

A sunset over a lake with a hand holding a Bible in the background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and sky. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the foreground, the water is calm, reflecting the sun's light. In the background, a hand is visible, holding an open Bible. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

The Lord's Church Is Precious!

Ephesians 5:23-32

Matthew 16:18 Because of its builder

“And I also say to thee, that thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build My **church**;
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail
against **it.**”



Church = Singular in number



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“Church” Defined



ekklesia: “to call out of” ...
“the called out ones”

An Assembly

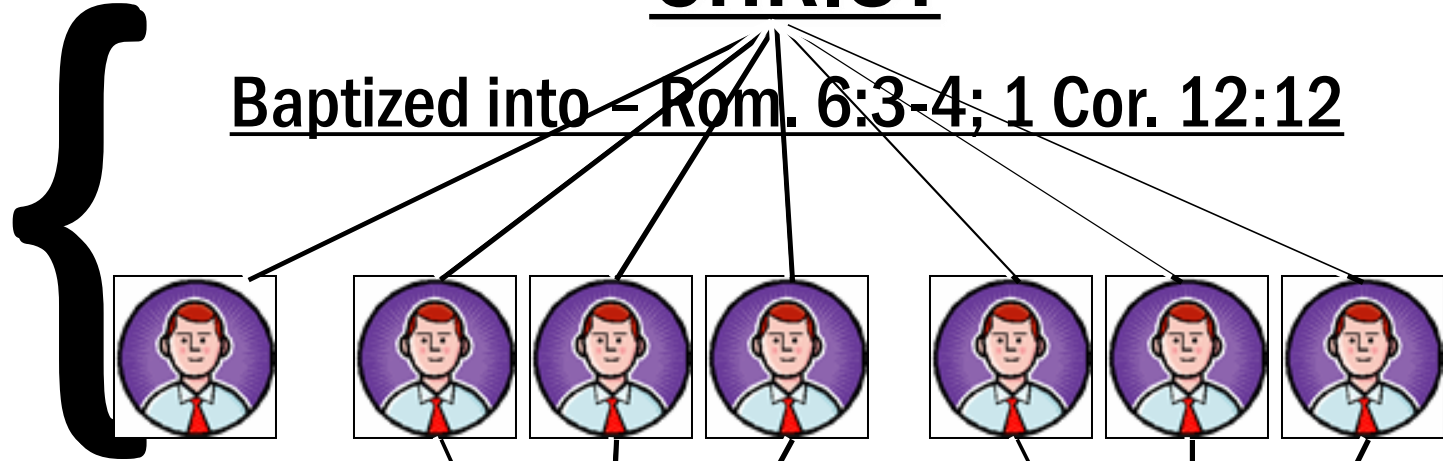
- Israel, Acts 7:38
- Riot, Acts 19:32, 41
- Gov’t body, Acts 19:39

Body of the Saved

“Called out” of darkness
by God, by the gospel
2 Thess. 2:14

CHRIST

Baptized into - Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:12



CHURCH

(Universal)

Mt. 16:18

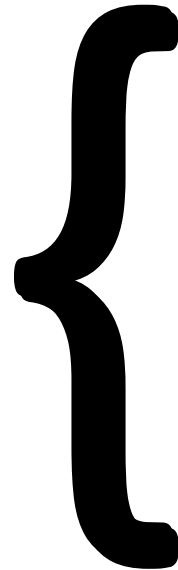
CHURCH

(Local)

(elders, deacons, saints)

Acts 14:23;

Phil. 1:1



Local Church

Acts 11:22ff

Local Church

Rev. 2:1

Churches of Christ

Rom. 16:16

“Precious” Defined

Timios – “Held as of great price, i. e. precious: metaphorically, held in honor, esteemed, especially dear.” (Thayer)

1. 1 Pet. 1:19 Blood of Christ.
2. 1 Pet. 2:4 Christ rejected of men, precious with God.
3. 2 Pet. 1:4 Precious promises.
4. Heb. 13:4 Marriage; cf. 1 Pet. 3:7
5. Rom. 12:10 Relation to other Christians.

“Precious” Defined

Polutimos – “Very valuable, of great price.” (Thayer)

1. Mt. 13:46 Pearl of great price.
2. Jno. 12:3 Pound of ointment.
3. 1 Pet. 1:7 Faith more precious than gold.

“Precious” Defined

“Of great value or high price – Precious jewels

“Highly esteemed or cherished – A precious friend

Antonym: cheap (Webster)

The Church Is Precious

The Church Is Precious Because It Is purchased by the blood of Christ. Acts 20:28

❖ Price determines value. Cf. Mt. 13:46

❖ No higher price! Cf. Jno. 15:13

➤ **For those NOT in the church, Christ shed His blood in vain!**

The Church Is Precious

Blood Purchased Redemption. 1 Pet. 1:18-19

❖ Man needs redemption.

