

Daily Bible Reading
OCTOBER

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| 1. Ephesians 4 | Isaiah 11, 12,13 | ○ |
| 2. Ephesians 5:1-16 | Isaiah 14, 15, 16 | ○ |
| 3. Ephesians 5:17-33 | Isaiah 17, 18, 19 | ○ |
| 4. Ephesians 6 | Isaiah 20, 21, 22 | ○ |
| 5. Philippians 1 | Isaiah 23, 24, 25 | ○ |
| 6. Philippians 2 | Isaiah 26, 27 | ○ |
| 7. Philippians 3 | Isaiah 28, 29 | ○ |
| 8. Philippians 4 | Isaiah 30, 31 | ○ |
| 9. Colossians 1 | Isaiah 32, 33 | ○ |
| 10. Colossians 2 | Isaiah 34, 35, 36 | ○ |
| 11. Colossians 3 | Isaiah 37, 38 | ○ |
| 12. Colossians 4 | Isaiah 39, 40 | ○ |
| 13. I Thessalonians 1 | Isaiah 41, 42 | ○ |
| 14. I Thessalonians 2 | Isaiah 43, 44 | ○ |
| 15. I Thessalonian 3 | Isaiah 45, 46 | ○ |
| 16. I Thessalonians 4 | Isaiah 47, 48, 49 | ○ |
| BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION | | |
| 17. I Thessalonians 5 | Isaiah 50, 51 ,52 | ○ |
| 18. II Thessalonians 1 | Isaiah 53, 54, 55 | ○ |
| 19. II Thessalonians 2 | Isaiah 56, 57, 58 | ○ |
| 20. II Thessalonians 3 | Isaiah 59, 60, 61 | ○ |
| 21. I Timothy 1 | Isaiah 62, 63, 64 | ○ |
| 22. I Timothy 2 | Isaiah 65, 66, | ○ |
| 23. I Timothy 3 | Jeremiah 1, 2 | ○ |
| 24. I Timothy 4 | Jeremiah 3, 4, 5 | ○ |
| 25. I Timothy 5 | Jeremiah 6, 7, 8 | ○ |
| 26. I Timothy 6 | Jeremiah 9, 10, 11 | ○ |
| 27. II Timothy 1 | Jeremiah 12, 13, 14 | ○ |
| 28. II Timothy 2 | Jeremiah 15, 16, 17 | ○ |
| 29. II Timothy 3 | Jeremiah 18, 19 | ○ |
| 30. II Timothy 4 | Jeremiah 20, 21 | ○ |
| 31. Titus 1 | Jeremiah 22, 23 | ○ |

When I teach or preach do I come across as a boss or a leader? I found this in an old book by an un-

Known writer and added a couple words to apply to the church: A boss creates fear, a leader creates confidence. A boss fixes blame, a leader corrects mistakes. A boss knows it all, a leader asks questions. A boss makes work (study) drudgery, a leader makes work (study) interesting. A boss is interested in himself, a leader is interested in the group (class or congregation). —Charles—

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Gospel Meeting
October 9th—12th with
Brother Jim Poland

Here at Lincoln church of Christ

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ANNUAL FALL LECTURES

Camdenton church of Christ

October 16th - 19th

Speakers will be Chuck Northrup, Jerry Sullins, Jimmy Clark, Daniel Stearsman, Johnnie Scaggs and Larry Yarber.

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Remember the student preachers in your prayers whom we support at B.I.M.: Jordan Allen, Alex McCutcheon, Isaac McCutcheon, Evan Welch, Mathias Williams.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Maverick Lutjen 1st
Marge Gibson 3rd
Diana McCorkle 9th
Dane Ferrel 11th
Jacelyn Lancaster 25th

ANNIVERSARIES

Van & Mollie White 6th
John & Mary Lancaster 24th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week
To Marge Gibson Oct 3rd

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“I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” — (John 8:12)



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Service Times

BIBLE STUDY 9:30 am

WORSHIP 10:30 am &
6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM

KAYQ 97.1 FM

9:30 am Sundays

“House to House, Heart to Heart” published and mailed by-monthly

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS

Channel 10, Springfield, MO

“In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way”

7:00 am

“The Living Word” 7:30 am.

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When the Old Becomes New

Charles R. Rose

When our children were in school their mother would often volunteer to assist the teachers in parties and such for their class. Today she does the same as "class Grandmother." Once, while helping in our daughter's 1st or 2nd grade class with games for the children one small boy went home all excited, telling his mother of a "new game" Mrs. Rose taught them. "What was it," his mother asked. "Well, I don't know the name of it but it's new," he remarked. "Well, how was it played?" the mother asked. "You put up this picture of a donkey and blindfold a person and they try to pin its tail on it while blindfolded."

