

MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 25
MORNING	Song Leader	Phil Forrest	Jimmy Snow
	Announcements	Matt Maurer	Eddie Nuckols
	Opening Prayer	Oscar Koontz	Phil Forrest
	Scripture Reading	Daniel Forrest	John Davenport
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Rick Brown	Jered Markman
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Matthew Brown	Ortie Boyd
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Wesley Frick	Edgar Markman
	Lord's Table	Phil Forrest	Jimmy Snow
	Wed Song Leader	Phil Forrest	Gary Dull

LORD'S SUPPER

Center Servers	Wesley Frick John Davenport Daniel Forrest Matthew Forrest Edgar Markman
Prepare/Cleanup Bread	The Andersons Karen Anderson

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The Founder of Christianity

Jesus Christ is the founder of Christianity as everyone knows. Well, not quite everyone. Recently a religious writer in the Winston-Salem Journal wrote: "I believe the founder of Christianity was Paul." This is not the first time I have heard of such but from one who claims to be a believer?

What exactly is the evidence? Is Paul rather than Jesus really the founder of Christianity? Well here are the facts. Jesus clearly stated that He would build the church. After his death and resurrection he commissioned the apostles to proclaim the gospel message beginning at Jerusalem. They did. On the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus, Peter (not Paul) preached the first gospel message. On that day those who gladly received the word were baptized and there were added to them three thousands souls." What a glorious start for Christianity. More continued to be added. (Acts 2:47) The next number given is five thousand counting only the men. (Acts 4:4) The whole city of Jerusalem was filled with the gospel message. But there was great opposition from the religious leaders of the city. The opposition reached its height with the stoning of Stephen – the first Christian martyr. The Christians were scattered from Jerusalem but carried the gospel message with them throughout Judea and Samaria and beyond. (Acts 8:4; Acts 11:19)

Where was Paul during this spectacular beginning of Christianity? He was on the other side. He was a ring leader in the opposition. At the stoning of Stephen he gave his consent (Acts 8:1). He committed both men and women to prison. He even persecuted them in foreign cities (Acts 26:11). Paul the founder of Christianity – it's an absolute absurdity. Why then do some believe it? Obviously they do not believe the Bible record.

Claude

WELCOME

Visitors, you are our honored guests! Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the collection plate.

MEMBER DIRECTORY

The Member Directory is available for review on the table in the back hallway. Please take a few minutes to review your family's information to ensure that it is correct. The Directory will be available for review through Sunday October 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Today Fellowship Meal following morning worship
September 20 Tuesday JCM Bible Study at 7pm at the Mission House
September 22 Thursday Mommy & Me Devo

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

(See flyers on bulletin board for details)

September 24 Saturday 1st Annual Youth Day at Highland Acres church of Christ
September 25-29 Gospel Meeting at Lexington church of Christ
October 1 Equipping Women for Exceptional Service designed for ages 13 to college age.
October 22 Ladies Day at Highland Acres church of Christ
November 4-6 East Coast Evangelism Conference



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Grace & Phil Forrest Sunday Sept 18

PRAYER LIST



Ashley, friend of Brooke
Brooke Frick family
member
Penny Austin
Robert Cole
Logan Condra Minni Lee
Dukes
LaDonna Edwards

Connor Gaddy
Edwina Gaddy
Tom Hare
Joe Koontz
Frank Shephard
Tammy Turner
Larry Warner
Nick White

SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer
Sadie Rice

Wanda Scott
Elizabeth Seamon

Dorothy Smith
Larry Warner

SYMPATHY

Our sympathies go out to the Tesh and Boyd families. Patsy and Ortie Boyd's sister-in-law, Louise Boyd, of Tennessee passed away this past Wednesday. Scott Tesh's uncle, Lauton Marcum, passed away on Wednesday as well.

VISITS REQUESTED

Estelle Klutz, a former member who lives in one of Clarence Rupard's rent houses, is in need of visitors. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the back hallway.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bailey Rhodes
Phil Forrest
Julia Midgette

Monday Sept 19
Thursday Sept 22
Thursday Sept 22

