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The Church Is The People

We teach it. We preach it. We say we believe it. We just seem to have a devil of a time understanding it – and a far worse one of fully accepting and living it! How many times have we preached, taught, heard, read, said, and/or were convinced we understood it? “The church is the people.” Yes, it is a very simple statement. And yet, one not all of us apparently understand the implications of. You see, when a church member complains or finds fault about what “the church” is not doing (and they themselves are guilty of any similar if not the exact same negligence), they are actually complaining about, and condemning themselves! Why? Because “the church is the people,” and the complainers in the church, are therefore “the church” they are into complaining about! For example, when a brother or sister in Christ complains that the church is not doing enough to bring new folks in, they need to be immediately asked, “So; when was the last time you brought someone new in... seeing as how YOU are the church?”

When some brother or sister in Christ gripes or complains that the church either has not done or is not doing enough to hold onto our youth, they need to be immediately asked, “So, why haven’t you done more, and why aren’t YOU doing more now to hold onto our youth... seeing as how YOU are the church?”

When brethren want to work themselves all up into a lather because they believe the church is so divided they can’t work and get along together, they need to be immediately asked, “So, why are you so quick to complain, alienate, and justify not working with your brethren, but to stay home and help promote division and disunity whenever the opportunity is there to get together for growth, fellowship, and service events... seeing as how YOU are the church?”

But you see, that’s not usually what brethren mean when they start griping and complaining about “the church.” Their meaning is more often instead, to point the finger of blame at the elders, the preacher, the older, the younger, the richer, the poorer, and/or any or all of the other people who make up “the church” – but surely not themselves! And certainly never with

What must I do to be saved?
 Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Shawn Sharpe
Song Leader:	Henry Rumble
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	John Anderson
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Landon Speer
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Tommy Smith
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Bradley Speer
Nursery Attendant:	TBA

Building Lockup:	Guy Byrd
Announcements:	Guy Byrd
Door Greeters:	Guy and Carol Byrd
Count Contribution:	Harry Frye, John Anderson
Prepare Lord's Table:	Candace Speer
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	Steven Mozer, Bradley Speer, Tommy Smith, Joshua Speer
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Johnny Smith

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
Elders	
John Anderson	704.592.2266
Steve Short	704.872.5440
Tommy Smith	704.872.7966
Bradley Speer	704.876.6986
Preacher	
Dave Wood	704.380.4437

the vim and vigor with which they routinely judge and condemn their brethren! Oh, on occasion you might hear some throw in the obligatory “And I’m guilty of it too.” But the sincerity of such statements can often be easily determined by simply observing the strength of the efforts they put into personal repentance in the days to come.

And for those Christians who want to constantly gripe and complain about “the church” – which is what they themselves are – and point their fingers of blame at all the rest of their blood-bought brethren while giving themselves a self-justified free pass to just continue on along without ‘Being and making the changes they want to see,’ Jesus has some incredibly stern words of warning...

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye” (Matt. 7:1-5). Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you...” (Ro. 2:17-24.

Essential additional instruction can be found in Lk. 6:35-38 & Phil. 1:27-2:16.)

The following adage is true. So the next time you hear a church member complaining about “the church” not having done this or that, remember: “Whenever someone points their finger of blame at someone else, they have three of their own fingers pointing back at themselves.” And they’d better not be guilty of what they’re judging “the church” for not doing... For the church, is THEM! By: Doug Dingley

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson, Bill Proctor and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Will Winchester, Betty Smith, Frank Shepherd, Volney Hughes and Wanda Elam.

- Our deepest sympathies are extended to Janice Allen and her sister Jessica at the death of their father, Volney Hughes.

- Our sympathies are extended to the family of Wanda Elam at her passing. There will be a graveside funeral today at Warners Chapel at 2 P.M.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 09: There will be a Senior's Valentine banquet at 6 P.M. There is a sign up sheet in the annex for those who would like to participate.

Feb. 11: Women's breakfast will meet at the RX at 8:30 A.M.

Feb. 13: Ladies' class will meet at 6:30 P.M.

Feb. 16: Book of the month fellowship will meet at 6:30 P.M. We will be starting a new book in March if you would like to be a part of this study please let Dave know. The new book will be: The Heart of Isaiah by Frank Chesser.

Sermons:

A.M. - Building a Wall - Neh. 4:6;

P.M. - Fellowship - Gal. 6:1