

Testament Christians are the one body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13). We do not have a choice of flavors. We are given one doctrine and are all to have the same mind, all teaching the same thing. Paul warned the church that division is contrary to the truth. *“I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them”* (Romans 16:17). While some believe having a buffet of choices appeals to more people, God never created the church to be a variety banquet for mass appeal. However, the inspired writers warned that a variety of cake slices spiritually would be a reality. Paul told Timothy, *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth* (II Timothy 4:2-4).

I am thankful when I have the choice of chocolate cake and I am also thankful that there is only one choice when it comes to the church. That choice is made for us when we choose Christ!! (Acts 2:38-47).

Rick Bright

It's God's Plan for Man

Believe: Hebrews 11:6, Mark 16:16, Acts 8:36-37, Acts 16:31

Repent: Matthew 4:17, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30

Confess: Romans 10:9-10, Acts 8:37

Be Baptized: Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21, Galatians 3:26-29, Acts 8:36-38, Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-4

Live Faithfully: Romans 6:4, Matthew 7:21, Matthew 28:20

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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

The Church Is Not Cake

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Sustain me with cakes of raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am lovesick. Song of Solomon 2:4-5

When you attend weddings you have both beautiful brides and beautiful cakes. During last Sunday's wedding reception, I was really happy that I could select a piece of chocolate cake from a banquet of delightful cakes. It is amazing to learn of all the work that goes into preparing beautiful cakes, especially the multi-tiered wedding cakes with their very ornate decorations. What is also very amazing is that the cakes are never designed nor made to be whole or stay complete as one. Despite all the work, cakes are baked and decorated to be cut into pieces for the enjoyment of the partakers.



We can love and enjoy eating cake, but we must know that the church is not cake!! As far as we know, Jesus never baked a cake, not even cakes of raisins, but he did build his church (Matthew 16:18). It is a beautiful church designed to be as beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband. Christ loved the church as a bride and willingly gave himself up for her! (Ephesians 5:25) However, the common notion among many who call themselves "Christians" is that the church is like a wedding cake. It is designed to be cut up into pieces. This concept is known as denominationalism. The notion is that all denominations are simply a part of the whole and thus acceptable to God. Christ did not mix ingredients and then bake a cake to be cut into pieces! Paul explains that Christ is the head of the church which is his body. He distinctly declares by the Spirit of God that there is one body! (Ephesians 4:4) That body, the one church, was not designed and built to be cut into pieces. In fact, scripture speaks four times using the words "whole church" (Acts 5:11, Acts 15:22, Romans 16:23, I Corinthians 14:23). Paul states emphatically the church of Christ is to remain whole. *"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment"* (I Corinthians 1:10).

If you were to banquet at the Golden Corral this afternoon, you would likely find several different types of cakes all cut up into slices. For those of us who love chocolate cake, likely it is there. If you prefer carrot cake, likely it is there. If you like coconut cake, likely it is there. Take your pick. Pick the cake of your choice. Tragically, many religious people see the denominational world as just different types of cake so that folks can pick out the flavor they would enjoy the most. This is why you will hear people say, "Just choose the church of your choice." However, the concept of the church being divided into different pieces with many different flavors and kinds is not taught in the New Testament. Neither Christ, the Apostles nor the inspired New Testament writers ever taught that we are to choose the church of our choice. Christ gave us one whole choice, and that was to choose his church. Thus, New

Privileged to Serve

Worship

Coordinator: Steve Crews

Announcements: Ron Peck

Sunday AM

Before Service Greeters:

Thad & Patsy Layne

After Services Greeters:

John & Marcie Marchand

Songleader: Ron Thompson

Lord's Table

*Randy Hyder, Travis Hampton, Daniel Hyder, Luther Sheppard

Opening Prayer: Bobby Lewis

Closing Prayer: Robert Comer

Sermon: Rick Bright

Sunday PM

Before & After Services

Greeters: Dean & Helen Buman

Songleader: Singing Night

Lord's Table: TerryMcMasters

Opening Prayer: Nacho Bram

Closing Prayer: John L. Sanders

Sermon: Singing Night

Wed. Night

Before & After Services

Greeters: Randy & Becky Hyder

Devotional: Ron Peck

Songleader: John L. Sanders

Prayer: Steve Crews

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.

