

Announcements:

Rev. Dr. Lee McDonald continues his teaching on the History of the Early Church on Wednesday, 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. We are fortunate to have him share his knowledge of the Bible and Christian history with us, along with his experience as a teacher and pastor. ZOOM is available for those who wish to join from home. Contact the church office.

A Little Change Makes A Big Difference! Pick up a Baby Bottle in the Narthex and fill it with change to support the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center's fundraiser now through Father's Day, June 19th.

Attention Seniors! Summer Fun Get-Away begins June 15 at 9:30 AM in room 6!

Kid's Church is open on Sundays during the 9:30 service and the kids are having a great time! We have a Bible lesson, craft or activity and a lot of fun. We now have a 5 year old and under class, and a first—fifth grade class. Stop by and check us out! There are new friends to meet and much to learn about growing our faith in Jesus.

Save The Date:

May 22—2 PM—A memorial service for Rev. Robert Schwartz will be held in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

May 26, 2022, 10 AM: FUMC will be hosting a baby shower for the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center. A list of needed items is listed in the May Spirit and will also be available at the Welcome Desk, as well as on our website.

June 12— Houchin Blood Drive

Sermon Notes Cont.

Never Forget

We must never forget _____, how and why we have been formed.

Read 1 Peter 2:9.

Once [we] were not a people, but now [we] are the people of God; once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy, 1 Peter 2:10.

May 15, 2022 9:30 AM



Ekklesia

Ek - “out of” + kaleo - “to call” = Church

Church = “called-out assembly of believers”

“What Is The Church? Reason To Be Together”

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Sunday Worship Service

May 15, 2022 | 9:30 AM

Prelude	Rebecca Spickler
Announcements	Christie Howell
*Praise Song	<i>"God So Loved"</i>
*Invocation/Welcome	Pastor Richard
Psalm Reading: Psalm 18:1-3, 25-32, 46, 48-49	Linda Funderburk
*Glory Be To The Father (Gloria Patri)	Congregation
*Hymn 559, vs 1, 2, 4	<i>"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Richard
*Praise Song	<i>"Christ Be Magnified"</i>
Choral Praise	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i> Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4 -10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; John 1:11-13	Christie Howell
Message "What Is The Church? Reason To Be Together"	Pastor Richard
*Hymn 547, vs 1, 2, 4	<i>"O Church of God United"</i>
*Benediction	Pastor Richard
*Doxology	Congregation
Postlude	Rebecca Spickler

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Dr. Richard Thompson
Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin
Liturgists: Linda Funderburk, Christie Howell
Greeters: Marti Ingalls, Steve and Suzanne Devers
Ushers: William & Linda Mendez, Neil Bhatti
Safety Team: Greg Perrone, Rick McDonald, Dusty Ramey

Musicians:

Organ: Rebecca Spickler
Guitar: Beren Canlas
Bass Guitar: James Dethlefsen
Keyboard: Dumisani Irvin
Piano: Andrew Irvin
Vocals: Abegail & Beren Canlas, Andrew Irvin, Rebecca Spickler
Tech: James Dethlefsen, Ed French, Lucas Metcalf
Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Char Gaines

Sermon Notes

"What Is The Church? Reason To Be Together"

Church is _____ entity on earth that carries the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

See Romans 1:16.

The Church is _____.

Read 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 1:22.

The Church is not _____.

Denominations are _____ organizations that allow groups of churches to work together.

1. The Church Is: _____.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

We do not glorify the first Christians, but Him whom they _____.

2. The Church Is: _____.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:14.

3. The Church Is: Based On The Activity of _____.

John 14:26 & John 14:16.

4. The Church Is: _____.

Read 1 Peter 2:9.

As they proclaimed, *Jesus Christ is Lord*, _____.

5. The Church Is: The _____.

Read John 1:12.

Only through receiving and believing in Jesus do we become _____ children of God.

Read 1 John 3:2; Hebrews 2:10-12; I Timothy 5:1-2.

6. The Church is _____.

Read Acts 2:42.

_____ involves prayer and support for one another, sharing of burdens in service to the Lord. Read Galatians 6:10.

See also I Peter 3:8 & Ephesians 4:3.

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