



Visitors, we are glad you are here!

January 27th, 2018

What the Work of the Church is NOT

1) Political Issues. Even though there are issues such as abortion, homosexuality, etc. that we must oppose and teach against, we must recognize *it is not the work of the church to develop or carry out a political agenda.* These issues may be political issues for some, but as the people of God we deal with them the same way we deal with other sins; by teaching the word of God and seeking a change of heart in those who hear.

2) Secular Education. I am sure all agree that proper education of a secular nature is good and beneficial. However, *it is not the work of the church to build, support, or maintain schools or colleges to provide such education.* This is the responsibility of the home, rather than the church. Paul acknowledged that there are responsibilities to be fulfilled by individuals, *"and let not the church be charged"* (1 Tim. 5:16). This could be applied to each of the things discussed in this article.

3) Social Activities. It is good for brethren to get together and enjoy one another's association. However, we need to remember: *"What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in?"* (1 Cor. 11:22). *It is not the work of the church to provide for social meals.* If we wish to save souls, we must use that which will accomplish such. Paul said, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"* (Rom. 1:16). To resort to gimmicks and carnal attractions is not only without authority, but also demonstrates a lack of faith in God and His will...see what the kingdom of God is and isn't in (Romans 14:17).

4) Recreation and Entertainment. Perhaps a *"first-cousin"* to the previous point, but wholesome recreation and entertainment has its place, *but it is not the work of the church to provide such.* In recent years, it seems that many are more desirous of turning the church into a country club or health spa than *"letting the church be the church."* As a result of this thinking, we see churches sponsoring ball teams, building gymnasiums and sponsoring various forms of entertainment. I have received announcements of *"clowns for Jesus," magicians, puppeteers, body builders or singing groups* all being used by churches to reach the masses. The one thing lacking in these announcements is the Scripture that would authorize the church to provide such...see (Colossians 3:17; 2nd Timothy 3:16-17).

Paul tells us that God has provided all that is necessary *"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"* (Eph. 4:12).

Note the parallel between Ephesians 4:11-12 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. The inspired Scriptures are all we need, for they are fully sufficient *unto every good work.*

We need to put our faith in God and His word, and not in the schemes and innovations of men that appeal to the flesh....(Psalm 119:89; 1st Tim. 4:6-7; 1st Cor. 4:6).

Meeting times:

Sunday Worship Hours:

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for all ages

10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Study:

April -- November @ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Study:

7:00 p.m. -- Classes for all ages.

Today's service:

Song Leaders:

A.M. -- Bill Wood

P.M. -- Kevin Wood

Leading Prayers:

A.M. Ron Fields / Grant Clark

P.M. Ethan Garrison / Reggie Johnson

Serving Communion:

A.M. * Scott -- Geoff -- Bryan -- Mark

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Announcer: Lonnie Garrison

Scripture Reader: Peter Garrison

Greeters: Ron Fields / Reggie Johnson

Camera Operator: Daniel Stevens

Preaching: --- Jim Lee

~ Sermon Topics ~

"Dealing With Accountability"

~~~Romans 14:11-12~~~

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**"Prayer Service"**

~~~Philippians 4:6-7~~~

Wednesday Service:

Announcer: Lonnie Garrison

Song Leader: Cliff Marshall

Invitation: Bryan Wood

Prayer: Daniel Stevens

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Ron Fields

Bill Wood

Kevin Wood

{Notes from the Elders}

- **Please pray:** We ask that our members remember to keep us in your prayers to oversee you properly, to feed you spiritually and seek God's counsel in our decisions.
- **Reminder:** To our members, that when you are going to be absent from worship, we are asking that you please notify us of your absence so it may be announced to the congregation
- **Attention Members:** We want to remind our members to attend our morning bible studies to aid in your spiritual development. Ephesians 4:15-16.
- **Communion Prep:** Just a couple of slots remain open for the communion prep. Thanks to all who have volunteered so far...let's finish the list please.
- **Reminder:** We are reminding the men who will be serving the congregation each Sunday to meet in the Resource Room at 10:25 for prayer & structure of your duties.
- **Deacon's Meeting:** Date to be determined in February.
- **Reminder to our Members:** With winter upon us and the possibility of becoming ill increases, we are asking our members who may be ill with coughing, fever or just not feeling well to remain home until you are feeling better. A number of our members are either elderly, or susceptible due to a low immune system to catch the "bug". We thank you for your understanding in this request.

***** More Info: *****

* **Christian Skidmore** needs our prayers with his upcoming court decision, and keep **Jon** in prayer also; Jon was admitted to the VA hospital last week; **Yvonne**; **Patty**; **Shelly**; **Kelli**; **Brenda Phipps** is now recovering at her sister's house, but was hospitalized recently; **Claude** has been doing some better; **Bobby Day Jr. grandson** continues to recover well from his heart transplant surgery; **Levi Henry** continues to be in deep need of our prayers...see **Jean**; Keep our sister **Jackie** in prayer; **Peter** is due to have surgery soon...see Mary; **Jennie's husband, Ted**, had a biopsy this past week...see **Jennie**; **Kay's** brother, **Don**, and her **mother** need our prayers...see **Kay**; Due to a conflicting work schedule from time to time, there are times when **Glenda** has and will be worshipping at New Lebanon.

Things to remember...

- *The men have their monthly study at 2:00 today.
- *Members, please visit our new & updated website @:www.inglewoodchurchofchrist.com. Thanks to Scott for his time and effort in completing this.
- *Our monthly training class will be next Sunday afternoon.

For Your Information

When you pray...

Remember our "Shut-Ins": Lisa Day; Rhonda Graham; Mary Goodpastor (**Shut-Ins**)

Widows and Shut-In: Mary Hendricks; Genean Malone; Ann Morrison.

Widows: Joanne Stevens; Janice Woodgeard; Eliose Hicks; Vivian Hatfield; Kay Goff; Beni Barbee; Sally Carnes; Jackie Maxwell.

Others: Juanita; Annie; Glenn & JoAnn; Claude & Roxanne; Brenda Phipps; Glenda Hoke.

Going on in January

Traveling: Drum & LeeAnn are in FL

Birthdays: Lisa Day – 1/2; Bryan – 1/4; Carl – 1/12; Jackie – 1/15; Linda – 1/18; Jessi – 1/21; Janice 1/22; Logan 1/23; Shawn 1/27; Dave Schenck 1/29 ☺

Anniversaries: Bob & June -Jan 21; Reggie & Linda – Jan 26 ☺

Deacon Group # 4 --- Send out cards.

Communion Prep: Kevin & Alex

More info & prayers:

*The **Weekly Bible Study** outlines for 2018 are on the back table for this week.

* **Jane Curry's** cancer condition remains at a critical point, as the Drs. say there is nothing more they can do. May she be comforted.

***John Hains:** John's condition is worsening.

***Andy Hornback:** Multiple myeloma cancer.

* Keep **Sister Lois** in prayer...see **Lois**.

Good news: We are pleased to announce that **Jerry & Ruth Tidwell** expressed their desire to identify their membership with us here at Englewood. **Jerry & Ruth** are the parents of our brother **Scott**. Be sure to welcome **Jerry & Ruth**.

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the gospel: **Romans 10:17**

Believe the gospel: **Acts 9:42**

Repent of your sins: **Acts 3:19**

Confess Jesus as God's Son: **Acts 8:37**

Be baptized to be saved: **Acts 2:38; 1 Pet.3:21**

Live a godly lifestyle: **Titus 2:11-12**

Find The Answer This

Week

What mob of people shouted one phrase for two hours, and what was the phrase in Acts 19?
