

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery  
Servers - Bradley Box  
Ralph Burleson  
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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Elders: Leonard Key / David Key  
Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

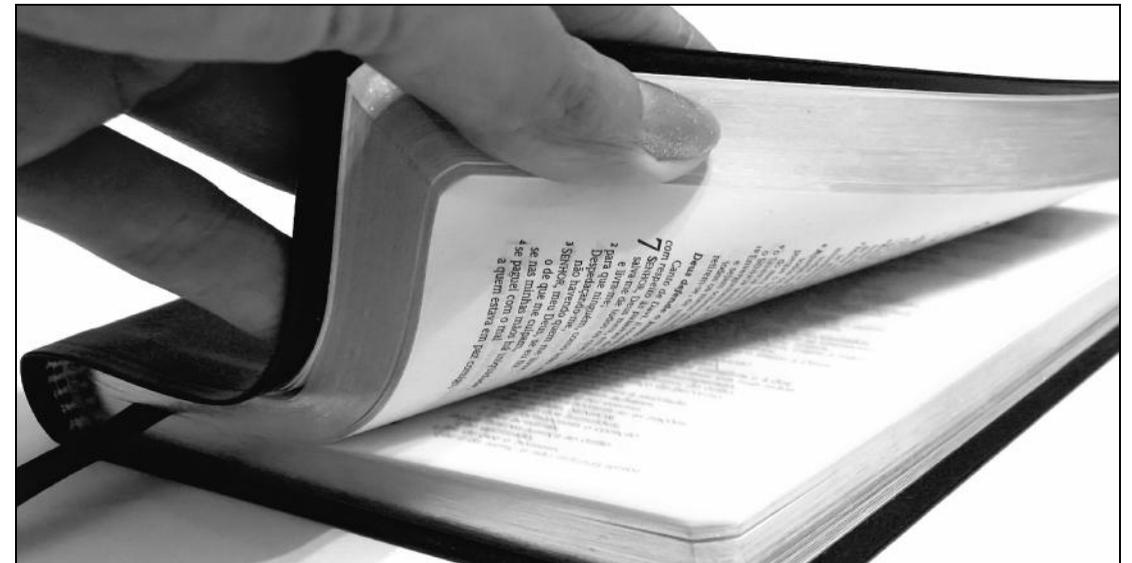
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# Counterfeit



*The  
Brilliant  
Beacon*



**“THE CHURCH”**

By Neal Pollard

Did you know that Paul uses the phrase, “the church” nine times in the relatively brief letter to the church at Ephesus? This is a church Paul worked with for three years (Acts 20:18,31). He taught them in person and then he sends this epistle full of teaching (Eph. 1-3) and application (Eph. 4-6). In both parts of the letter, he makes important statements about “the church.”

- “(God) gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body...” (1:22-23a; see 4:4).
- The manifold wisdom of God is meant to be made known by the church (3:10).
- God’s glory is meant to be shined through the church (3:21).
- Christ is the head and savior of the church (5:23).
- The church is subject to Christ (5:24).
- Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her (5:25).
- Christ seeks to present to Himself the church in all her glory (5:27).
- Christ nourishes and cherishes the church (5:29).
- The husband/wife illustration is about Christ and the church (5:32).

When you add in the times Paul discusses “the body” (1:23; 2:16; 3:8; 4:4; 4:12; 4:16; 5:23; 5:30), it is easy to see why Ephesians has often been labeled the book which exalts the church of the Christ (in contrast with Colossians, touted as the book which exalts the Christ of the church).

As unpopular as this statement may be, Ephesians destroys the concept of the religious division also known as denominationalism. Where Christ has spoken on how to be saved, how to worship, how the church is to be organized and led, and religious bodies teach as divine doctrine the precepts of men (Mat. 15:9), they become plants which

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd’s in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Randy Pickard, Sr.: dealing with some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to help him

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Wyatt Spann: found new spot on his brain and lower spine, please pray that he will win this fight and defeat this cancer

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: recovering from cracked ribs and some other health problems, please pray that she will get better

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): will have an operation dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Tyler Upton: is at Shepherd’s in Atlanta dealing with from injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

**Upcoming Events**

Today	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl	2:00 pm
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm

the heavenly Father has not planted (Mat. 15:13). If that is true of what the Pharisees did with God’s law concerning honoring father and mother (Mat. 15:3ff), doesn’t it follow that it would include all of Christ’s doctrine?

Ephesians is a great letter to discover the truth that Christ desires religious unity among believers, a unity derived from believers submitting to His teaching and will. But to limit our interpretation of this book to just that idea is a tragic shortcoming. The whole letter begins with a powerful, humbling truth: “God chose us” (1:4). We are His treasures, the praise of His glory. We are precious and valuable to Him—He predestined us to adoption as sons (1:5), He redeemed us with His blood (1:7), He lavished us with His grace (1:8), He made known to us the mystery of His will (1:9), He gave us an inheritance (1:11), hope (1:12), and a pledge (1:13-14) that we might be wise, knowledgeable of His will, enlightened, and strengthened (1:15ff). All these spiritual blessings (1:3) are reserved for those who submit to Jesus as the head and strive to follow the pattern of New Testament teaching. When we do, we have access to the greatest possible relationship in the whole universe! “To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen” (3:21).

### The Inner Workings That Are Not Seen

By Victor Eskew

A watch has three hands: an hour hand, a minute hand, and a second hand. These are very visible to the eye. They are the part of a watch that appear to be extremely important.

The reality, however, is that a watch has "inner workings." There are many things going on inside a watch that cannot be seen. If the inner workings were not functioning properly, the hands would not move.

The same is true within the church. There are some people whose job is very visible. They seem to be some of the most important elements in the church. But, there are many people in a congregation who are the "inner workings." Day-by-day they tirelessly go about their business as functioning members of the body of Christ.

1. They cook meals for others.
2. They take others to their doctor's appointments.'
3. They help others with children.
4. They visit the sick and shut-in.
5. They sends cards and gifts to others.
6. They spread the gospel through tracts/CDs/DVDs.
7. They give their money to assist others.
8. They make telephone calls to the unfaithful.
9. They carry out home Bible studies.
10. They are constantly inviting others to worship services.

There are so many ways that these individuals are working in the kingdom of God. Their efforts are behind the scenes. They are not noticed. They are not congratulated. They are not highlighted. But, they do not care. They know they are the "inner workings" of the church. They know that what they are doing is important. They know they keep the hands moving on the clock.

We are grateful for those who are part of the "inner workings." May God grant you the strength to keep up the good work in which you are involved. Others may not see you labors, but God does. One day, He will richly repay you for your diligence in His service.

**Choosing a Church**

*What Factors Influence People in Choosing A Church?*

- Nearness to One's Home
- Family Background
- Personal Preference
- Reputation
- Appearance of the Building
- Programs & Services
- Friendship Ties
- Convenience Factors
- Liking the Preacher

*The Major Factor Should Be . . .*

*What The Bible Teaches About the Church*

**HAVE YOU CHOSEN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?**

The graphic features a central illustration of a church building with a steeple, a group of people walking towards it, and a Bible. The background is a collage of diverse human faces.