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Sunday Bible Study	45
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Christ - The Foundation

F O U N D A T I O N	-	FIRM (Foundation for stability) —————	1 Peter 2:64
	-	ORDAINED (Foundation for sacrifice) —————	1 Peter 1:20
	-	UNITING (Foundation for security) —————	1 Peter 2:5
	-	NAMED (Foundation for selection - "elect") —————	1 Peter 2:6
	-	DURABLE (Foundation for sureness) —————	Isaiah 28:16
	-	APPOINTED (Foundation for supremacy - "chief") —————	1 Peter 2:6
	-	TRIED (Foundation for testing) —————	1 Peter 2:8
	-	INVALUABLE (Foundation for preciousness) —————	1 Peter 2:6
	-	ONLY (Foundation for salvation) —————	1 Corinthians 3:11
-	NOTABLE (Foundation for choice - "chosen") —————	1 Peter 2:4	

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Times of Services:
Sunday
 Bible Study:.... 10:00am
 AM Worship:..11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

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

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
 "Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
 by Mike Hixon

The church is a marvelous institution that exists in accordance with God's eternal will (Eph. 3:9-11). It was purchased with Divine blood and has as its head Jesus Christ (Acts 20:29; Eph. 5:22-24). There was a time in history when sincere men and women desired to go back and call Bible things by Bible names and do Bible things in Bible ways. The slogan of the restoration era was, "Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent." What a noble plea. Peter said it like this: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet. 4:11).

Unfortunately, there are those among us today who are not content to walk in "the old paths" (Jer. 6:16). They have a desire to restructure the church and make it like a denomination, which it is not. In Memphis, there is a great deal of disparity in what is being taught and practiced in various congregations. Some are having their "traditional" and "contemporary" services. Some have

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employed “praise teams.” Some have hand clapping and hand raising. Others have gone for human testimonials. We have also seen the emergence of the community church. Where are we headed? What can be done to stem the tide? Consider these three things.

First, we need to have the conviction to stand up and speak out. Why is it that some congregations have been woefully silent about the community church effort? Why is it that some members silently sit by and watch change agents take over the congregation they attend? Is it possible they lack the conviction of heart and soul to stand up and speak out? Contrast the attitude of silence demonstrated by brethren today to that of Peter and John. When threatened, they boldly declared, “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20).

Second, we must mark those causing division in the body of Christ. In Romans 16:17-18, Paul wrote, “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.” Is it pleasant to mark wayward brethren? No. However, if we are going to be true to God’s Word, it must be done. In his Letter to the saints of Galatia, Paul indicated that there were some troubling them with a perverted gospel (Gal. 1:6-9). Is this not what is taking place in the brotherhood today?

Third, we must encourage brethren to sever fellowship with congregations that refuse to adhere to the New Testament (2 John 9:11; Eph. 5:11). If a congregation refuses to give up the various innovations that have been introduced, brethren who want to go to heaven should leave (Rev. 2:10). Otherwise, they become a partaker of “evil deeds” (2 John 11).

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

by Batsell Barrett Baxter

1. **PRAY IMMEDIATELY UPON ARISING.** In what better way can we begin the day than by thanking God for His protection and care during the night and by asking His guidance and help during the new day? Prayer at the beginning of the day is an insulation against evil throughout the entire day.

2. **PRAY BEFORE EVERY MEAL.** God has provided for our needs in such a

bountiful manner! The least we can do is express our gratitude as we sit down to enjoy each meal. In these days when we eat meals in a crowded restaurant, a few moments of silent prayer often must serve for the audible prayer which we pray around our tables at home.

3. **PRAY AT SET TIMES.** The ancient Jews, and others, reserved specified periods each day for prayer. We find it helpful, too. These regular times serve as reminders and help keep the busy world from crowding out our periods of communion with God. One woman uses her dish washing time for prayer.

4. **PRAY WHEN YOU ARE DISCOURAGED.** Most of us do not need much encouragement to pray when we are discouraged or when we face some special problems. At such times prayer comes naturally. It is comforting to know that God listens to our prayers in times of crisis. The Christian has the privilege of leaning upon the Lord in times of difficulty.

5. **PRAY WHEN YOU ARE HAPPY.** It is easy to pray in times of crisis...and easy to forget to pray when life is running smoothly. Christians need to thank God for their happy and prosperous lives.

6. **PRAY IMMEDIATELY BEFORE RETIRING.** After the cares and toils of the day the child of God needs to talk with his heavenly Father. There are blunders to be confessed, sins to be forgiven. And there is gratitude to be expressed for the blessings of the day. Sleep will be sweeter if we have committed ourselves to the Lord’s loving care.

7. **PRAY FERVENTLY.** James says, “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (Jam. 5:16). Christ commended the importunate widow for her persistence (Luke 18). We must feel deeply the things we say to God, and must say them earnestly, fervently in full faith.

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*“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”
(II Corinthians 10:3-5).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct 21 – Song Service
- Nov 4 – Men’s Business Meeting (Budget Meeting) & Ladies’ Bible Class
- Nov 11 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell