

of those who have been added together in the body of Christ. And what does the church do together? It assembles. Christians come together for essential elements involved in living the christian life. As stated in Acts 2:41, *"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."* The church is a fellowship that meets together to worship together, to pray together and to grow in the word together (Acts 20:7)! How could a Christian ever think there is really true living without being in the assemblies of the church (Hebrews 10:24-26)? Christians need the abundant life that is available by being in the fellowship of the Lord's church (John 10:10). Living without the church is like living without food and water. It is as the Apostle Paul said, *"We are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:19).*

Are you living the abundant life in Christ? How about starting the year with the goal of attending all the assemblies of the church? How could we ever possibly say, "I don't need the church?"

Rick Bright

**Please note: 2019 Bible Reading Plans are available on the web:**

**<https://churchofchristmo.blogspot.com/p/bible.html>**

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**II Timothy 2:15**

**Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 PM

**Thursday**

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

**Sun. Morning**

**Radio & TV**

**KTXR 101.3 FM**

Lifeline 7:15 AM

**Channel 10**

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

**Channel 33**

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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**BULLETIN**

Can a Christian Live Without the Church?

*So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Acts 11:26*

The answer to the question is YES. Someone who has obeyed the gospel plan of salvation can make the choice not to attend the worship assemblies of the church. They can even ignore that the church was established by Christ himself and live as if it has never existed. They may even forget what they were taught about the church before becoming a christian. Which brings us back to the question itself: Can a christian live without the church? Considering the question, what most people are actually asking is this: Does being a christian mean I have to attend the assembly of the church in order to go to heaven? Once again, the answer to this question is YES!

But what if I am sick or unable physically to attend the assembly of the church? Will God hold that against me? Most of us know the answer to that question. And clearly this is not the question we are considering. The question is this, can we remove ourselves from the existence of the church and live a faithful christian life? Consider what happens when a person obeys the gospel of Christ. Luke tells us, *"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 20:7).* If a person obeys from the heart the requirements of the doctrine of Christ, then he is added as a member of Christ's church. The apostle Paul explains that the church is the body of Christ when he states, *"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" Ephesians 1:22-23.* When we are baptized into Christ, we are baptized into Christ's body, the church. This Paul clearly declared by inspiration of the Holy Spirit itself, *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" 1 Corinthians 12:13.* And what is the body? It is the church! In Ephesians 5:23, Paul explains the inseparable aspect of the church to a christian's salvation. *"For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body."* What is a marriage like if a husband and wife live without each other? Can a faithful christian live without the church if we are joined to Christ?

The church of Christ is made up

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## Privileged to Serve

### Worship

**Coordinator:** Travis Hampton  
**Announcements:** Randy Hyder

## Sunday AM

### Before Service Greeters:

Roy & Judy Phillips

### After Services Greeters:

Justin & Trenton Kanengieter

### Songleader:

### Lord's Table

\*Ron Thompson, Larry Chafin,  
 Tim Brashears, Bobby Lewis

### Opening Prayer:

Ron Peck  
 Closing Prayer: Dennis  
 Richardson

### Sermon:

Rick Bright

## Sunday PM

### Before & After Services

**Greeters:** Linda Blazer and  
 Wanda Crews

### Songleader:

Jerry Branstetter

### Lord's Table:

Terry Cruise  
 Opening Prayer: Luther  
 Sheppard

### Closing Prayer:

Alan Lamb  
 Sermon: Rick Bright

## Wed. Night

### Before & After Services

**Greeters:** John & Tiffany  
 Sanders

### Devotional:

Tim Brashears

### Songleader:

John Hopkins

### Prayer:

Travis Hampton

## News and Announcements:

### Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



**Sincere Sympathy** is extended to Joanne Lawrence and her family upon the passing of her brother, Jim Sedlacek.

**Fellowship Dinner:** Please plan to stay for dinner and fellowship together right after worship this morning. Wanda Crews's group will have kitchen duty.

**Bob Lewis** is leaving Thursday for Nairobi, Kenya to assess the mission work of Ralph Williams. He is scheduled to return to Springfield on the 18th. Please keep Bob and family in your prayers.

**Sunshine Baskets** are being prepared for Cathy Thompson and Marcie Marchand to brighten up their recuperations from their respective surgeries. If you would like to include something, please have it here by tonight. Suggestions are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**Secret Sisters** will meet Kay Lewis at the front of the auditorium immediately following morning worship to draw names for the coming year.

**Church Directory:** If you haven't added your email address to the church directory information, you can do so by emailing Rick at rbrightlr@gmail.com. Having email addresses will enable us to use email in a similar fashion as the all-call.

## On your Agenda!

**Kid Sing** starts at 6 p.m. this evening.



January 13—Singing at nursing homes  
 January 13—Men's business meeting  
 January 20—Guest speakers  
 January 27—Youth Focus

### Questions and Answers:

- Where was the apostle Paul when he sent for the Ephesian elders?
- Acts 20:17
- Who fell on the apostle Paul's neck and kissed him? Acts 20:17-37

## Remember in Prayer:

*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16*

**Greg Bright** has been moved to a hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska where his daughter lives.

**Ken Cooksey**, whose wife works with Travis, has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

**Pat Harris** will be having a skin cancer removed.

**Geneva Howe** has been having trouble with her blood levels.

**Mary Harrison**, Amber Heistand's grandmother, is recuperating from a broken hip.

**Doris Letterman**, Connie Isis's sister, has worsening pain in her legs and is having trouble walking.

**Keith McHenry** continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

**Tye McMasters** is at his grandparents in Mt. Vernon awaiting a procedure.

**Curtis Pankey** is being kept sedated because he gets really agitated when he wakes up.

**Donna Plummer**, Marcie Marchand's mother, received a good report on her full body scan.

**Roy Phillips** is in Mercy hospital with pneumonia.

**Joseph Poindexter** continues to have problems.



Ruth McMasters  
 Ian Thompson  
 Elvis Heistand  
 Patsy Layne  
 Taylor Page  
 Helen Marchand

### Birthdays

Donna Demshar  
 Jim Cruise  
 Nathaniel Heistand  
 Missy Lewis  
 Jerry Cruise  
 John Nash  
 Tim Brashears  
 Terry Cruise

### Anniversaries

Nacho & Beverly Bram  
 Dale & Marla Graves  
 Bob & Kay Lewis

**Micaiah Sedlacek** is seeing some improvement from his treatment.

**Lorella Treadway**, Norma Nash's sister-in-law, is going through the testing process before her kidney transplant.

**Dan Wampler**, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.  
**Jamie Westcomb**, Nicole's friend, has stage 4 kidney and liver cancer.



## Remember The Homebound

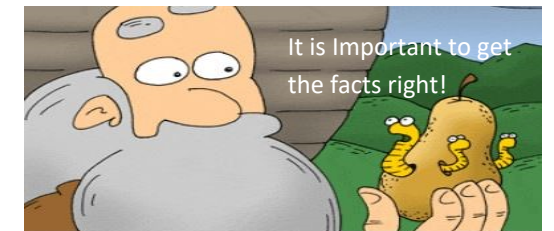
- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Estelline Jones** (Home)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



## Record for December 30

Sunday AM	135
Sunday PM	77
Wed. PM	83
Total Contribution:	\$2155

*Attending is something we do on the first day of the week together.*



Thanks to Stephen Elrick (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2002  
**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**