

University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

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Of Christ

University Heights Church of Christ qualifies to be called a church of Christ because in everything it is, and in everything it does, **Jesus Christ, through the New Testament, governs this church.** What a faithful church in the New Testament was, is what this church is. This church is a church in the New Testament definition of the word "church". The New Testament alone dictates the work, worship and organizational structure of this church. This church is what it is, does what it does and teaches what it teaches, because of what the New Testament says. We speak where the Bible speaks and are silent where the Bible is silent. We respect both what God has said and what God has not said, because we understand that God knows God's mind and has revealed his will in the New Testament.

Because of what the New Testament teaches this church recognizes a difference in the responsibilities of this church and the responsibilities of the **individual Christians** that are members of this church. In the New Testament that division between **individual** and **church** responsibility is clearly taught in the teaching concerning the treatment of widows.

1 Timothy 5: 3 "*Honour widows that are widows indeed. 4 But if any widow has children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.*"

1 Timothy 5: 8 "*But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*"

1 Timothy 5: 16 "*If any man or woman that believes has widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.*"

As **individuals** fulfilling their lawful **personal individual responsibilities and desires** the Christians that are members of this church engage in all of the normal family, social, recreational, commercial, civic and entertainment activities that are characteristic of upright, responsible people in our society, but, **because the New Testament does not authorize it**, this church does not engage in any of those. **The New Testament limits and specifies the role of a church.** University Heights Church of Christ respects that, and limits its activities to those authorized by the New Testament for a church.

University Heights Church of Christ has **no organizational structure** through which to work other than **the local organizational structure of this church.** This church sends money directly to the preachers it supports because that is how it was done in the New Testament churches.

Philippians 4: 15 "*Now you Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to my necessity.*"

In the first century **the word of God was made known to the entire world** without any organization, institution, sponsor or society other than **individual self-governing local churches** like the church at Philippi.

Colossians 1: 23 "*If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [be] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, [and] which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*"

Honoring what the New Testament teaches University Heights Church of Christ does not work through or financially support any organization, institution, society, sponsor or any other unscriptural arrangement for teaching, preaching or benevolence. **If the church needed those things they would be in the New Testament.** The fact that they are not in the New Testament indicates that **they are not part of God's plan for doing his work on earth. We honor God's choice and do not work through or support any such unscriptural arrangements because this is a church of Christ and Christ rules it through the New Testament.**

The activities of University Heights Church of Christ are those that are dictated by the New Testament. The facilities of this church are used by this church for exactly the same things that the facilities of New Testament churches were used for.

1 Corinthians 11: 18 "*For first of all, when you come together in the church*"

Acts 20: 7 "*And upon the first [day] of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them, ready to depart on the morrow;*"

Acts 20: 11 "*When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.*"

1 Corinthians 16: 2 "*Upon the first [day] of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as [God] has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*"

1 Corinthians 14:26 "*Let all things be done to edifying.*"

Acts 19: 9 "*But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spoke evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. 10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.*"

1 Corinthians 5: 4 "*In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*"

University Heights Church of Christ does not use its facilities for any commercial, recreational, civic, athletic, social or entertainment activities because churches in the New Testament **did not use their facilities for those activities** and in order to be a church of Christ in fact, **this church must be governed by the New Testament in everything. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY FOR CHRIST TO GOVERN THIS CHURCH.**

Remember To Pray For

Lucy Hale with serious complications from injuries received in a fall
Ruben Amador's daughter, Pamela Clayton, suffering from cancer
Newborn baby of Nate & Tricha Shannon
Dale England
Ella Wells, and her family
Debra Craig
Dallis and Alma Isaacs
Lorene Pagan
Freddie Ward
David and Chessie Harwell
Donna Caldwell
Mabel Greene
Tony Tyree
Ruth Brundige
Cindy Miller
Christie Ellis
Shirley Lewis
Brady Gibbons
Gail Hunter
Larry Flannery
Donnie Joseph
Cheryl Spear
Lanny Hiller
Charity and Abdiel Pallafox
Helen Stephens
Chris Handshoe
Chris and Jen Dooley
Jeffrey Howerton
Addison Pervine
Carl Stripplehoff
Tom Kemp
Freda Blakey

Refusing to do God's will is refusing to receive God's blessings
James 4:8-10

What the Bible does not say not to do is a whole lot more appealing than what the Bible does say to do

But

Would children be considered obedient to their parents if instead of doing what their parents told them to do, they did whatever their parents had not told them not to do?

When we order something would we feel that we were being served if we were sent everything that we had not said not to send?

We order a pair of mittens and they send mittens, snowshoes, skies, parkas, mukluks, compasses, blankets, snow shovels, snow-blowers, tents, ice fishing gear, sleds, snowmobiles and a whole bunch of other stuff.

When we complain their excuse is "But you did not say not to send snowshoes, skies, parkas, mukluks, compasses, blankets, snow shovels, snow-blowers, tents, ice fishing gear, sleds, snowmobiles and all of that other stuff".

Thoughts

The apostle John said that he wrote to little children, to fathers and to young men. I find it interesting that the apostle John wrote to them all in one book and told them all the same thing so that they all had access to all of the information pertaining to the one saved relationship that all have in the body of Jesus Christ.

1John 2:12 "I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him [that is] from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you have known him [that is] from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one."

One gospel of Jesus Christ makes **one body** of believers that are all in Jesus Christ. Their knowledge of and obedience to the teachings of Jesus contained in the New Testament writings of the faithful apostles, give them a unique relationship with each other. In this new relationship the divisions that are the rule in this world do not exist.

Colossians 3: 9 "Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new [man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond [nor] free: but Christ [is] all, and in all."

Galatians 3: 27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

One gospel saves Jew and Greek, male and female, young and old. Every Christian needs to know it all because how else will a Christian answer the questions they are asked concerning their faith?

1Peter 3: 15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you..."

The world and the worldly-minded emphasize divisions at every level and in everything. The teachings of Jesus and of his apostles emphasize and bring about oneness of all believers.

John 17: 20 "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: 21 That they all may be one; as you, Father, [are] in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us"

Notes

Informational Business Meeting Today
4:30 PM

Gospel Meeting November 2-7
FRANK WALTON Preaching
Topic- Faith in Action

Any men who wish to be placed on the roster to speak on Wednesday or Sunday see Garry Banks

There is a time when "me first" is God's will.
Matthew 7: 3 "And why behold you the mote that is in your brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in your own eye? 4 Or how will you say to your brother, Let me pull out the mote out of your eye; and, behold, a beam [is] in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of your own eye; and then shall you see clearly to cast out the mote out of your brother's eye."

Purpose forgotten- A person has forgotten the purpose when they go walking for **exercise** and walk on the roadway because it is **easier** than walking on the sidewalk.

- ◆**Purpose for reading-** Pages or information?
- ◆**Purpose for praying-** Man or God?
- ◆**Purpose for worship-** Man or God?
- ◆**Purpose for good deeds-** Recipient or audience?

Matthew 6:1-6; 23:5-7

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In order to **believe** Acts 2:38 I must **know about** Acts 2:38 and **understand what it says**. Nobody can **believe** what they **do not know about** or what they **do not understand**.

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages 7:30 PM

Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30 PM

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