

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)



31. Whose daughter came out to meet him with “timbrels and with dances”?
32. What famous man told riddles?
33. Who set fields of corn on fire by tying firebrands to the tails of foxes?
34. Who slew a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass?
35. Who carried away “the door of the gate” of a city?
36. Who slew more in his death than in his life?
37. Who called whom “much more than a prophet”?
38. Who was Elimelech?
39. Name Ruth’s sister-in-law.
40. Who were Mahlon and Chilion?

## Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions

**Did you get them all?**

21. **Sinai.** Exodus 20:18.
22. **Shamgar.** Judges 3:31.
23. **Eglon.** Judges 3:17.
24. **Jesus.** Luke 4:43.
25. **A prophetess.** Judges 4:4.
26. **Jael.** Judges 4:21.
27. **Sisera.** Judges 4:22.
28. **Peter.** Luke 5:5.
29. **Peter.** Luke 5:8.
30. **Peter.** Luke 5:10.

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	37
Sunday AM Worship	44
Sunday PM Worship	38
Wednesday Bible Study	31
Daily Bible Readers	5
Offering	\$1306
Building Fund	\$84,850

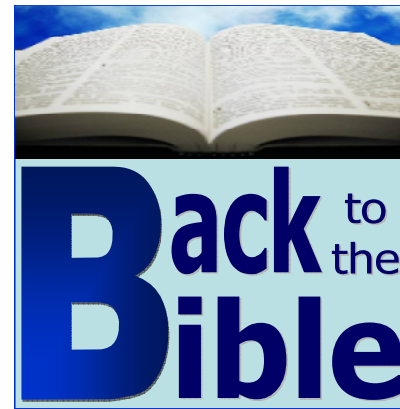
### Today's Sermons

Morning: “A Great Church”

Evening: “Studies in Hebrews” – Chapter 1

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### Times of Services:

#### Sunday

Bible Study:..... 10:00am

AM Worship:....11:00am

PM Worship:.....6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

#### Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

“Back to the Bible”

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#### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lectureship

*Thought Provoking*

*Questions From the New*

*Testament – Part 2*

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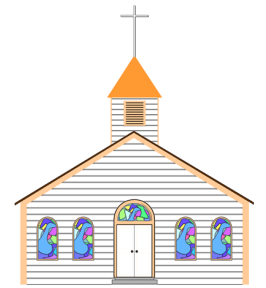
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## The Lord's Choice In A Church



The slogan has existed for many years. In most newspapers that advertise the worship services of churches in that community you will find these words of encouragement: “Attend The Church Of Your Choice.” These words please most people. It is the “democratic” thing to do. The majority of people believe such a statement brings glory and honor to Christ. But does it? This is the question for us to consider as we turn to the only book that can give us a truthful answer – the Bible.

Long before the birth of Christ it was prophesied that “in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever” (Dan. 2:44). Jesus, during His ministry on earth, said to Peter, “I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matt. 16:18-19, emph. MLW).

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## Those Needing Our Prayers:



*“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).*

Kiana Miller	Velma McMillian	Della Jones
Nancy Cannon	Mike & Joy Osborne	Adriane Osborne
David & Alice Turnmire	Eugene Kidder	M. Fields
Savannah Bedenbaugh	Steven & Jessica Winters	Jim & Amanda Winters
Clayton Winters	Everette Morefield	Shannon Rash
Jim & Nancy Miller	Bonnie Keys	Garland Dillard & Family
Debbie & Danielle Matkins	Mark Miller	Sandra Dillard
Ed Melott (mission trip)	Leta Bright	Streeter Blowers
Becky Venable	Rick & Becky Barr	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 3 – Men’s Business Meeting Following Evening Service

October 3 – Ladies’ Bible Class Following Evening Service

October 11 – Singing – Margate Rehab – 6:30 PM

One will note that the word “church” is singular, not plural. Christ promised to build only one church – His church. Other inspired Scriptures affirm this truth. The apostle Paul notes that there is but “one body” (Eph. 4:4). One will also observe that the Scriptures affirm that Christ is the “head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph. 1:22-23). Paul also records that Christ has promised to save only His “body” (Eph. 5:23).

Since God does not lie (Titus 1:2) and His Word is always true (John 17:17), let us ask some questions. If Christ were on earth today would He attend His church or some man’s church? Would the Savior attend the church purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28) or one purchased with man’s money? Would the Lord attend a church of which a man or group of men serve as its head or the one of which He is its head? Do you believe that Jesus Christ would attend a church governed by the creeds and votes of men that continually change or the church that is governed by His Word which has long been settled in Heaven (Psa. 119:89)? Does or does not the Lord’s choice in a church matter? Which church would He choose to attend? Would Christ choose the church that wears

His name and thus gives Him the honor and glory rightly His, or would He choose some church wearing a man-made name that honors a human being? These are questions that cannot be ignored and they deserve an answer!

Most people today choose a “church” for the wrong reason. Some choose a particular “church” because of its beautiful architecture.

We are not commanded to worship the building so this is not a valid reason. Others choose a “church” solely because of what it can offer their children. They have in mind fun and games, pizza parties, ski trips, camping trips, volleyball, softball, and an appealing chauffeur(oops, youth minister) to shuttle the young folks to and from their entertainment appointments. The Lord’s church is not in the entertainment and recreation business. Parents should be the “youth directors” and they are the ones responsible for all recreation and entertainment engaged in by the young people. Some choose a “church” because of its size as if large numbers are to be equated with spiritual success. The truth is that only a few were saved in the ark (1 Pet. 3:20) and a few, not many, will be in Heaven (Matt. 7:13-14).

If one is truly interested in the salvation of his soul does it not make sense to choose to attend the Lord’s church? One distinguishing characteristic of the Lord’s church is that it was established on the Day of Pentecost in A.D. 33 as promised in Holy Scripture. Any “church” that comes into existence after A.D. 33 cannot be the Lord’s church. The name “church of Christ” is not a man-made name and is a Scriptural term (Rom. 16:16). It does not honor and glorify some man. It shows ownership and gives honor and glory to the one whose blood purchased the church – Christ (Acts 20:28).

No, the “attend the church of your choice” slogan is not found in the Bible! It is the product of man’s thinking and man’s wisdom. All roads do not lead to Heaven as so many believe. Jesus is very clear in declaring, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). There are not many “ways,” or many “truths,” and eternal life is found only by following the Savior.

Why not choose to be a member of the Lord’s church that He promised to build? Obey the gospel plan of salvation so that the Lord can add you to His church (Acts 2:47). Choose the congregation because of people’s love, reverence, and respect for the Word of God. Are you willing to abide by the Lord’s choice in a “church.” Make your choice the Lord’s choice so that your soul may prosper.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. - Matthew 7:21 KJV