

April 22, 2007

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#### SUNDAY

Bible study, 9 a.m.  
Worship, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

#### MONDAY

Monday Night for the Master  
6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Ladies' Bible class, 10:00 a.m.

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#### **This morning's sermon and**

**Scripture:** "God's Family"

1 Tim. 3:15

#### **This evening's sermon and**

**Scripture:** "Beloved, There  
Are No Little Things"

Zechariah 4:6-10.

## Bulletin and News of the CHURCH OF CHRIST That worships in Kissimmee

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### "By What Authority?"

It is correct to ask, "By what authority do you do these things?" (Mat. 21:23-27). Whatever we do must be done by the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17). We must not go beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6).

Many people say, "There is nothing wrong with this. Where does the Bible say I can't do it?" That is the wrong question. The Bible is not a list of everything we can't do. God has told us what to do. To do anything more or less is wrong (Num. 22:18-20, 2 John 9).

Sometimes the Bible is very general in giving authority. For example, we are commanded to teach (Mat. 28:19), but we are not given any specific method to use. Therefore, one may use lecture, question/answer, group discussion, etc.

On the other hand, the Bible is sometimes very specific in giving authority. For example, we are commanded to sing unto God (Eph. 5:19). Here God specifies the kind of music He wants. Therefore, to play an instrument unto God would be unauthorized. Though the Jews were given such authority (Psa. 150), Christians have no such authority.

It is also important that we recognize the difference between an aid and an addition. Microphones and songbooks aid us in carrying out God's command to sing. Using them we have still only done what God has commanded. But a musical instrument is an addition to God's command.

Let us be careful not to do anything without authority from Christ! Let us use every means to carry out God's command, but never do any more or less than He has commanded (Rev. 22:8-19).

Robert Dodson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

Visitors and members please fill out an attendance card (located on the back of the pew in front of you) and pass it to the center aisle at the close of the service. We also ask that you please turn *off* your cell phones so they will not interfere with our wireless sound system.

Happy Birthday to: Krissa Farmer, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jerri Cowell, Darrell Wright, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Gary & Valerie Castel, Ted & Ailine Spurlock, Nick & Melissa Farmer, Thomas Stafford, 25<sup>th</sup>, Grayson Neibling, 26<sup>th</sup>, Donna Roberts, 28<sup>th</sup>; Bets wishes to all of you.

Please continue to remember the sick and shut ins, they include *Cherri Wright* who continues to undergo chemo treatments *Tom Hyslop* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *Edith Bickford*, the aunt of Harold DeBord fell and broke her left hip, she is 92 years old, *Carol Hubbard* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *Shyanne Dumford*, had to spend the night in the hospital this past week with a virus, she is improving, *David C. Miller* underwent a quadruple bypass this past Wednesday, everything went well, *Don*, the son of Lois Windham, *Mary Davidson* the sister of Bea Spurlock, the son of Sue Jones, *Billy Jones*, is home from the hospital they are considering hospice care for him, *Alex*, the grandson of Eloise Hart, *Billy Ballard*, the stepfather of Robert Stafford, *Margaret Parnell*, the mother of Stacey Stafford, *Charlie Mickey*, the cousin of Stacey Stafford is fighting colon cancer, *Terry Allison* the father of Dawn Sprouse, others include, *Louise Davis*, *Floyd Blake*, *Frieda Blalock*, *Bill & Helen Harris*, *Jordan Dumford*, *Calvin & Betty Woodruff*, & *Emma Turner*. Remember all of these in your prayers.

Remember the pantry when you shop, the items needed are: spaghetti sauce, green beans, canned fruit, mixed vegetables, cereal bars, chicken noodle soup.

This is the last Sunday that Janet Dumford will be with us. Her new address is 974 Leeward Place Apt. 304, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. Do not forget her farewell dinner at Red Lobster after services.

If you have any announcement, or any update regarding the sick list that you would like to go in the bulletin, please write in on one of the "Message" cards and drop it in the bulletin mailbox in the foyer. Or you can e-mail it to Betsy & Corey Hair at poohbear4u@peoplepc.com or racine@peoplepc.com. Deadline for bulletin is Thursday evening.

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**Honored To Serve  
This Lord's Day  
April 22, 2007**

The elders respectfully ask all who serve in public worship to please dress appropriately

