

# 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

CHRISTIAN RUDENESS - Victor Eskew

The words that title our article are really a contradiction of terms. Christian people should NEVER be rude. Christians should be the kindest and most courteous people on the planet. Their hearts have been tempered and molded by their precious Savior Jesus Christ. They have been filled with the love of God. They are longsuffering, forbearing and know how to suffer wrongs if they must.

Yet, not all Christians are able to display a Christ-like disposition at times. Instead of being kind and courteous, they are rude and unloving. They will even display rudeness to their brothers and sisters in Christ. What is even sadder is that sometimes they feel as though they are justified in their boorish actions.

They refuse to speak to you.  
They will not show Christian hospitality.  
They will speak evil of you to others.  
They will try to ruin you goals and dreams.  
They will manifest their hate in their looks.  
They have absolutely no compliments on your behalf.  
They seek to find every fault and blemish to highlight.  
They will persecute you if they must.  
They will show their rudeness to your family members.  
They will refuse to support any good thing you do.  
They will twist and turn your words.  
They will try to ruin your character.  
They will speak harshly to you.  
They will bully you.  
They will shun you.

These manifestations of rudeness happen for many reasons:

Jealousy  
Personality conflicts  
Immaturity  
Minor disputes/conflicts  
Optional disagreements  
Anger  
Selfishness  
Hate  
Doctrinal disagreements  
And on the list goes.....

Christian rudeness is not just a one time mess up on a bad day. It is an intentional action that is committed against another person due to something deep within one's heart. The rudeness is shown over and over and over again. The person against whom it is displayed is supposed to feel the rudeness. The rude person wants the other to know that they are not liked, appreciated, or wanted. What a horrible disposition for a child of the King to have.

My friends, when we are intentionally rude to others, we have committed a sin. Instead of being gracious, we were gruesome. We ought to repent and seek the forgiveness of the one to whom we have been rude. Remember: Rude, crude, and unattractive are not the kind of behaviors God's children are to display. Paul writes: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind..." (I Cor. 13:4).

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## Is The church of Christ a Denomination? (Pt. 3)

Bradley Smith




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For the past few weeks, we have sought to answer this question. This week we will continue with more reasons why the church that Jesus built is not, and cannot be, a denomination.

1. The church which Jesus built worships according to the word of God. In the assembly of a congregation of the Lord's church, you will not find mechanical instruments of music in worship, women usurping authority over a man (such as "women preachers"), tithing, or many other modern "innovations" to worship. What takes place in these assemblies? Singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord (Col. 3:16), Gospel preaching (2 Tim. 4:2), observance of the Lord's supper every first day of the week (Acts 20:6-7), laying by in store as God has prospered us (giving) (1 Cor. 16:1-2), and numerous prayers being offered (James 5:16).
2. **The following point is borrowed from Cecil May, Jr. in the July 1972 issue of the Spiritual Sword:** Men often ask, "Do you believe that you have to be a member of the church of Christ to be saved?" When the terms of the question are understood Biblically, it answers itself. When "church of Christ" has its New Testament meaning, which is its only proper meaning, then it is that "one body" (Eph. 4:4) to which Christ adds all the saved. Since salvation is by Christ upon our obedience to the gospel, and since we are added to the church of Christ upon our obedience to the gospel, the question really becomes: "Do you have to obey the Lord in order to be saved?" Then we can turn simply to the words of Jesus: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"(Matt. 7:21).

These have been a few reasons why the church which Christ built cannot be, and is not a denomination. Lord willing, we will continue with this study next week.

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*BIRTHDAY</b> <b>**ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p>Please be sure that we have your birth date and anniversary date on file in the church office.</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER COMMUNION SERVICE</b></p> <p>Dewey Murray                      Ransom Reaves Ed Lyon                                Jason Smith Thaxter Hodum                      Ron Wallace McArthur Frison                      Doug Miller Alternate: Larry Pike</p>				<p><b>1</b> Mark 5-8</p>	<p><b>2</b> Mark 9-12</p> <p>Comm. Prep- Dewey &amp; Wynona Murray</p>
<p><b>3</b> Mark 13-16</p> <p> Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p><b>4</b> Luke 1-4</p>	<p><b>5</b> Luke 5-8</p>	<p><b>6</b> Luke 9-12</p>	<p><b>7</b> Luke 13-16</p>	<p><b>8</b> Luke 17-20</p>	<p><b>9</b> Luke 21-24</p> <p>Comm. Prep- Dewey &amp; Wynona Murray</p>
<p><b>10</b> John 1-4</p>	<p><b>11</b> John 5-8</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p> <p></p>	<p><b>12</b> John 9-12</p>	<p><b>13</b> John 13-16</p>	<p><b>14</b> John 17-21</p>	<p><b>15</b> Acts 1-4</p>	<p><b>16</b> Acts 5-8</p> <p>Comm. Prep- Donna Hankins</p>
<p><b>17</b> Acts 9-12</p> <p>*Raymond McCoy</p>	<p><b>18</b> Acts 13-16</p>	<p><b>19</b> Acts 17-20</p> <p>*Gary Colley</p>	<p><b>20</b> Acts 21-24</p>	<p><b>21</b> Acts 25-28</p>	<p><b>22</b> Rom. 1-4</p>	<p><b>23</b> Rom. 5-8</p> <p>*Frances Wallace *Sierra Morgan</p> <p>Comm. Prep- Donna Hankins</p>
<p><b>24</b> Rom. 9-12</p>	<p><b>25</b> Rom. 13-16</p>	<p><b>26</b> I Cor. 1-4</p> <p>*Norma McCoy</p>	<p><b>27</b> I Cor. 5-8</p>	<p><b>28</b> I Cor. 9-12</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p></p>	<p><b>29</b> I Cor. 13-16</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>30</b> II Cor. 1-4</p> <p>Comm. Prep- Raymond McCoy</p>