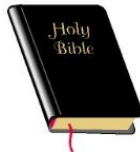


Sincere Sympathy is extended to Charlotte and Leon Moon at the loss of Charlotte's mother, Estelline Jones, last Thursday.

VBS: There will be a short meeting Sunday night after worship of all who are interested in helping with VBS this year, which begins July 15.



Cast Your Vote: Two VBS preview kits are available in the fellowship room for review after Sunday morning worship.



Bibles for Soldiers: Bibles are needed to give to the men and women Paul Fisher is working with at Fort Leonard Wood. If you would like to contribute to this, you can give money to Janet Fisher or put your check in the collection and designate it is for Bibles.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class is studying *King David's Last Words*. Please plan to attend!

Remember to pray for our kids and grandkids and our bible classes!

On your Agenda!

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



5th Sunday Singing this evening. Men will share in leading singing. Please plan to enjoy this time of worship in songs.

Fellowship Dinner: Please plan to stay for dinner and fellowship together next Sunday after morning worship. Kay Lewis's group will have kitchen duty.



April 12—Widow/Widowers Luncheon
 April 14—Sing at Nursing Homes
 April 14—Men's Business Meeting
 April 21—Youth Night
 April 28—Youth Focus
May 5— "All Out" Friends and Family Day

Questions and Answers:

The rich young ruler that came to Jesus was lacking how many things? (Mark 10:17-22)

Paul told _____ to ordain elders in every city. (Titus 1:4-5)

Remember in Prayer:

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

* indicates local members at Marshfield

Greg Bright is improving and is able to stand with assistance.

Ken Cooksey has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

***Terry Cruise** will have shoulder surgery on April 4.

Kenna Kammerer has cancer and hospice has been called in.

***Dena Kanegieter** is struggling to deal with her hives caused by extreme allergies.

Calvin Lamb, Alan's brother, is recovering from surgery for a detached retina.

Doris Letterman, Connie Isis's sister, is suffering from migraine and has pain in her legs and trouble walking.

Julie Matney has upcoming brain surgery.

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

Tye McMasters is able to walk short distances with a walker.

***John Nash** had skin surgery this past Tuesday. **Donna Plummer's** blood work showed she does not need chemo.

Diane Samuelson, friend of Jim King, is in the hospital with blood clots.

Micaiah Sedlacek, JoAnne's nephew, is having severe hip pain.

Issie Tabor (13), has had cancer 2 or 3 times and it is growing again.



Birthdays

Ethel Dill
 Angel Hamilton
 Jan Sanders
 John Hopkins

John Sanders
 Wyatt Greer
 Bobby Lewis
 Betty Sheppard

Anniversaries

David & Janet Haffner
 Thad & Patsy Layne
 Terry & Ruth McMasters
 Jason & Angel Hamilton

James Taylor, a friend of the Hyderys, is battling cancer.

Lorella Treadway had her kidney transplant March 27. Her son, **Chad**, was her kidney donor. Both are doing well.

Dan Wampler, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer. **Ron Webb**, Pat Cruise's cousin, whose chemo treatments are no longer working.

***William Wood** is in Cox South with a lung infection, but is responding to the medication.

Bruce Ziebarth is going home on anti-seizure medications.

Remember The Homebound

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



Daily Prayer List Additions

1. That God provides an Eldership
2. That God will bless the congregation with continued growth
3. That our "All Out Day" is successful

It is all about LOST SOULS

Record for March 24

Sunday AM	125
Sunday PM	84
Wed. PM	83
Total Contribution:	\$2224
2019 Contribution Budget	\$2416

Together we give to support the work of the church II Corinthians 9:6-13

