

Building/Communion Schedule		
Peyton	Feb.	20
Gomez	Feb.	27
Children's Bible Time		
Sheldon	Month of	February
Peyton	Month of	March

Preacher

Cecil Belk

Associate Preacher

Walter Hulett, Sr.

Ministers (Servants)

Every Member

Times Of Assembly

Sunday

Bible Class & Nursery... 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Assembly..... 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Assembly..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

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“ By this you will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
 John 13:35

Area & National TV & Radio Programs
Know Your Bible
 WJSB-1050 AM/WAAZ-104.7 FM, 5:45 a.m., Mon.-Sat. - Jason Green, Airport Rd. Church of Christ

In Search Of the Lord's Way
 DirTV channel 364 — Sundays at 7:30 a.m. EST
 INSP Network: Galaxy 1R — Transponder 17 — Orbit Position 133 West
 Sundays-7:30 a.m. EST — Dish Channel 259, Sunday 7:30 a.m., EST
 Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) Sun. 7:00 p.m. EST
 Mon. 2:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. EST Thurs. 5:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. EST

Daily Program Streaming & Printable Bible Studies
 Web Sites: www.thegospelofchrist.com—www.searchtv.org

Gospel Broadcast Network (GBN) Satellite Dish Broadcasts
 24/7 on www.gbntv.org or by a home satellite dish (K band) and receiver.
 See their web site www.gbntv.org for details.

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Church Shopping

(The following article is from material authored by Jim McGuiggan, gospel preacher.)

Church Shopping

That's an ugly expression but it reflects on an ugly thing that has become part of Western Christianity. In a world where individualism is pandemic and our "rights" have become a near obsession "church shopping" isn't too shabby a phrase to cover what we do. And yet, we ought to be shopping.

P.T. Forsyth a Scots theologian of some years ago became incensed when he thought of the way churches were viewed, and viewed themselves. He thundered out against people asking what the church's programs were like, what it could do for them as potential members or what its record of successes was like. He insisted that we shouldn't ask for its programmers or even its pi-

ety but instead we should ask, "What is your gospel?" He was blisteringly, scathingly and cuttngly right! For what difference does it make how successful it is as a religious body or how well it caters for the youth or how involved it is in community benevolence if its gospel is not the "gospel"?

I admitted at the beginning of these suggestions that there's something silly about pretending I could begin again. But I now know that what makes a church great and what makes a church the kind of church that I should urge my family to be involved with is one that knows and loves the gospel that centers in the God who ultimately revealed himself in Jesus Christ at the cross.

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“And having been perfected, He (Jesus Christ) became the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him!”
 Hebrews 5:9

Address Label

Thought for the week: Like Job, be patient under all circumstances. (Job 13:15-16; James 5:11)

Choosing to Love (continued)

part of a local congregation of Christ, they should be. We aren't strong enough to make it on our own. We are sub-Christian if we attempt to make it on our own. Christians have been added to the Body of Christ, which manifests itself in and as local assemblies.

Not only do all Christians need to be part of a local congregation of Christ, they should be. We aren't strong enough to make it on our own.

But see to it that you look out for a congregation that focuses on the gospel of God. That understands what the church is and is not to be. A church that will feed you on the living bread of Christ. A church where the teachers take seriously their calling and work with scripture so that they will shape all the members for service to God in a body which is indeed the body of Christ.

All good advice no doubt but **how do the inexperienced go about this?** Yes, this is a tricky question. Well, **when in trusting repentance you've been baptized into union with the living Christ you are His so trust Him to help you find such a place. Tell Him it's the kind of place you want because you're hun-**

gry to get to know and love Him so you can reach out and bless others also. Rejoice in the hunger you feel for the rich truth of the gospel because it's God's work in you, and fervently ask Him for more. Listen to what's being offered, what's usually talked about in classes and from pulpits and you'll get to know if that church is parading itself or the Master. Is it ceaselessly "issue" oriented, endlessly asking for money to support its projects or is it clear that its' central business is to "grow"? If you've no reason to believe that God's redeeming work in Christ for the world is the vibrant center of that church's faith and that reverent attention is paid to God's word, you need to continue praying and looking. But **if you have reason to believe that their benevolence, community outreach and moral development is fueled by the big, rich truths of the gospel you should thank God and stick to that group like glue.**

By Jim McGuiggan

Via the Prairie Plains Church of Christ Bulletin

"... I declared to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain."

FAMILY NEWS



PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

Pray earnestly for more souls to be saved, and more Christians to be involved in the work!

- Irene Sumter, prayers, health.
- Marti Huddleston, prayers, health.
- Jack Mullins, prayers for health.
- Ben Cisneros, for him to regain his strength and mobility. Prayers.
- Nichole, Irene Sumter's daughter, had surgery on torn tendons. Healing will take some time, prayers.
- Chris Davenport, prayers for health.
- Millie Sanders, knee replacement, prayers.
- Odette Smith, Deloris Peyton, Betty Clepper, Brenda Andrews, Catherine Stewart, Sherri Belk, Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), health, prayers.
- Walter Hulett, Sr. Audrey Otto, Dorene Gicker, Pat Mullins, Jane Powers, Cathy Laird, & family, Bruce Bishopric, Vickie Bishopric, Bob Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother) and Jim Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother), who is caring for his wife Marilyn, and Bobby Lingly, (chemotherapy), health, prayers.
- Franklin King, (Deloris' Peyton's father) Prayers.
- Estelle and Clifford Drisco: (June Curran's grandparents), & Lorraine (June's mother), prayers.



A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR VISITORS.
YOU ARE
HONORED GUESTS!

February Events Calendar

Friday Fellowship Lunch

Friday, Feb. 18th, 12:30 p.m. our Fellowship Lunch is at **Mary's Kitchen**, located in Uptown Station, Ft. Walton Beach.

Building & Grounds Work Party



Last Saturday saw good progress on our tree and brush removal project; and on the restroom painting.



Those involved were Cecil & Edna Belk, Zack Cisneros, June Curran, Billy Lee, Craig McIntosh, and Ralph Peyton.

UPDATE Special Collection Report

Praise God - a total of \$ 2,532.00 has been received, surpassing our goal of \$ 2,500.00 needed to take care of ministry and operating expenses of the congregation.



We Care Ministry Food

Food needed, pick up a sheet in our foyer that lists items needed.

February Birthdays

20th Kizzie Donaldson
23 Jane Powers
29th Billy Clepper

23rd De Griffith
28th Irene Sumter