

New Caney Church of Christ

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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

- 1. Balaam (Numbers 22:21-33)
2. Jacob (Genesis 32:13-18)
3. Moses (Exodus 4:20)
4. Zechariah (9:9)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Ronnie Lightfoot
Announcements: Billy Scherry
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: Billy Lovell
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson
Luke 1:26-38
Song Leader: Kevin Buckner
Table Talk: John Van Baale
Contribution: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Theo Edge
Fruit of Vine: John Franks
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Closing Prayer: Casey Thomas

Sunday Afternoons

Aug 25 Group Visitation (meet & go)
Sept 1 Nothing
Sept 8 Gospel Meeting
Sept 15 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: John Franks
Speaker: John Van Baale



Standing Firm

Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm Ephesians 6:13

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Prison Escape

Several years ago I was studying the Bible with an inmate in the County jail. Everyone told me it is a very secure facility. I was escorted to the visitor center by an armed guard through hallways with few doors and no windows. I seldom saw anyone else while walking in. My visits were through a window with wires in the glass, and we conversed on a telephone. While sitting at the window you felt like you were almost looking in a mirror because the rooms on both sides of the glass appeared identical. There was just one difference: I knew I could walk out, and the inmate knew he could not.

We think of prisoners getting a life sentence and we think what a waste of his life. What about an eternal sentence? Certainly Hell will be the supreme prison facility. On the judgment day, Jesus will pass sentence according to His word (John 12:48) and we will be saved or condemned. A condemned soul has no appeals, the verdict is final.

As the rich man looked across the gulf between Heaven and Hell and saw how Lazarus was comforted in Abraham's bosom, I envision my visits to that little window in a prison. The rich man knew he could never leave his prison. He also knew he would never die and so his torment would be forever. It's not the kind of place a normal person would want to go.

There will never be a prisoner who escapes from Hell. It is a permanent residence for the condemned. But we can escape the sentence of eternal death. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the [a]only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18). Only by our obedient faith will Christ pronounce us innocent and cause us to escape an eternal sentence. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1). Where do you want to spend eternity?

by Charles Willis

Denominationalism VS The Bible

Christ teaches followers to be united: *“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.”* (John 17:20-21). The very opposite exists today.

Denominations

Many Churches
Men Founded
Human Head
Human Creed
Human Names
Not Essential
Many Gospels
Revise Creeds
Many Faiths
Many Baptisms
Join Church
Different Rules

Bible

One Church
Jesus Founded
Christ is Head
Bible is Creed
Christian
Only Way
Do Not Add
Bible Remains
One Faith
One Baptism
Saved Added
Same Rule

To Preserve The Scriptural Character of the Church

1. No denominational names.
2. No denominational creeds; just accept the authority of Christ
3. No denominational organization.
4. No denominational form of worship.
5. No entangling alliances.
6. No denominational requirements for salvation.

Know Your Bible

The Donkey

1. What prophet from Moab had a talking donkey?
2. Who gave his irate brother 20 donkeys as a goodwill gesture?
3. Who took his wife and sons and set them on a donkey when he returned to Egypt, his childhood home?
4. What prophet said the Messiah would enter riding on a donkey?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



How Far Would You Go?

by Charles Willis

Many years ago I taught school at the best Jr. High campus in the Clear Creek ISD. Petitions to attend our school flooded in every May-August from students outside our school zone. Every year we had parents driving students to school, and some of the commutes were above an hour a day.

There are many people on the north side of Houston who drive more than 90-120 minutes a day commuting to work. This is so normal we don't even marvel at the fact some choose to go that far from home for work. We just complain about the traffic jams. I know of a few who have commuted from the Beaumont area to work in Baytown.

When folks leave to go to another town, one of the questions I am frequently asked is: "will there be a church close to where we plan to live?" We want attendance to worship assemblies to be convenient (as much as we can). An understandable question, but some are not willing to be inconvenienced to attend a worship assembly.

In the congregation in New Caney we have several who drive thirty minutes each way to attend. We have a few who drive in excess of forty-five minutes each way. Many of these same people who are willing to go to such lengths to attend with a faithful congregation, are also the first one's present each Lord's Day, and some of the first to volunteer. Their commitment motivates them to go the distance to worship.

I know some in other congregations who travel an hour each way to the assembly. I've heard of some who drive two hours each way to the assembly (both here in America, and in some foreign countries). Everyone will reach a point when the distance becomes too far. For some it may be twenty minutes, but it is just too far for their level of commitment.

No matter the convenience, or inconvenience, God commands that we not forsake the assembling of the saints (Heb. 10:25). How far you would drive to attend will (in a very real sense) indicate how seriously you take God's command. I am very encouraged by so many in the congregation in New Caney who drive a good ways to regularly be with us! For those of us who do not drive as far, we must not take this effort for granted, but appreciate what our brethren do to come worship the Lord.

However, there is one more consideration. If you move to the town and there is no congregation within a reasonable distance, then what? How far would you go? Are you prepared to have a church meeting in your house as did the saints in the first century? Are you willing to be the one who commits to starting a new work, with all the personal effort of organization, teaching, and preaching that it entails? I've been several places where strong congregations started in just this way. Our commitment to serving God should be to go as far as needed. To give all I can give. To be the servant of God who strives to do right in every situation.

So, are you planning to drive to the church building every night and attend our gospel meeting in September? How far will you go?