

**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. No. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).
2. Repent (Acts 17:30).
3. "...confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord..." (Romans 10:9-10).
4. "be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Billy Lovell
Announcements: Eddie Bowen
Encouragement Talk: Charles Willis
Opening Prayer: Sandon Spyker
Scripture Reading: John Franks
Luke 1:46-56
Song Leader: Kevin Buckner
Table Talk: Casey Thomas
Contribution: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Joel Jordan
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Lester Mabry
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Closing Prayer: Ronnie Ramsey

Sunday Afternoons

Sept 8 3PM Gospel Meeting
Sept 15 Nothing
Sept 22 Nothing
Sept 29 3PM Devotionals

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Speaker: James Brown



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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Gospel Meeting This Week September 8-11

with *James Brown*

Sunday

- 9:30am The Converted Life
- 10:30am The Resurrection From The Dead
- 3:00pm Reactions To Sound Teaching

Weeknights at 7:00pm

- Monday* What Did Cornelius Hear?
- Tuesday* Reconciliation
- Wednesday* A Faithful Saying

Join us as we worship God and focus on His word.

Finding The Lord's Church

Charles Willis

Many in this age are looking for a church. They have created in their own mind a check-list of items they would like to find in a church before they will commit to joining. Often these include things like: a large children's group and a youth minister, a strong community outreach program, a preacher who is captivating as a speaker, and a church that teaches things with which I agree. The only problem with this kind of reasoning is that you will eventually find what you are looking for, but will you find the Lord's church through this approach? I believe you will not, because the criteria used to make a choice is not based on God's will but on what "I want".

When looking for a church, doesn't it make sense to look for the church that Jesus died to establish? Most will agree that not every religious group in the world leads to heaven – that in reality there are false religions. I believe we should be more concerned about avoiding a false religion and instead serve God as He desires. So our criteria for selection should not be based on "I want" but on "Is this group doing what God wants".

God has revealed to us in the written word how we are to please Him. If "all scripture is inspired of God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16), then the word of God should be our guide. We need to find the church that matches the revealed word of God. The exact match is what is required because an "almost match" would mean that some things are being done contrary to God's will. Is all of scripture profitable for righteousness (being right in God's sight), then we need to hold ourselves to His standard.

Some specifics we need to examine include: *What doctrine is taught:* if it is not what Jesus and His apostles taught, it is "another gospel" which should not be followed (Gal. 1:6-9). If we follow another doctrine we do not have God (2 John 9). *What the believers call themselves:* scripture calls believers "Christians" (Acts 11:26) and not some denominational name. *How the church is organized:* scripture calls for elders and deacons in every congregation, those men meeting the requirements listed in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. There is no biblical organization beyond the local congregation. *How we worship God:* scripture says we are to sing (Col. 3:16) which excludes the use of instruments. We could go on to investigate many other aspects of the local congregation, and we should.

In every way the church should match the pattern found in scripture. The Bible should be our criteria of selection. Which church is righteously serving God is correct thinking, not what "I want". We will always be able to satisfy our own desires with some church, but we are called by God to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23). When the church you are examining matches the church in scripture, you know you have found the Lord's church. I would recommend you compare the New Caney Church of Christ with God's word.

Know Your Bible

Salvation

1. Can a man be saved by faith only?

2. "God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should"

3. What must we confess in order to be saved?

4. What is the purpose of baptism?

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.



The Words of the Lord

Andy de Klerk

John 6:63

They are ***SPIRIT & LIFE***

Rom. 7:6 "serve in the newness of the spirit"
2 Cor. 3:6 "...but the Spirit giveth life"

Mark 4:14

They are like ***SEED***

Parable of the sower (Luke 18:11) the Word of God brings life to the hearer...God has chosen the preaching of the gospel as the means of saving men.

John 15:3

They have ***CLEANSING POWER***

The cleansing is effected through the hearing, believing and obeying of the word (Eph. 5:26).

John 17:17

Means of ***SANCTIFICATION***

To set apart. Jesus has set Himself apart (Heb. 9:14). The apostles followed in His steps (2 Cor. 5:14-17) and also the church

John 8:31-32

They Bring ***FREEDOM***

Abide in His words (John 15:7). Law of Liberty (James 2:12). God's truth will give freedom from sin and death.

John 5:24

Bring Us ***ETERNAL LIFE***

John 17:3; John 6:68; Hebrews 4:12

Matthew 24:35

Will ***NEVER PASS AWAY***

1 Peter 1:25; Mark 13:31

Let us rely wholly on the Words of the Lord. Let us make them known to others. Let us study them closely to learn of Him. Let us do and keep His will always.