

## SUNDAY MORNING

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Daniel Allgor

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Jerry Schnelle      Joseph Barry

### Prayers

Bill Brittenham      Clay Morris

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### Invitation

Jack Calvert

## ABOUT US

### Elders

Jack Calvert      Rodney Ellis

### Deacons

Jon Barry      Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis      Clay Morris

### Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
Worship .....6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16;  
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think On These Things

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## Facts about the Lord's Church

Bryan Garlock

The New Testament overflows with truth concerning the church of Christ. This is not some official name of the church; rather, it is a description. It is the church (or people) "of Christ" because it belongs to Christ (Matt. 16.18; Rom. 16.16). Jesus purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20.28); the church is built on Jesus as its foundation (1 Cor. 3.11). Jesus is the head of the church (Eph. 5.23). He is not the head of some earthly institution (i.e. Baptist denomination, Methodist denomination, Catholic denomination, Lutheran denomination) and no man is the head of His church (i.e. the pope); that is His place alone. The body of Christ is the church of Christ (Eph. 1.22-23; Col. 1.18, 24); Jesus will only save His body (Eph. 5.23).

To learn more about this, study some descriptions of the church and her members: "the church of God" (Acts 20.28), "the body of Christ" (1 Col. 12.27),

"the churches of Christ" (Rom. 16.16), "the church of God..." (1 Cor. 1.2), "God's temple" (1 Cor. 3.16), "the kingdom of his beloved Son" (Col. 1.13), "the household of God" (1 Tim. 3.15), "the assembly of the firstborn" (Heb. 12.23), and "the bride" (Rev. 21.2, 9).

These descriptions apply to both the church in general, that is, all saved persons of all time, as well as the local church (1 Cor. 1.2; 2 Cor. 8.1; Gal. 1.1), that is, saints who work and worship in any given location. The local church is comprised of elders (pastors, 1 Tim. 3.1-7; Titus 1.5-9; 1 Peter 5.1-4), deacons (1 Tim. 3.8-13; Phil. 1.1), preachers (Eph. 4.11; 1 Tim. 4.13-16; 2 Tim. 4.1-5), and members who love each other and work and worship together. This is how the local church is organized. The work of the church is simply to teach and encourage the saints (Heb. 10.24-25), to evangelize

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Maxine Burnham, W.H. McFerrin, Ann Thomas and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

**Ladies Bible Class:** The next class is Tuesday, **Jan. 14, 2020;** 12:00 at Jean Crone's and 6:00 at the Calvert's.

**Sonny Monaghan** is recovering from his successful medical procedure last week. Please keep him and Cathy in your prayers.

**Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.**

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the lost (Matt. 28.18-20), to worship God (John 4.24) and to assist needy saints when necessary (1 Cor. 16.1ff). Each Sunday the church assembles to meditate on God's word, sing, pray, and commune with Jesus (John 4.23-24; Acts 2.42; 20.7; 1 Cor. 11.17-34; Eph. 5.19; Col. 3.16; 1 Cor. 16.1-2).

The Bible gives descriptions of members of the Lord's church, too. These descriptions explain who we are in our relationship to God and Jesus: "believers" (Acts 5.14), "disciples" (Acts 11.26), "Christians" (Acts 11.26), "the way" (Acts 19.9, 23, 24.14; 24.22), "members" (1 Cor. 12.27), "servants" (Phil. 1.1), "saints"

(Phil. 1.1), "priests" (1 Peter 2.5, 9), and "God's children" (1 John 3.2). For example, a disciple is a learner or follower of Jesus while a saint is one who has been sanctified; that is, one who has been made holy, cleansed from sin; separated from sin and consecrated (set apart or devoted) to serve God. It should be noted that believers of Jesus are never called "Baptists", "Catholics", "Methodists", or any other modern man-made title.

Would you like to become a member of the Lord's church? Peter said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2.38) and Luke records, "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls" (Acts 2.41); that is, added to the body of Christ (cf. vv 42-47; John 3.3, 5). BG

## WOMEN AS LEADERS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

*Max Dawson - January 9, 2020*

"FROM CHILDHOOD YOU HAVE KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES"

Several years ago I was teaching a Bible class on leadership. As part of the study, I pointed out that it is not uncommon to find women who are effective leaders within a local church.

One of the sisters in the class had a new baby. As I was about to explain my point, the baby needed to be taken to the nursery for a few minutes. When mother and baby returned, the mom said, "I am sorry I had to leave the class and miss what you were

saying. Would you show me that verse that says women can be elders?"

Of course there was no such verse. Only men can serve in that position. Please read the Holy Spirit's instructions in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Pay particular attention to verse 2 where the text says the bishop "must be blameless, the husband of one wife." Even in our days of mixed up gender roles, only a man can meet that qualification. Only he can be a "husband." (BTW, as a side note: The words "bishop, elder, shepherd, pastor, presbyter, and overseer" are all used to describe one office--that of the official leadership in a local church. For verification, please see what Luke wrote in Acts 20:17, 28; also see Titus 1:5, 7 and 1 Peter 5:1-2.)

Back to our point. The young sister had misunderstood. She made the common mistake of equating being a leader with being an elder. While it is true that all elders in the local church must be leaders, it does not follow that all leaders must be elders.

It has been my experience that some of the most effective leaders in local churches have no official position at all. They are not elders, deacons or preachers. But they are persons of influence, nonetheless. You may recall that several weeks ago on this blog I gave this definition of leadership: "Leadership is influence."

You probably know some women in your congregation who are leaders--yet

they are not elders. Those women are servants to the sick and poor. They are diligent in teaching classes. Sometimes they are leaders in evangelism. They seem to know everyone in the congregation, and are quick to help those in need. They have hearts of compassion for hurting saints. They are the first to respond when it is time to visit shut-ins or to go to the nursing home. They are often the first teachers from whom young children learn--as was the case with Timothy, being taught by his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15).

Women like these are leaders. They are not elders. They are not deacons. But they lead! They do not lead (oversee) the local church, but they lead within the local church. God bless all such women!

*P.S. from Bill:*

*As brother Dawson says in his article, "Leadership is influence." We are blessed here at Franklin Drive to have a number of women leaders. Our Bible Class teachers have a great deal of influence in starting our young one out in basic Bible knowledge and applications to their lives that prayerfully will last a lifetime. These women are indeed leaders in the church. All the mothers and grandmothers are also very important leaders and influencers. Let us not forget their role not only in the family, but also in the church. There are also other women who are less visible in their influence through private Bible teaching and study as well as those who provide encouragement through cards, phone calls and visits. **THANK YOU ALL!***