

# Good News

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#### SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

##### SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

Worship.....10:20 a.m.

Worship.....5:00 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

We are currently involved in a Food Pantry Drive for the West Tennessee Children's Home. Below is a list of the needs:

100% Juice (Apple, Grape, Orange)

Velveeta Cheese

Kool-Aid (canisters or packs)

Little Debbie Snack Cakes

Gatorade Powdered Mix (canisters)

Cream of Chicken Soup

Cereal (Sweet) (Fruit Loops and Crunch Berry are favorites of the residents)

Cooking Oil (vegetable or canola)

Canned Pineapple

Canned Chicken

Granola Bars

Toilet Paper

Garbage Bags w/drawstrings (13 and 39 gal)

All Purpose (Bathroom and Kitchen cleaners)

Aluminum Foil

Paper Towels

Laundry Detergent (HE)

Deodorant Soap (bars)

Dishwasher (liquid, powder or pods)

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# Is The church of Christ a Denomination ?(Pt. 1)

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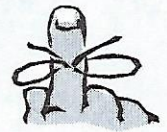
Recently, we received an e-mail from a man who had an objection to the October issue of the Spiritual Sword. He made the claim that in our listing of the denominations and their origins, we had failed to mention the origin of the "Church of Christ denomination" (sic). There have also been some comments made in the adult auditorium class about the "other denominations," implying that the church is a denomination. Is it the case that the church of Christ is a denomination? We will seek to answer that question in our bulletin article this week through a list of points.

1. When we take into account the Latin origin of the word "denomination", we see that it means "the act of naming from (or down)." The church of Christ was not "named from" any other group; in fact, it is the body from which all the denominations have "named themselves." The church of Christ is simply the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23).
2. The church of Christ cannot be a denomination because it has no earthly founder. Some have made the claim that the church of Christ was started by Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone. These men were part of what was called the Restoration Movement. In order for something to be restored, it must have already been in existence. The church that belongs to Christ was already in existence, having been founded by Jesus Christ Himself (Mat. 16:18).
3. The church of Christ cannot be a denomination because it has no earthly headquarters. One cannot go to a place such as Rome or Salt Lake City and find some headquarters of the church that belongs to Christ. Christ is the only Head of His only church (Eph. 5:23).
4. The church that belongs to Christ cannot be a denomination because it follows no man-made creed. Each denomination that exists has some kind of creed book, whether it be the Book of Mormon, the aforementioned Church of God's Bylaws, or any other books that one could wish to name. Those who are members of the body of Christ merely speak as the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11), and submit to the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17).

These have been just a few reasons why the church of Christ cannot be a denomination. Lord willing, next week we will continue with other reasons that the church that belongs to Christ is not, and cannot be, a denomination.



# RON'S REMINDERS



"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." I Cor. 9:24

"....and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," Hebrews 12:1

Below is an excerpt from the Facebook site of Treasure Scott. Treasure is an outstanding Christian lady who along with her husband Kevin are excellent parents whom Karen and I have known for years. The two verses I referenced above tie into her post. It points to our need as Christians running the race to run with others.

I wish I had a dollar for every time I have been asked, "Why do you love the sport of running so much?"

I was introduced to running by my daddy when I was in the sixth grade. We would go out and run after his very long day at work ... it was our special time together. Our time together taught me that running allowed me to take good care of my body and overall health; it allowed me to do something that many others could not, or would not, do; it gave me time to spend in prayer; it allowed participation from people of every shape and size in body build; it allowed me to dream; it taught me that runners are a special breed and team; it gave me a passion to pass along to my own children; and it was, and still is, cheaper than a therapist.

Saturday Bo had a cross country meet in Nashville. This is a meet that we have been to numerous times, starting Sloan's sophomore year. But this year's race was the most special. After Bo's race, he and I watched the start of the race for the larger high schools. After everyone ran past, we stood there talking and noticed a young man approaching. With no other runners close by, he was giving the run his all. The other runners finished their 3.1 miles, the race directors cleared the timing clock and began the next scheduled race. As the next group of runners settled into their race, that same young man was continuing his run and was approaching the same spot where Bo and I had noticed him earlier.

Bo went to the team tent to change out of his jersey and put on his running shoes. He started working his way backwards on the course to find the dedicated and alone young man. When he found him, he asked if he could run along with him to keep him company. For a mile and a half he encouraged this young man, reassured him of what a great job he was doing and learned that his name was Carson. As Bo and Carson rounded the last 400 meters of the race, Carson's teammates were cheering, his coach was beaming and many of us were crying.

Carson finished the second 5K of his career that morning with a smile on his face because he did so 2 minutes faster than his previous race! He told his teammates that he wouldn't have set a PR had it not been for the guy running with him. And let me tell you, he finished his race with at least 4 new found fans in the Scott family. Carson could have cut numerous corners along the course because officials didn't know he was still running and no one was watching ... but he didn't. He gave his all and reminded us all of what determination and perseverance looks like. I'm incredibly proud of Carson and my son ... neither of whom will ever forget this experience.

So, you want to know why I love the sport of running? This is why.