# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	9:45 a.m.				
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.				
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.				
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> :					
Bible Classes	6:00 p.m.				

Colton Ferrell, Minister

#### WELCOME!

We invite you to all our services.

"...the churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16)

#### If I were the Devil

1 Peter 5:8-9

"Be	, be	; because you		
adversary the		walks about like a		
	lion, s	eeking whom he may		
Listen and answer	the quest	ions:		
What are ways tha	at Satan ca	n destroy the church?		
<ul><li>a.</li><li>b.</li><li>c.</li><li>d.</li><li>How can we rema</li><li>a.</li><li>b.</li></ul>	in faithful	and strong?		
Notes:				

"The Devotion Minute" on 96.7 WCMJ, WILE 97.7, and WBIK 92.1 "We cannot allow the devil in the church to destroy the church."

#### HE AROSE!

Today the world pauses to reflect upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His resurrection was the crowning event of his earthly sojourn. If we accept it, every other miracle in the Bible can be accepted without question. If we deny it, he becomes a fraud. Apart from the resurrection, Christianity is meaningless. There is no "good news" in the gospel if it is untrue.

To deny Christ's resurrection is to deny our own. Paul wrote: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God...If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:14-19). There is no hope for us if Jesus did not rise. No other event in history is more important. Can we be certain he arose? We answer with an emphatic **YES**!

First, the Bible says he did. At the heart of the gospel message is the assurance that Jesus "died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).

Second, the empty tomb can be explained only by the resurrection. It is obvious his enemies did not steal his body, and it is certain no one was more surprised by the empty tomb than his disciples (John 20:1-10). Only the resurrection can account for the missing body.

Third, there were a number of witnesses to his resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:5-8). Their testimony has never been impugned.

Fourth, only the resurrection can explain the change that occurred in the disciples. Their willingness to suffer, sacrifice, and die for a cause they believed in is proof of the resurrection. They were not motivated by wealth, power, or fame. It was the resurrection of Jesus which brought new life to that small band of disheartened disciples. There was a risen Lord. It is that same faith in the resurrection which motivates his church today. The world pauses one day each year to remember the resurrection, but Christians remember his death and resurrection every day!

He was dead, but now he is alive! Of this we can be certain!

# Welcome! We are thankful for your presence. To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one of the collection plates.

## Scripture Reading

If I were the Devil 1 Peter 5:8-9

Doom, Despair, and Agony on Me! Numbers 21:4;

Gal. 6:9

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

- Join us for our Gospel meeting starting April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Colton is looking for a home to purchase for a reasonable price.

**Th OUR PRAYERS:** Kevin Atkins, Diann Bachmann, Gary Jones, Jody Main, Helena Tewksbury, Hazel Leep, Sandra Holmes, Janet Bennett, Erma Endly, Ed & Susie Gibson, Suzie Horton. **GHUT-ING:** Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, Randy Yost

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**: Peggy Albright (friend of the Starrett's), Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Betty Cox (Diann Bachmann's sister), Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), Jim Barr (Erma's Brother), Wilma Carpenter (Ardith's Sister), Jim & Mary Brothers, Donald and Kathy Bucholzer, Sanford Grant (Linda Steele's son), Anna Crum and Amy Smith (Demetra's Neice and Sister) and remember to pray for one another.

AM Study	Sun. AM	Sun.PM	Giving (\$2,261)	ખદછ.
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## <u>Reminders:</u>

Check out the bulletin board in the foyer for local events.