

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE GOING BACK TO REGULAR SCHEDULE ON OCTOBER 4TH. EVENTS WILL BE LISTED AGAIN!!!

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

- Hear (Romans 10:17)
- Believe (Hebrews 11:6)
- Repent (Acts 17:30)
- Confess (Acts 8:36-37)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

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WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE CHURCH?

by Scott Thrasher

What is the purpose of a name? A name is a term of identification. Identification is needed when there are multiple versions of an item. Human beings are given names to assist in identification. On the other hand, the moon has no name. Why? Because the earth has no other. It's just the moon. In like manner, God never named His church. He didn't have to. It is simply the church. The Bible is filled with metaphors that describe the church with no proper names given. For example, the church is described as being "*of Christ*" (Romans 16:16) and "*of God*" (I Corinthians 1:2). Paul would describe it as "*the church of the living God*" (I Tim 3:15). The church was also described as "*the way*" (Acts 22:4) and "*the church of the first born*" (Hebrews 12:23).

We must be careful not to attach too much importance to a proper name. We say that a name must be given to the church so as to distinguish it from the denominations. Ironically, I wonder if that effort has actually led the church closer to denominationalism. The church of Christ is a scriptural description of the Lord's church. It's Christ's church and what other name should it have? We are also the "*church of God*", "*church of the first born*" and part of "*the way*". There is a danger in clinging to a specific name as if it is our brand. Some members say "we're Church of Christ" as if to compete with the Lutherans, Baptists and Catholics. The church of Christ describes who we are but should never be used to identify us as one church among many. There is only one church and it doesn't need a proper name to distinguish it.

To quote the late Doug Stellwagen: "It is what it is"!

PRAYERS PLEASE

Patty Hartwigsen

Please continue to pray for strength for both Raymond and Patty. Patty is back home!

Billie Merritt

Please pray Billie as he is battling some health issues.

Virginia Coker

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Virginia's successful surgery.

Covid-19

Please continue to pray for our members and students that have been exposed to the virus.

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

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