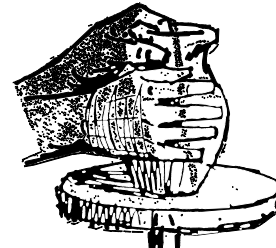


# His Workmanship at Westside

*"For we are His  
workmanship, created in  
Christ Jesus for good works."  
—Ephesians 2:10*



Isaiah 64:8

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## Church of Christ—What Does the Name Mean? *by James P. Miller*

For over a hundred years men have sought to escape the force of the scriptural name for the church by contending that since Romans 16:16 mentions "churches of Christ" in the plural, church of Christ in the singular will not meet God's requirements. It seems clear to all but these teachers of error that if all New Testament churches were churches of Christ, then each one was a church of Christ. Consider the following twelve reasons why the church of the first-born is named the church of Christ as well as the church of God, cf. Heb 12:23; and 1 Cor 1:2; 1 Thes 1:1; 2 Thes 1:1; and Ax 20:28; 1 Cor 10:32; 11:22; 15:9; 2 Cor 1:1; Gal 1:13; 1 Tim 3:5.

**1. CHRIST IS THE BUILDER OF THE CHURCH.** Jesus said, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it," Mt 16:18. He said "church" not "churches." He spoke of "it" not "them."

**2. THE CHURCH IS CALLED THE HOUSE OF CHRIST.** "For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor

than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He Who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, Whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end," Heb 3:3-6. The house of Christ is the exact equivalent of the church of Christ.

**3. CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH.** It was built upon Christ, the Son of the Living God, the very "rock" that Peter confessed, Mt 16:18; cf. Lk 6:48-49. "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Cor 3:11. In Christ's early years He was familiar with building and grew up in a carpenter's shop, Mt 13:55. Did he lay a foundation large enough for his building (the church) and hundreds of others? No, the foundation was designed exactly for the building he erected. "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the

foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in Whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in Whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." The church rests on the foundation of God's truth.

"Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His'" and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity,' " 2 Tim 2:19.

**4. IT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BECAUSE CHRIST IS ITS HEAD.** "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all," Eph 1:22-23. "And He is the head of the body, the church, Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence," Col. 1:18. If he is the head of the body, it is the body of Christ; therefore, it is the church of Christ. Is he the head of many bodies or a divided and mutilated body? No. "And He is the head of the body, continued on p. 2

**"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth... All things were created through Him and for Him." —Colossians 1:16**

*the church"...for the sake of His body, which is the church," Col. 1:18, 24.*

**5. IT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BECAUSE IT IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.** *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it," Eph 5:25. Christians are in the church, and the church is married to Christ, "Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him Who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God," Rm 7:4. The church is set apart particularly for Christ, and Christ alone: "... For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ," 2 Cor 11:2.*

**6. THE BRIDE WEARS THE NAME OF THE HUSBAND.** She gives him glory through wearing his name. *"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen," Eph 3:21. Christ's name is the basis for our unity. The three rhetorical questions in 1 Corinthians 1:13 show that we are to wear only the name of Christ, Who is not divided, Who was crucified for us, and in Whose name we were baptized. That produces unity, not denominationalism! "If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter," 1 Pet 4:14-16. We call ourselves Christians to honor Christ; we do not call ourselves Godians, and we do not call ourselves*

*by any other name, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." The church must honor the name of Christ rather than the name of some man (Lutheran) or some doctrine (Methodist, Baptist).*

**7. THE CHURCH COMPRISES THE SAVED.** *"Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," Ax 2:47. We see that if they should be saved, God added them to the church. They did not join a church, and it was not left up to them, but the Lord added the saved ones to the church. At the end of Pentecost, every saved person in Jerusalem was in the church of Christ, for the Lord had added the saved to it. There was not a saved person who was not in the church, and every responsible person outside the church was lost. That divine process continues today. Therefore, the church of Christ is not a sect or a part of anything; it is the whole thing!*

**8. MEN ARE RECONCILED TO GOD IN THE CHURCH.** *"...and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity," Eph 2:16; see Col 1:13-23. The church is the one body, Eph 1:23. Question: where else can a sinner be reconciled?*

**9. IT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BECAUSE CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR OF THE BODY.** *"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the savior of the body," Eph 5:23. The body is the church, Eph 1:20-23.*

**10. IT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BECAUSE IT IS THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.** The kingdom and the church are the same institution.

*"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside," Mt 13:19. Both the church and the kingdom of God come from the same seed. "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth," Gen 1:11. THE CHURCH IS CALLED THE KINGDOM OF GOD'S SON: "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son," Col 1.13. JESUS CALLED THE CHURCH "MY KINGDOM": "Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here,'" Jn 18:36.*

**11. IT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BECAUSE IT IS IN CHRIST.** *"For as we have many members in one body, but not all the members have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another," Rm 12:4-5. "And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ," Gal 1:22.*

**12. IT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST.** *"Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything," Eph. 5:24.*

Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate—that is, He came to earth to be God's Word in flesh and blood so men could see God's glory. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word*  
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Psalm 133:1



### Fill your canteen in 2013

“May you be filled with all the fullness of God.”