- Sin is presented as slavery and sinners as slaves. Jno. 8:32-36; Rom. 6:17,20; 2 Pet. 2:19.
- Deliverance from sin is freedom . Gal. 5:1.

❖ Redemption is “IN CHRIST.” Eph 1:7; Rom. 3:24-25

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The Church Is Precious

Blood Purchased Justification. Rom. 3:20-26; 5:9

❖ Man needs justification ...

Freedom from condemnation. Rom. 8:1

- Cannot be justified by “law keeping.” Gal. 3:11

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The Church Is Precious

Blood Purchased Reconciliation. Eph. 2:13-16

- ❖ Man needs reconciliation. Cf. Isa. 59:1-2
 - Man must be reconciled to be saved. Cf. Rom. 5:10
 - Reconciliation commanded. 2 Cor. 5:10

- ❖ As the body is the church (Eph. 1:22-23) and reconciliation is in the body, then reconciliation is possible **ONLY** in the church.

- **For those NOT in the church, Christ shed His blood in vain!**

The Church Is Precious

Blood Purchased Sanctification. Eph. 5:25-26

❖ Man needs sanctification. Rom. 6:19-22

Definition: “To purify by expiation, free from the guilt of sin”
1 Cor. 6:11 (Thayer)

❖ Sanctified by “*washing of water with the word.*”
Eph. 5:26

- Saul of Tarsus. Acts 22:16; 9:18
- Baptism into his death. Rom. 6:3-4

➤ **For those NOT in the church, Christ shed His blood in vain!**

The Church Is Precious

The Church Is The Body Of The Saved Acts 2:47

- ❖ Those who are purchased by blood. Acts 20:28
 - The Redeemed. 1 Pet. 1:18-19
 - The Justified. Rom. 3:20-26
 - The Reconciled. Eph. 2:13-16
 - The Sanctified. Eph. 5:25-26

- **For those NOT in the church ,Christ shed His blood in vain!**

The Church Is Precious

The precious church will be presented a “glorious” church. Eph. 5:26-27

- ❖ “Metaphorically, a glorious Church, signifying the Church adorned in pure and splendid raiment as a bride (Eph 5:27)” (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- ❖ “Figuratively equivalent to free from sin, (Eph 5:27).” (Thayer)
- **Those NOT in the church, are NOT so honored. Christ shed His blood in vain!**

Local Church: Precious

- ❖ We strive together. Phil. 1:27
- ❖ We rejoice and grieve. Rom. 12:15
- ❖ We suffer and honor. 1 Cor. 12:25-26
- ❖ We edify and correct. Gal. 6:1; 1 Cor. 5:1
- ❖ Let us be thankful. Rom. 1:8; etc.

the family flyer

FALL/WINTER
1979-80

A SCHEDULE OF FUN
FOR EVERYONE!



LOOK IN HERE AND SEE
ALL THE POSSIBILITIES
OF JOINING IN PLENTY
OF ACTIVITIES!

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
MADISON CHURCH OF CHRIST

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
HOURS OF OPERATION

Closed
6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging
8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open
10:00 P.M. - Closed
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September 1, 1979

Dear Family Life Member:

We are glad to introduce to you more of the Family Life programming for 1979-80. We hope we have planned some programs for you that you will be interested in and will be beneficial to you. We want to bring you programs that you have a need for. Many programs will be annual events with some special programs that will serve you biannually.

The Madison congregation will grow in love and fellowship if we not only worship together, but as we participate in our daily lives with other christians.

Involvement is an important concept in today's world. As christians, we should live and not exist. So, please allow me to extend a personal invitation to you and your family to participate in our family life ministry.

In Christ,

Buck Dozier

Buck Dozier
Family-Youth Minister

Tuesday

GOLDEN AGERS

We encourage all of our members in the Golden Years to participate in the Family Life Program for their age. We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. for fun and fellowship, with the exception of scheduled outings such as a few as follows:

- September 18 - State Fair - Woman's Building
- October 9 - Belle Carol River Boat Ride
- 27 - Goodpasture Arts & Crafts Festival
- 30 - Halloween Party
- November 13 - Clarksville
Christmas Crafts (Special Project)
- December 4 - Hickory Hollow Shopping Mall
- 11 - Cheekwood Christmas Trees
- 18 - Covered Dish Luncheon (Due to Christmas
being the following week)
- January 29 - Covered Dish Last Tuesday
- February 12 - Valentine Party
- 19 - 100 Oaks Shopping Center



