

# Tidings From Timothy

"Let's go back to the Bible! Let's do Bible things in Bible ways! Let's call Bible things by Bible names! Let's worship and live according to the pattern! If it's authorized in God's Word, let's do it! If it isn't, let's refuse it!"

Our plea is for the restoration of New Testament Christianity. We see religious unity which can only be realized by returning to "the old paths."

Religious unity is possible. God planned it (Ephesians 4:4-5). Jesus prayed for it (John 17:20,21). Paul pleaded for it (I Corinthians 1:10). However, all of us being one in Christ is impossible until we return to God's Word. We must all plant the same seed (Luke 8:11), speak the same thing (I Corinthians 1:10) and follow the same standard (Philippians 3:16).

The Bible is inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). We are to live by it (Matthew 4:4). We will be judged by it (John 12:48). It alone should guide our lives!

"Let's go back to the Bible!" I ask you, "Isn't that a wonderful plea?" Ask yourself, "Am I really following the Bible?" Why this emphasis? Because we want to please God! Why this plea? Because we care about you!

Let us now consider the government of the church. The churches of Christ have no ecclesiastical form of government. In the first century, each congregation was self-governing. There was no system of government larger than the local congregation.

The churches of Christ have no conventions or councils. No group of men have the authority to "legislate" for the church. The church is not a democracy. It is a monarchy. Christ is King!

The churches of Christ have no human head. Jesus Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22, 23). He is to have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18). He has all authority (Matthew 28:18).

In the Bible, God's simple plan of organization is given. Each congregation is to have bishops (elders) and deacons (Philippians 1:1). The qualifications of these leaders are given in I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9. They do not enact laws. Rather, they guide the congregation in obeying Christ's law as dictated in the New Testament.

--Dwight Fuqua

**Y**outh Devotionals: When our young men conduct the service, it allows all of us, both young and old, to see the progress we are making in spreading the gospel with a new generation. Won't you come tonight and help us worship with them? Also, plan on staying afterward for the fellowship meal. **NOTE:** I need one of our young Christian ladies to do me a favor. Tell me this morning that you would like to volunteer to get the names of visiting teens and young people this evening. I need such a list for advertising and evangelistic purposes.

## In Need of Prayer

Please keep in prayer our shut-ins and those that have been in the hospital and nursing home, it means so much to them that you are praying for them. Olene McPherson has been ill and Martha Pettet has been fighting direculitis.

## Birthdays

Linda High	8 <sup>th</sup>
Mitchell Guffey	9 <sup>th</sup>
Logan Owen	9 <sup>th</sup>
Heather Clements	10 <sup>th</sup>
Debbie Copas	11 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Goode	11 <sup>th</sup>
Brenda (Veachel's) Harlan	12 <sup>th</sup>
Revena Page	12 <sup>th</sup>
Shelia McGeorge	12 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>
Shelby Sparks	6 <sup>th</sup>



## What makes the church of Christ different?"

Consider the plea of the churches of Christ. Peter wrote, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Peter 4:11). Our desire and plea is for men to return to God's word!

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

### Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

⇒ **Yes!** I want to learn more about the Holy Bible. Please enroll me in the eight lesson FREE Bible Correspondence Course (we even pay for the postage).

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**Genesis 4:3 - 7** <sup>3</sup>And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup>So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

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Schedule of Services:

**Sunday:**

Bible Study... 9:30am  
Morning Worship... 10:05am  
Evening Worship... 6pm

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study... 7pm

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