—Ephesians 3:19

### The Name Church of Christ, from p. 2

was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.... That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth,” Jn 1:1-5, 9-14. Jesus is the creed of the church. Because He is the Word, He is our guide in all things spiritual, that is, in the whole of our lives. The church is distinctive and can be easily identified by its name, its worship, and its work. If we do not maintain our distinctiveness as the church of Christ, we have no right to exist. If we are not going to preach the truth of God boldly, let us not preach it at all. If we are unwilling to teach Christ and His gospel and to

## Discipleship Here At Home

oppose false teachings and false practices, let us quit claiming to be the people of the holy God! The church of Christ is not a denomination. But as soon as we cease preaching the distinctive message of Christ and His gospel, we cease being the true church of Christ and become something else. How can a person say he has Christ-centered faith if he is not in the church that Christ built and is not walking by faith that comes by hearing the word of God, Rm 10:17? If some wear the name Christian but are not in the church, which is Christ's kingdom, then they are in darkness, Col 1:13-23.

When people say one church (denomination) is just as good as another, they are correct—all denominations put together are not as good as the church that God planned in eternity; the church our Lord bought with His own precious blood, Ax 20:28; the church brought into fulfillment on Pentecost, Acts 2; and the church which was prophesied by the Old Testament prophets and fulfills God's eternal purpose, Eph. 3:10-11. To say this divine organization is equal to or parallel with human denominations is to border on blasphemy and endanger the souls of those who teach and believe denominations are as good as the church.

**WELCOME:** We eagerly and delightedly receive you into our worship today! Your presence here gives us great pleasure and joy, and we are grateful to you and to God for gracing our assembly! If you have needs and want someone to listen, to help, and to pray with you, we're here with open hearts to share God's love and comfort. After the sermon, the elders will be available in the foyer for immediate prayer and spiritual support.

### PRAY FOR healing, protection, help, and comfort here and away

**Ruth Hice, Pat Campbell's** mother—invasive colon cancer; surgery 6/14, now in rehab at: Legacy Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation, Rm #15, 900 W. 12th St, Russellville, AR 72801; send cards, pray also for family, husband Delmar Hice

**Gary Boyd**—recovering from pneumonia  
**Judy Sartin**—double pneumonia; acute bronchitis

**Mark Campbell**—in rehab after second head injury; recovering at home

**Judy Strand's** son **Joe Huff**—recurrence of neurological symptoms, black-outs, from brain injury he suffered in a 2007 car accident

### CHRONIC CONDITIONS

**Logan Corray; Rocco Sangellino Jr;**

**Addison Tope; Pat Wilkes**—asthma

**Pearl Chapman**—leg pains; pancreatitis

**Nell Free**—pacemaker, heart; back pain

**Rod Green**—thyroid trouble

**Autumn Hadders**—epilepsy

**Kirk Johnson**—worsening MS; needs help around his house

**Menards**—aging; **Lloyd**, diabetes;

**Virginia**, now legally blind from rapid macular degeneration; high BP

**Sandra Perry**—neuropathy from diabetes

**Lynda Szymanski**—COPD, lung

**Job concerns** **Andrew Tope, Lorenzo Gonzalez, and Frank Savarese** are seeking jobs.

**Traveling** **Patricia Ward** is vacationing this week. **Kaysha Howell** will leave Fri for 3 weeks in NY.

**BEREAVED** **Madge Wallace** passed away 6/9 of lung cancer; memorial Monday, 6 pm, at Pratt Parkway Christians' building, 1601 Pratt Pkwy, Longmont 80501; reception after at **Carmichaels'**, 1131 Twin Peaks Cir, Longmont 80503.

**REJOICE** **Justin and Marie Carlson** are the parents of baby girl **Emma Elizabeth**, born yesterday **Expecting** **Amy Vander Kooi**—August, boy



### Exposing current thoughts & trends

#### Remington Sticks to His Guns in School Flap

The principal may have turned off his microphone, but Remington Reimer still got the last word. Two weeks after Joshua High School made headlines for interrupting the Valedictorian's speech, the superintendent has apologized. The censorship story spread like wildfire on June 6, when Remington decided to add to his "pre-approved remarks" and talk about his relationship with Jesus instead. "Most important," Reimer told his class, "I want to thank God for giving up His only Son for us to an excruciating death on a cross, so His blood would cover all our shortcomings and provide for us a way to heaven in accepting His grace."

The rest of Remington's speech was censored, but that didn't matter. In the next few days, the media's coverage only amplified the message the school had tried to cut. "We are blessed," he said, "to live in a country where we can express our beliefs—where our mikes won't be turned off... I will not have my freedom of speech taken away from me. And I urge you to do the same."

The Joshua High School principal Mick Cochran called Remington's father in the next day and vowed to crush the Valedictorian's career goals. "Specifically," said Liberty Institute attorney Hiram Sasser, "he threatened to send a letter to the U.S. Naval Academy advising them that Remington has poor character."

Not only was it a childish and vindictive response, but Cochran's bullying exposed the school to a public and damaging legal fight—which experts agree would have been an open-and-shut case. Apart from violating Reimer's free speech, Cochran violated a specific Texas law on viewpoint discrimination that protects students who talk openly about their beliefs.

To head off a lawsuit and further embarrassment, Superintendent Fran Merek complied with Liberty Institute's demands by releasing a public statement admitting the error. He apologized to Todd and Remington Reimer "for any interpretation of a threat by Mr. Cochran in expressing his displeasure at a meeting on Friday morning between Reimer and Cochran following Remington Reimer's valedictory address..." He said the District has would not take punitive action against Remington and endorsed Remington's appointment to the Naval Academy. Then, in a nod to future graduates, Merek vowed that school officials will follow "district policy" for upcoming ceremonies.

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### Assembly Schedule

#### Sunday

Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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This afternoon:

### A Walk in Their Sandals Series

"Rahab," by Kory Tope