There will be a covered dish luncheon every last Tuesday of the month unless otherwise scheduled. All other Tuesdays will be regular get-togethers. Watch the MARCHER for any changes in plans or added events.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY: Closed
MONDAY: 6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging
8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open
10:00 P.M. - Closed
TUESDAY: 6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging
8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open
10:00 P.M. - Closed
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging
8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open
5:00 P.M. - Closed
THURSDAY: 6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging
8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open
10:00 P.M. - Closed
FRIDAY: 6:30 A.M. - Track Open for Jogging
8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open
10:00 P.M. - Closed
SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M. - All Areas Open
10:00 P.M. - Closed

We encourage Sunday School classes, zones, and departments to secure Family Life Center reservations on Saturdays. Please make these reservations two months in advance if possible.

Please make it a habit to check the directory board in the hallway for times that the multi-purpose room or any other area will be reserved.

If you have not secured a membership card to the Family Life activities, please do so in the youth office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.



ARTS AND CRAFTS



MACRAME

Instructor: Frankie Gamble 833-1157
Beginning Date: September 17th
Ending Date: November 19th
Day: Monday
Times: 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Class Limit: 16 Beginners
Cost: Cost of materials that you use.



Anyone is invited to attend this ten-week course on macrame. The class is limited to 16 beginners, but if you are already experienced at working with macrame and would like to join the group to work on some of your own projects, you are welcomed to come and be with all of us for fun and fellowship.

CERAMICS

Instructor: Madlyn Jackson
Beginning Date: September 18th
Ending Date: November 20th
Night: Tuesday
Times: 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Class Limit: 20 People
Cost: Cost of materials that you use.



Come and learn the art of working with ceramics and being able to create something made by you. Hurry and register since we only have a limited number that will be able to attend.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS HEALTH

"So God created man in His own image; in the image (and likeness) of God created he him."---Gen.1:27

"Thank you, God, for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about your workmanship is marvelous."---Psa.139:14

"Have you forgotten that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit...and is God's gift to you? Therefore, bring glory to God in your body."---I Cor.6:19

"Do not neglect the spiritual endowment you possess." I Tim.4:14

"Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."---Rom.12:1

A SPIRITUAL PRESCRIPTION:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." III John 2

"God expects FITNESS, both SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL in everybody!"---Milford O. Rouse, M.D.

FALL AND WINTER UPCOMING SPORT EVENTS

JOGGING/WALKING
BOWLING LEAGUE
VOLLEYBALL-MEN & WOMEN
LADIES SLIMNASTICS
BASKETBALL-MEN & WOMEN



VOLLEYBALL

FIRST AID

Everyone needs a basic knowledge of first aid. The course will acquaint you with life-saving techniques and the most common emergencies at work and at home. This course will be especially good for mothers of children.

Instructors: Buck Dozier and Ron Cook
Dates: Thursday Evening - October 18 & 25



CPR

SPECIAL COURSE IN CARDIAC PULMONARY RESUSITATION!

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States. A person having a heart attack needs immediate help. Your knowledge of cardiac pulmonary resusitation (CPR) could save their life. Come learn the techniques.

Instructor: Carol Bradley
Dates: Tuesday - October 15 & 22
Times: 6:30 to 10:00 P.M.
Age: 15 or Older
Class Limit: 15 Persons
No Cost

**SAVE A
LIFE!**

You will be certified following this course in CPR. You will also learn basic anatomy, symptoms of heart attacks, and the basic risks that lead to heart attacks. Course will be taught by qualified instructors.

Roll up your sleeves to save a life. Be a blood donor and help us reach our goal of 100 pints. Watch in the MARCHER for the exact date.

BLOODMOBILE COMING IN FEBRUARY

VOLLEYBALL

DATES: September 3rd through
WHO: Men's League - (18 years old and up)
Women's League - (18 years old and up)
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Room - Family Life Center

Monday

There will be a men's and women's league for those 18 years old and up. A captain will be appointed for each team with at least ten members per team. A round-robin will be played to declare each league's champion. Be sure to get in on the beginning for some great intramural games each Monday night.

SPRING VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES BEGIN MARCH 9TH ALONG WITH OTHER SPRING ACTIVITIES - BE WATCHING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE FAMILY FLYER.

LADIES SLIMNASTICS

ALL LADIES COME-----

WE NEED YOU AND YOU NEED US IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Are you physically out of shape?
Do you huff and puff after walking up a few stairs?
Does your body have poor circulation because of lack of exercise?
Do you avoid shoes with shoelaces?

