Matt 6:21; 23:26; 6:24, Js 1:8, Matt 5:8

VI. Turns _____ Into Mourning

Js 4:9, Rom 3:23,10;6:23, Heb 9:22, 2 Cor 7:10, Matt 5:4, Amos 6:1

Is 53:5-6, 1 Cor 11:26,30, Eph 1:7

VII. _____ Himself Before God

Js 4:10, Prov 6:16-17;16:18;8:13

1 Pet 5:6, Micah 6:8

The Lord's Church is Scripturally Organized

If you went on a search today of the various kinds of "churches" that are around, you would certainly encounter many different groups teaching and practicing many different things. Would there be a way to differentiate among them and identify the church that began in the New Testament? The Lord, in His wisdom, provided numerous identifying marks for His church, which help anyone on a genuine search for His church to be able to find it. One of those identifying marks is how the Lord organized His church.

First, consider who started the Lord's church. Jesus promised during His earthly ministry, "I will build My church" (Matt. 16:18). And He most certainly did. He became the Founder and the very foundation upon which the church was established (Eph. 2:20; 1 Cor. 3:11). Additionally, Jesus "purchased [the church] with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). It belongs to Him. As far as the organization of the church is concerned, the Bible says that "Christ is head of the church" (Eph. 5:23). Think about this. If a person finds a "church" that was founded by a man (other than Jesus) or has a man as head of the church (other than Jesus), then has that person found the church of the Bible?

Second, consider when and where the Lord's church started. The Lord's church came into existence in Acts 2. It was the day of Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ (2:1), and there was a large gathering of people in the city of Jerusalem (2:5), who would hear the gospel proclaimed for the first time (2:22-36). When 3,000 souls responded to the gospel that day and were baptized (2:41), the Lord Himself added them to His church (2:41, 47). Put all of this together. If a person finds a "church" that was founded at a different time and in a different place, then has he found the church of the Bible?

Third, consider the organizational structure the Lord gave to His church. The Lord designed His church to be comprised of autonomous congregations (Acts 14:23; 20:28), who were to have a plurality of qualified men called elders (1 Tim. 3:1-7) to oversee the work of the church (1 Pet. 5:1-4). Each congregation was to have their own elders (Tit. 1:5), who were responsible for shepherding the church only "among" which they themselves were a part (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2; Heb. 13:17). Additionally, there were to be qualified men called deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-13), who would serve the church in special capacities. Evangelists were needed to preach the gospel, to edify, to comfort and to exhort (2 Tim. 4:2-5). The New Testament is very clear in these details. If a person finds a "church" that is organized in a way that is different from the Biblical pattern, then has that person found the church of the Bible?

These guidelines were not merely "a way to do it," but they are "God's way to do it." Our desire should be to find His church today and to make sure that it is restored precisely as He designed it to be organized in the very beginning. With Scripture in hand, this can be done.