

Those Who Serve

February 21

Opening Prayer

Olan Bacon

Song Leader

Joe Burnsed

Communion

Joe Burnsed

Assist

Aaron Burnsed

Assist

Charles Hall

Dismiss Services

Joe Holloway

February 28

Joe Burnsed

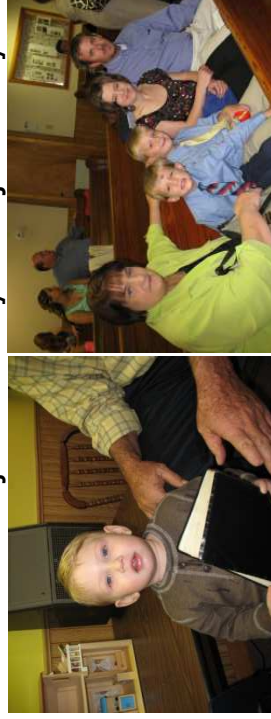
Kwesi Garvin

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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where

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When The Lord Established His Church

By Ron Boatwright

When did Christ establish His church? Its beginning was prophesied 700 years before in Isaiah 2:2, "It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains." We are now living in the last days or the last dispensation. Hebrews 1:2 says that God, "Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son."

Jesus sent His disciples to tell of His coming kingdom, the church. In Matthew 10:7 Jesus says "And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." It was at hand and soon to come into being. Jesus says in Mark 9:1, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste of death till they see the kingdom come with power." The Lord's spiritual kingdom, the church, was to come with power. Jesus told His apostles in Luke 24:49 to "tarry in the City

of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." Also notice what was to come with this power in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." The Lord's kingdom, the church, was to come with power and this power was to come when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. We see concerning the 12 apostles in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Then Acts 2:47 says, "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The Lord's church was then a reality.

Any denominational church claiming to have begun before the Day of Pentecost of 33AD was too soon and can't be the Lord's church. All of the many denominational churches that had their beginning after this date were too late and can't be the Lord's church. Only the Lord's church was established on the Day of Pentecost of Acts chapter 2. I would not want to be a member of a church the Lord did not establish. He only established His one church. Psalms 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine

Bottles

Food Pantry-Our food pantry has been depleted. Please consider canned goods for the pantry as you shop this week.

Social – next Sunday the 28th

Meetings – next Sunday evening after services

Kids in Church

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "**Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?**"

A boy was watching his father, a preacher, write a sermon. "**How do you know what to say?**"

he asked. "**Why, God tells me.**" "**Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?**"

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service: "**And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us.**"

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

One summer evening, during a violent thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light, when he asked, with a tremor in his voice, "**Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?**" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "**I can't, dear,**" she said. "**I have to sleep with your Daddy.**"

A long silence was broken, at last, by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

A child came back from Sunday School, and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear".

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, "**Bobby, when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that.**" Bobby looked up into her face and replied, "Well, Ms. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned!"

Submitted by Paul Kuntz