

Building/Communion Schedule	
Gomez	Mar. 13
Lee	Mar. 20
Children's Bible Time	
Peyton	Month of March
Sheldon	Month of April

Preacher
Cecil Belk

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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CHURCH OF CHRIST Weekly Messenger



“ The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped... ”
Psalms 28:7

National TV & Radio Programs
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.
“Good News Today,” — Sundays, 7:30 a.m. EST,
(New time and satellite TV station channels for “Good News Today”)
Dish Network, ch. 267, Direct TV, Ch. 376,
Glorystar Ch. 117, & SkyAngel ch. 136

The Order Of The White Jacket

At the annual Homecoming at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, you might see a famous governor, or a college president, or any number of prominent business and professional people, proudly wearing white jackets. These jackets signify that these people earned all or most of their way through college by waiting on tables. They were not ashamed of menial labor, they did not hold out for the job they liked, they did not ask for government help - they waited tables, and it helped them earn the education they have since put to such splendid use (Reader's Digest).

Though unknown to the alumni of William and Mary, Jesus started the Order of the White Jacket years ago. His preferred garment was the white jacket. Paul wrote of Him: ,Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:5-7). Jesus, though Creator and King of the world, came as a poor carpenter and servant of His

creation. When His bickering disciples were too proud to wash one another's feet, He took the towel and showed them true greatness (John 13:4-10). He came to serve us, that we might learn to serve Him.

Deacons Must Wear the White Jacket

The word deacon literally means one who kicks up dust as in quick pursuit of a task. They are the special servants of the church who see after much of its physical work. This frees preachers and elders to be involved in the more important areas of teaching, prayer, and soul winning (Acts 6:1-6). Good deacons are of invaluable service to a working church because they are dependable servants.

Preachers Must Wear the White Jacket

Paul was not afraid of menial labor when it was necessary for his support (Acts 18:3). When possible, he took

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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: A person cannot serve two masters.
Matthew 16:24

The Order Of The White Jacket continued)

church support so he could give full-time labor to evangelism (2 Corinthians 11:8), but he was not afraid to get his hands dirty when it was not available (2 Corinthians 11:27). God's preachers today must be willing to work behind the scenes and out of the limelight in order to build God's Temple (cf. Philippians 6:6-7; Ephesians 2:21). Minister, as they are often called, means servant. They should aspire to that worthy position.

Christian Women Must Wear the White Jacket

Though often unnoticed, and rarely praised, godly women are the backbone of most churches. They often are the greatest servants God has. Phebe wore the white jacket long before there was a Virginia, much less a William and Mary college (Romans 16:1)! Martha, though with a priority problem, was not afraid of the white jacket (Luke 10:38-40). Paul disqualified older women from church support if they had failed to wear the white jacket. He wrote, Let not a widow be taken into the number under three-score years old, having been the wife of one man. Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work (1 Timothy 5:9-10).

All of God's Family Must Wear

the White Jacket

Every church needs members who unashamedly by love serve one another (Galatians 5:13). Jesus taught us: But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant (Matthew 20:26-28; 23:11). Jesus is best served when His children care for He would care for if He was still here (Matthew 25:31-46). No church will be very successful which is not made up of white collar members - actually white jacket members. Christians must not be too proud to cut grass, change light bulbs, label bulletins, clean baptisteries, carry the elderly to the doctor or grocery store, vacuum floors, teach children's classes, or whatever it takes to keep the work done (Titus 3:8,14). God's men and women are willing to sit up with the sick, visit nursing homes, spend time with shut-ins, and assist the bereaved (James 1:25). The road signs along the road to success read service.

The Order of the White Jacket has a roster of which any group in the land could well be proud. Though the church may not boast of governors and presidents, we do have kings and priests (Revelation 5:10). Perhaps there should be a chapter of The Order of the White Jacket on every college campus in America. But without doubt, there must be one in every church of Christ, for in order to wear the white robes up there, we must wear the white jacket down here (Revelation 6:11).

House to House/Heart to Heart



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

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYERS &
THANKSGIVINGS



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

Our Military: Prayers for Doug Wilson and Zac Donaldson and their families as they serve in the mid-east for several months.

We thank our God for:

Marti Huddleston's, improved mobility.
Ben Cisneros's improved strength and health.
Dorene Gicker's, improved health.

We pray to our God for:

Jack Mullins, strength and health as he receives chemo therapy.
Jane Powers, awaiting biopsy of a lung.
Sherri Belk, inflammation affecting her eyes.
Nichole, (Irene Sumter's daughter), healing will take some time.
Millie Sanders, healing from knee replacement.

Irene Sumter, Odette Smith, Catherine Stewart, Tom & Peggy Stripp, (Joyce Lee's aunt & uncle), Walter Hulett, Sr., Audrey Otto, Pat Mullins, Kelly Olson, Bob Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother) and Jim Sheldon (Skip Sheldon's brother), who is caring for his wife Marilyn, and Bobby Lingly, (chemotherapy).
Franklin King, (Deloris' Peyton's father).
Estelle and Clifford Drisco: (June Curran's grandparents), & Lorraine (June's mother).
Cathy Laird, & family, Sarah Gomez, Bruce Bishopric, Vickie Bishopric, guidance, strength, and blessings.

March Events Calendar

Women's Monthly Bible Study
(Changed to)

Friday, March 11th, 10:00a.m.

Our monthly study in the Proverbs is at the church building. Invite a friend.

Church Project Work Day

Sat., Mar. 12, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Brush & tree removal,
cleanup, painting, fence building

3rd Friday Fellowship Luncheon

March 18, 12:30 p.m., PoFolks
Niceville, FL

March Birthdays

21st Ralph Peyton	21st Kay Tanner
23 Cathy Laird	28th Dottie Buchala

Thank You Card

A thank you card from the Sheldon's is posted on our bulletin board.

Pictorial Church Directory & Annual Calendar of Events

Pick up your copy in the foyer