

UNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Faithfulness to a Standard

The church in Galatia was very diverse. It was one of if not the only group at that time whose membership was made up of poor and rich, Jew and Gentile, men *and* women. While many will say that diversity is one of the church's strengths, it can also cause much tension. Those who are from different socio-economic classes soon discover that they do not live the same. Jews and Gentiles had to face the fact that their upbringing was very different from one another. And the men and women soon discovered that their equality in Christ did not change their roles in the ancient society.

Soon the members of that church started comparing themselves to each other in order to determine who "had it right" or who followed the "real standard." This act of comparison became the germ that caused the church to engage in activity towards one another that Paul defined as "works of the flesh." They became jealous of one another and split up into factions because they were envious and full of rage (Gal 5:19-20).

The simple act of comparing ourselves with one another is one of the biggest dangers in the church. We start to look at ourselves and compare what we have or who we are to others within our body and decide that we are either better than they are or that they are equal to us. In doing this, we are only half right. We *should* compare ourselves; but only to Christ.

³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,⁵ for each one should carry their own load. (Gal 6:3-5 NIV)

When we look at our own spiritual lives, it does no good to use each other as the standard. For if we become the measure by which we are graded, then "**Christ died for nothing.**" (Gal. 2:21). Instead, let us carry our own load and evaluate our spiritual maturity on how spiritual we *used* to be. If I am more peaceful and loving than you, what difference does that make? Instead, I should be asking if I am more peaceful today than I was this time last year. Have I become more self-controlled and disciplined than I used to be? If not, then it won't matter how good anyone else is. Let us always remember not to force others to live like us, but instead to force ourselves to live more like Christ. He's the real standard.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me (Gal 2:20-21 NIV). Love you all, Adam

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is available for children ages 3-10.
We will announce when it's time for your child to be dismissed.

*Today's volunteers are **Kitty Turner** and **Ashlea Stephens***

There is also a nursery upstairs for your convenience.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday AM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley

Opening Prayer: Bill Eads

Communion: Bill Burrus

Contribution: Jim Sawyer

Read Scripture: Burton Barnes

Genesis 37: 23-28

Sermon: Adam Tune - How Did We Get Here?

Closing Prayer: Dee Saunders

Sunday PM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley

Opening Prayer: Ralph Mitchell

Communion: Thurman Whitworth

Contribution: Ralph Mitchell

Closing: Ross Musgrave

Attendance 09/10/2017 - 303

Contribution: \$6,836

Total: Disaster Relief: \$6,789

Care Center

Our Care Center item for this week is Canned Soup.

Prayer List

Tommy Bolden, Mary Boucher, Bill Bryan, Ron Bussell, Margaret Campbell, Ivon Claud, Doris Copeland, Scott Davis, Edith Eakin, William Elliott, Jeanette Foster, Shelia Glover, Billy and Faye Greenfield, Rafaela Hernandez, Dorothy Hinds, Mary Hopper, Jeannie Hopper, Charlie Martin, Lou Montgomery, Ida Palmer, Pete Rieschick, Jeremy Sartain, Scott Sawyer, Angie Scott, Peggy Stinson, Shirley Waggoner, Mattie Ward, Mindy Wilson, Elleine Witty, Lucille Young



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR
SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
OCTOBER 22ND,
4:30 PM.**

SINGING, DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP



Our Wednesday Night Dinner starts at 5:30. Be sure to sign up!

This week's menu is Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuit and Gravy.

Youth Group

Today.....Sunday, September 17 - Food and Fellowship at the Webb's.

Be at building at 3:30 to leave, return at 7:00.

Fall Retreat

October 13-15 at Whispering Pines

Cost is \$40

Theme: The Born Identity

Remember In Prayer

Tricia Compton is at home following surgery on her hand and is doing well.

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Please continue to remember Clare Stafford, girlfriend of Justin Bratcher, who is hospitalized in Orlando.

Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief will be packing food boxes Tuesday, September 12th.