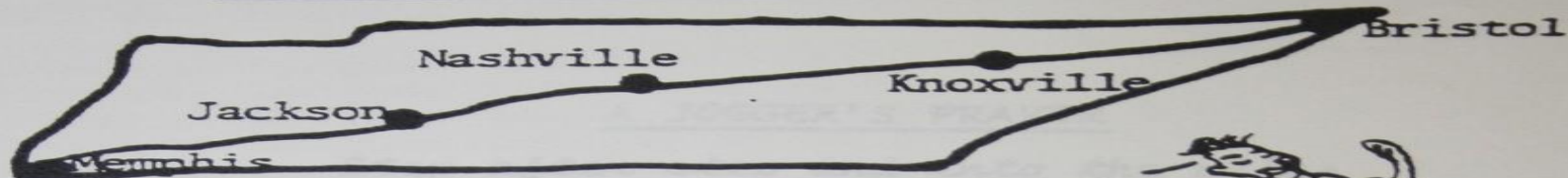
THEN COME JOIN US-----

Instructors: Anna Huffine and Terry Gamble
Beginning Date: September 17th
Ending Date: November 21st
Class Limit: 35 Ladies
Days: Monday and Wednesday
Time: 2:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Babysitting will be provided.



JOG OR WALK THE STATE OF TENNESSEE



Jogging Clinic
will be two Thursday
Nights on Oct. 4 & 11

Come join and jog or walk the I-40 route across the State of Tennessee. You will begin in Memphis and end in Bristol. No one's name will be placed on the board until you have jogged 50 miles. Total distance is 518 miles. Sign up for this new program and cover the State of Tennessee with us. Jogging cards are available at the Equipment Room desk in the Family Life Center. Stop watches and pedometers are also available there. A Jogging/Walking Manual is available upon request from the Youth Office on how to begin a jogging or walking program.

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

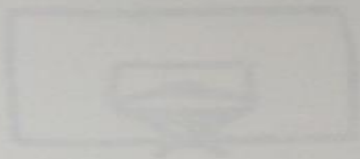
BOWLING LEAGUE

Jim Daniels is Captain of our church bowling team and Betty Armstrong is the team secretary. For further information on joining this, please contact Jim at 824-0961 or Betty at 824-5335. All games will be bowled at the Hendersonville Bowling Center on Monday nights.



**BOWLING
LEAGUE**

BASKETBALL



BASKETBALL FOR ALL AGES:

- Intramural Leagues for Boys - 8-14
- Intramural Leagues for Girls - 8-14
- Intramural Leagues for Boys - 15-18
- Intramural Leagues for Girls - 15-18
- Intramural Leagues for Boys - 19-25
- Intramural Leagues for Girls - 19-25

A JOGGER'S PRAYER

Step after step and into the miles
Let me run, O Lord, with You.

Each pace is a possible fall
As I lean forward on air.

Faith in my feet, and there is no fall.
Onward I go.

Over the miles and across the years,
Let me run into You, O Lord.

Each footfall in Jesus Christ alone,
As I stretch to the road.

Faith in my Lord, and there is no fall.
Onward, I go.

HLG

OFFICIATING CLINIC

Learn the art of officiating sporting events
with emphasis on basketball and volleyball.
Emphasis will be placed on learning signals,
techniques, and rules.

BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL FOR ALL AGES:

Intramural Leagues for Boys - 8-12
Intramural Leagues for Girls - 8-12
Intramural Leagues for Women - 18 years and up
Intramural Leagues for Men - 18 years to 29
Intramural Leagues for Men - 30 years and up



All teams will be organized so that everyone will play each game.

League Play Includes Games With Area Congregations:

Senior High Boys
Junior High Boys
Senior High Girls
Junior High Girls

Please sign up for one team. No one will be able to play on both a league team and an intramural team.

Basketball



OFFICIATING CLINIC

Learn the art of officiating sporting events with emphasis on basketball and volleyball. Emphasis will be placed on learning signals, techniques, and rules.

Instructor: Buck Dozier
Date: Tuesday, October 2nd
Time: 7:00 P.M.



HAPPENINGS



Please watch the MARCHER for updates on programming. Please be sure and don't miss the sign-up dates.

The next issues of The Family Flyer will be out in February for spring and summer Family Life Programming.

WATCH FOR:

- Softball
- Volleyball
- Ping Pong
- Ladies Slimnastics
- Golden Age Events
- Fuss Ball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Various Special Courses



ALL WE NEED IS YOU!



Conclusion

- ❖ The Lord's church is "precious." Acts 20:28
- ❖ We must let the church be distinct as the church, so adorned as to glorify the head –even Christ.
 - God gave His Son for it.
 - The Lord of glory died for it.
 - We must not bring its lofty mission down to serve the outward man, but rather we must keep it pure to serve the interest of heaven.
 - **For the unfaithful, Christ died in vain.**