

Announcements – Bulletin News March 5th, 2017

From the Minister's Desk

The Chase Bride of Christ

“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

(2 Corinthians 11:2)

When one reads about the church in the Bible, it becomes apparent that it is viewed from many perspectives. It is looked upon as a spiritual house (1Pet.2:5), the habitation of God (Eph.2:22), the body of Christ (Eph.1:22;4:4), house of God (1Tim.3:15), and, the church of Christ (Matt.16:18). However, the most beautiful way the church is described is the bride of Christ (Eph.5:25-31; Rev.21:2). Those who have been baptized for the remission (removable, cancellation) of their sins, the Lord adds them to his spiritual bride, the church (Acts 2:47).

In the topic text, Paul says he has a “godly” jealousy for the Corinthian saints. He was their spiritual father because he shared the gospel with them (1Cor.4:15). His jealousy was on behalf of Christ. Paul “espoused” them to Christ. The idea behind this is that of; “harmony,” “join” or to be “fitted together.” He had married them to Christ. This could not be accomplished by the Law of Moses but only by the gospel of Christ. Since the church is the bride of Christ, we must live in such manner as to bring honor to our lord. To be pleasing to Christ we are not to, “be conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom.12:2). We are to “abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul” (1Pet.2:11).

We must not allow “corrupt communication to proceed out of our mouth” (Eph.4:29).

As the bride of Christ, we must follow the only doctrine authorized by him. We are warned by the apostle John that “whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 9). We must always be students of the bible so that we will not “be carried about with divers (different) and strange doctrines” (Heb.13:9). Those who follow the doctrine of men are following the “doctrines of devils” (1Tim.4:1).

In this beautiful position as the bride of Christ may we live in such a way that will give honor to Christ and be a blessing to humanity.

Barry L. Gainey, Minister

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTION:
What Old Testament Character was Called A “Lion’s Whelp?”

Membership 2017

Baptized 5

Placed Membership 3

Open Pantry

March 9th and 23rd from 4-6pm.



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Up Coming Events



Contributions will be taken up for our Benevolence Program today.

Next Sunday there will be a special monetary collection for equipment for our sound system. Please designate on your giving envelope the amount you are contributing. The Elders.



The Bridgegappers will host a dinner for our seniors, ages 55 and up, on Sunday March 26th, immediately following morning service. The committee will be in foyer after morning service beginning today and the next two Sunday's March 12th and 19th, for registration.



Fellowship Night; Saturday March 11th, 6-9pm in the Pavilion.

Teacher's Meeting, Sunday March 12th after morning worship, room 14.

Care Group Leader's Meeting; Monday, March 13th at 7pm, here at the building. LaVance Adkins.

All Care Group Breakfast; Saturday March 18th form 10am to 12pm, for all those who would like to participate.

Authentic Manhood; Saturday March 25th 9am.

Ladies Bible Class; Saturday March 25th 9:30am-11:30am.

Men's Breakfast; Emporia Ave Church of Christ, Saturday March 11th at 8:00am. Speaker; Gary Daniels.



Sis Elnita Johnson

Because of you all there's someone who is thanking God today. Someone who appreciates your warm and caring way; someone who's remembering the special things you do. And wishing you His blessings every day the whole year through. I thank the church for the beautiful flowers.

College Crest Church of Christ; we want to thank the Metropolitan Chorus and those who participated in the Black History Program.



We are thankful to God for **Jalen Beadles** decision to be baptized last Sunday. He is the son of Deon and Tara Beadles.

March Schedule

Ladies Baptism: Hope Foster-Mel Nelson

Bereavement: Linda Crockett-Alma Thomas

Medical Staff: Sicily Bruner Brothers; the Order of Worship is available on line on Fridays after 3pm @

www.chisholmtrailcofc.org

Blood Pressure Check

Today after morning worship. (Ladies Lounge)