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS**

AM/PM Ansel Hicks

**-SONG LEADER**

A.M. Chuck Broyles

P.M. Gary Burford

**-OPENING PRAYER**

A.M. James Maness

P.M. Joe Gannotti

**-READ SCRIPTURE**

A.M. Eddie Litton

P.M. Wayne Steenberg

**-SERMON**

A.M. David Boren

P.M. David Boren

**-LORD'S SUPPER**

A.M. Jim Beltz

P.M. Jim Beltz

**-ASSISTING**

A.M. Craig Martin

Tim Cope

Daniel McCard

David Herndon

P.M. Jonathan Castel

**-CLOSING PRAYER**

A.M. Ray Wells

P.M. Harvey Brownlow

**-USHERS**

A.M./P.M. Jonathan Castel

John Sprouse

**-GREETING VISITORS**

H & D Brownlow

**-CHILDREN'S NURSERY**

A.M. Pam Whittemore

Brittany Whittemore

P.M. Dawn Sprouse

**-PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH**

Lois Windham

**-BAPTISMAL GARMENTS**

Lois Windham

**God's Family**  
(1 Timothy 3:15)

- I. Man's Family.
- A. What is a family?
1. The family is more than just a BLOOD relation.
  2. The family is a SUPPORT system; a team.
- B. What is the PURPOSE of a family? To SUPPORT one another through this world, and ultimately DELIVER each member to Heaven (Heb. 11:7-10).
- C. EACH family member has a responsibility toward that goal.
1. The HUSBAND must do certain things:
    - a. He must LOVE his wife (Eph. 5:25).
    - b. He must PROVIDE for his family (1 Tim. 5:8).
    - c. He must properly INSTRUCT and train his children (Eph. 6:4).
  2. The WIFE must do certain things:
    - a. She must LOVE her husband (Titus 2:4).
    - b. She must KEEP the home (Prov. 31:27).
    - c. She must also love her CHILDREN (Titus 2:4).
  3. The CHILDREN must do certain things:
    - a. Children must OBEY their parents (Eph. 6:1).
    - b. Children must behave and conduct themselves in such a way as to HONOR their parents (Eph. 6:2).
- D. Unfortunately, though, many families have lost sight of that goal, and have become mostly focused on WORLDLY pursuits (temporary treasures).
1. All too often goals are made that are NOT sufficient to hold a family together.
  2. Take the simple matter of ATTENDANCE for example.
    - a. It is true, in many cases, that father and husbands - sometimes wives and mothers - MUST sometimes take jobs that require them to work during hours of Bible study and worship service; thus, preventing them from regularly attending the various services of the church (1 Tim. 5:8).
    - b. Now, then, there are other times when fathers and husbands - wives and mothers - and sometimes children, work, not out of NECESSITY, but so that they can enjoy more earthly goods --- and this, at the expense of attending the various services of the church.
      1. No extra or unnecessary JOB, vehicle, clothes, spending money, or any other material thing is worth risking our SOUL for.
      2. As families, we need to support putting GOD first in our lives, and discourage anything that gets in the way of that (Matt. 16:26).
- E. In pursuit of these worldly goals - many a good family have had to make sacrifices, especially SPIRITUAL sacrifices. They sacrifice the time & effort necessary to sustain QUALITY family relationships.
1. Teens often experience TROUBLED years, and husbands & wives sometimes enter MID - LIFE crisis, etc.
  2. They look for the degree of relationship NEEDED to support the one who is struggling, and it simply isn't there.
    - a. The husband and wife realize they have DRIFTED away from each other.
    - b. The parent and child who have lived in the same house for 18 years, realize they do not KNOW one another.
    - c. The FAMILY system crumbles, the family team fails, and often the individual is left wandering, or worse yet, lost!
- F. What can we do? There is no other answer than this:
1. EXAMINE the relationships in your family and improve them.
  2. LEARN your responsibilities and uphold them.
  3. FOCUS on the goal, the reward: Heaven.

## II. God's Family.

### A. God has a family as well.

1. God is the FATHER and we, Christians, are His children (Eph. 5:1).
2. Christ is the GROOM and we, Christians, are His BRIDE (Eph. 5:22-32).
3. Furthermore, Christians are brothers and sisters; we are BRETHREN (Eph. 6:23).

### B. God's family has a FUNCTION (1 Thess. 5:9-11). We are all to have the same goal: to SUPPORT one another through this world and ultimately DELIVER each member to Heaven.

### C. Just like in man's family, EACH member in God's family has a responsibility toward our common goal.

1. God, as the Father, provided and CONTINUES to provide for us (John 3:16; 2 Peter 1:3; 1 Peter 3:12).
2. Christ, as the husband, has loved us and GIVEN Himself for us (Eph. 5:25).
  - a. We, Christians, as the bride of Christ, must love, honor, and OBEY Him.
  - b. Love, honor, and obedience are the very IMPORTANT responsibilities of each member of God's family - while as a TEAM - we work together toward our ultimate goal: Heaven.

### D. One might wonder if God's family has lost sight of that goal, and instead has focused on WORDLY pursuits; and in so doing, have sacrificed the time and effort necessary to sustain the QUALITY of relations needed as God's family.

### E. The resulting weakness, once again, is all too often not noticed until TRIALS arise in the lives of church members.

1. The earthly family is struggling, or has failed, and it is time for the SUPPORT team of God's family to function.
2. How truly sad it is when we look for the degree of relationship NEEDED to support the one who is struggling - and even in God's family, it isn't there.
  - a. Once again, even in God's family, the child realizes he doesn't know the FATHER.
  - b. Members, who have been brothers and sisters for years, realize they do not KNOW one another.
  - c. Thus, as with the earthly family, the support system crumbles, the team FAILS, and often the individual is left wandering, or worse yet, lost!

### F. What can we do?

1. We can EXAMINE every relationship and improve them.
2. We can LEARN our responsibilities and uphold them.
3. We can FOCUS on the goal: Heaven.

### Conclusion:

1. There is a difference between a HOUSE and a HOME; we (Christians) are in God's house, but have we made it a home?
2. The question we need to ask ourselves: "Am I PART of God's family?"
  - a. If I am not, then I am "HOMELESS," spiritually speaking.
  - b. Now, then, if we are a part of God's family:
    1. "Are we DOING our part, helping one another, encouraging one another to reach our goal: Heaven?"
    2. "Are we a PRODUCTIVE member of God's family?"