I can recall playing that game back in the forties and fifties, taught to me by a mother who had played it in the twenties and thirties, no doubt taught to her by a mother who played it in the late eighteen hundreds. but to a small child who had never played the game it was brand new.

Is this not the way it is with New Testament Christianity? Although it was established some two thousand years ago by our Lord Jesus Christ, to many today it is a strange "new religion." The reason being, mankind has gone off after other religions, which are "played" by a different set of rules. They use creed books, church manuals and other such books containing rules and by-laws which differ from the New Testament pattern set down by Holy Spirit inspired men (cf. 2 Peter 1:21) who were true disciples of Christ. One cannot be a Christian as Christ desires one to be by changing the rules which He established any more than one can play "pin the tail on the donkey" by playing under the rules of football or monopoly. It just will not work!

In many respects our society of the twenty-first century is much like that found by Paul in the city of Athens as recorded in Acts chapter seventeen. Not that our neighbors are worshipping many different idolatrous gods as were the Athenians (Acts 17:23), but due to their following a perverted gospel (Galatians 1:6-9) the one TRUE God is unknown to them. To try to worship and serve the God of the Bible whom Paul introduced to that society (Acts 17:24-31) by following the philosophies of mere men is to fall into the same spiritual trap, *"For all the Athenians and foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing:"* (Acts 17:21). All the different teachings were accepted as equal. But, *"When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, 'We will hear you again on this matter'"* (Acts 17:32).

Ignorance of God's rules is no longer acceptable, but God *"now commands all men everywhere to repent"* (Acts 17:30). To repent means to turn, change directions of one's life to follow Christ. To be *"buried with Him though baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"* (Romans 6:3-4). The *"we also"* of this passage implies that we are resurrected spiritually as He was resurrected physically. We die to sin, are buried with Christ to be resurrected to a new life. When the Athenians heard of this resurrection *"some mocked,"* while others desired to hear more (Acts 17:32). If this is new to you, never having followed the rules set forth by Jesus, may I remind you that when one is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27) he becomes a *"new creature."* This is the point where *"old things become new"* (2 Corinthians 5: 17 KJV).

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are: **Sunday Bible study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible classes 7:30 P.M.** Please fill out a visitor's card and drop in the collection plate. Please turn off all cell phones.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER:

Pat Warren, Donna Boney, Bailey Chew, Cathy Dalki, Melissa DeWitt, JoDell Kieffaber, Pat & F. L. Morrison, Naomi Perriguet, Bruce Rushton, Dave Rushton, Melissa Smith, Kim Francis, Dustin Wilson, Talia Brown, Maggie Kyle, Don & Lois Strader, Larry Tadlock, Shirley See, Eugene Jenkins, Garry Williams, Lawrence McCloud, Mona Farmer, Chester Reynolds,

Jessica Runions, a close relative of Eric Flores has been missing since September 8th.

THOSE OF THE LINCOLN CONGREGATION INCLUDE: Jimmy & Darlene Coggins, Ethel Davis, Jody Clymer, Rodney Carr, Dixie Duncan, Jim & Beverly Leatherman.

Men's Monthly Business Meeting TODAY following evening service

Play By The Rules

Al Parr

Baseball, Football, Basketball, Hockey... America is a sports-crazed nation. I can imagine a person watching so many games that he dreams at night of a baseball game played on a football field with a puck knocked through a hoop. But each game has its unique rules, and between the lines there is never argument over which game is being played, or what its rules are. I took balls, bats and gloves along on our mission trip, and introduced baseball to people who had never seen a game and had no idea of the concept. We organized the field and the teams according to the rules and played the same game that is played where the game is well known. Jesus said, *"I will build my church"* (Matthew 16:18). 3,000 were in it on the first day (Acts 2:41). They carried everywhere (Acts 8:1, 4) the same doctrine and practice they learned from the beginning (Acts 2:42), and the result was churches of one doctrine and practice in every city (Romans 16:16; I Corinthians 16:1; Ephesians 4:4-6). The New Testament identifies the name, organization, terms of membership and doctrine of the one church Jesus will save (Ephesians 6:23).

Carry baseball rules overseas and you're still playing baseball. Follow the apostles' doctrine in Jacksonville and you have only the church of Christ. It worked everywhere in the first century, and it will work here today. Are you in the church Jesus built, or are you trying to play baseball by football rules?