



NORTHWEST
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THE VINE



Perhaps you have read or heard of the Church of Christ. Allow me to give a description of what the church is all about. It is that blood bought institution that Jesus promised to build, as recorded in Matthew 16:13-18. Notice that this was the church in promise by Christ himself. However, had been in prophecy long before then. As a matter of fact, approximately 600 years prior to Jesus' statement, Isaiah had prophesied that the Lord's house, which is the church (1 Tim. 3:15) would be established in Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:1-3). When Jesus died on the cross, the same blood that was shed for the forgiveness of sin purchased the church (Acts 20:28). And the church came into existence on the first Pentecost Day after the resurrection of Christ from the grave in the city of Jerusalem.

We find those that were being saved added to it (Acts 2:1-47). Concerning the church, it is worth noting that in scripture it is singular in nature. It is described as being the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:14-23). It is reasonable to understand that Christ has one body as the scripture says this concerning the church (Ephesians 4:4). And it was the eternal plan of God for both Jew and Gentile to be members of the same body (Ephesians 3:1-6). Note that in New Testament times people were either Jew or Gentile. Therefore, it has never been the plan of God for there to be more than one church. The apostle Paul made it clear to the Corinthian Christians that it was just one body or church (1 Corinthians 12:13,20).

This is the church that Jesus is the savior of (Ephesians 5:23). With that in mind please examine the church in your own Bible and hopefully discover the need to be a member of it. If we can assist you in studying about it, let us know.

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John E. Branch



About Us...



Northwest Church of Christ invites you to join us in fellowship as we continue to grow. Generations have grown with us, there is something for everyone—whether you are a college student, newly married, or young at heart. We would love for you to become a part of our church family.

Since 1978, John E. Branch has served as the minister for Northwest Church of Christ. The congregation currently consists of 180 members and is active in local and foreign ministries. Northwest is currently an active supporter of agape of north Alabama, southwestern Christian college, Forkland Church of Christ, and three churches of Christ and one school in Monrovia, Liberia. Also, it has an active prison ministry at Limestone Correctional Facility in Harvest, Alabama.



Northwest Ministries

Benevolence

College outreach

Evangelism and outreach

Prison

Youth

Transportation

Visitation

Women's

Media



Just Coasting Along

First, I want to say what a privilege it is to write this article and share my thoughts with you from the word of God. I am prayerful that this article will be useful and a source of encouragement to you as we navigate our way through life on this side of eternity. Recently, someone asked me a question, "What is your biggest concern for the next generation as it relates to the kingdom of God?" That's a good question, as each generation has its own challenges, some of which are the same in every generation, for our world is challenged daily by Satan. Yet, there are new challenges, as youth today face challenges that were unknown in my youth. But I suppose every generation has faced things that were unknown to their forefathers as well. Has it not been so from the earliest of biblical times? Consider the generation that entered the promised land under Joshua's leadership, a generation that made a solemn vow. "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" The people answered and said, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did these great signs in our sight and preserved us through all the way in which we went and among all the peoples through whose midst we passed" (Joshua 24:15-17). The Israelites had witnessed some of the greatest miracles of history, had received manifold blessings from God, and solemnly vowed to serve him faithfully. But just two chapters later, we have these words recorded: "All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10).

Elder Freddy Hall



Services

Sunday
Worship: 10am
(Live Stream)

Bible Classes

Tuesday- 11am
Wednesday- 6:30pm
Ladies' Bible Class-4pm
(Every 3rd Sunday)

Ministers

John E. Branch
James Williams (Prison)

Elders

Freddy Hall
Willie Malone
Jimmy Stone

Deacons

Toney Branch
Reginald Alexander
Dennis Crutcher
Bobby Lewis
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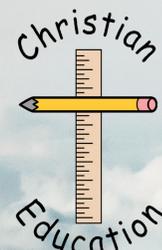


NORTHWEST YOUTH CONNECTION

The Goal of the youth ministry is to grow the next generation of strong spirit-filled Christian in the Lord's Church. We look to achieve this through vibrant, lively, fun and spiritual activities.



- New ministry taking advantage of the nationally established program for training young people in the word of God
- Participating in the National conventions
 - Bible Bowl
 - Art
 - Puppets
 - Public Speaking
 - Song Leading
- Relatively New activity with young men (growing to young women, hopefully) spending with a weekend in the great outdoors having fun, learning about themselves and Christ



- In conjunction with the Education Department
- Annual big Weekend Event with classes for all ages
- Outdoor activities
- Food
- Games

Sunday/Wednesday Night Bible Class

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

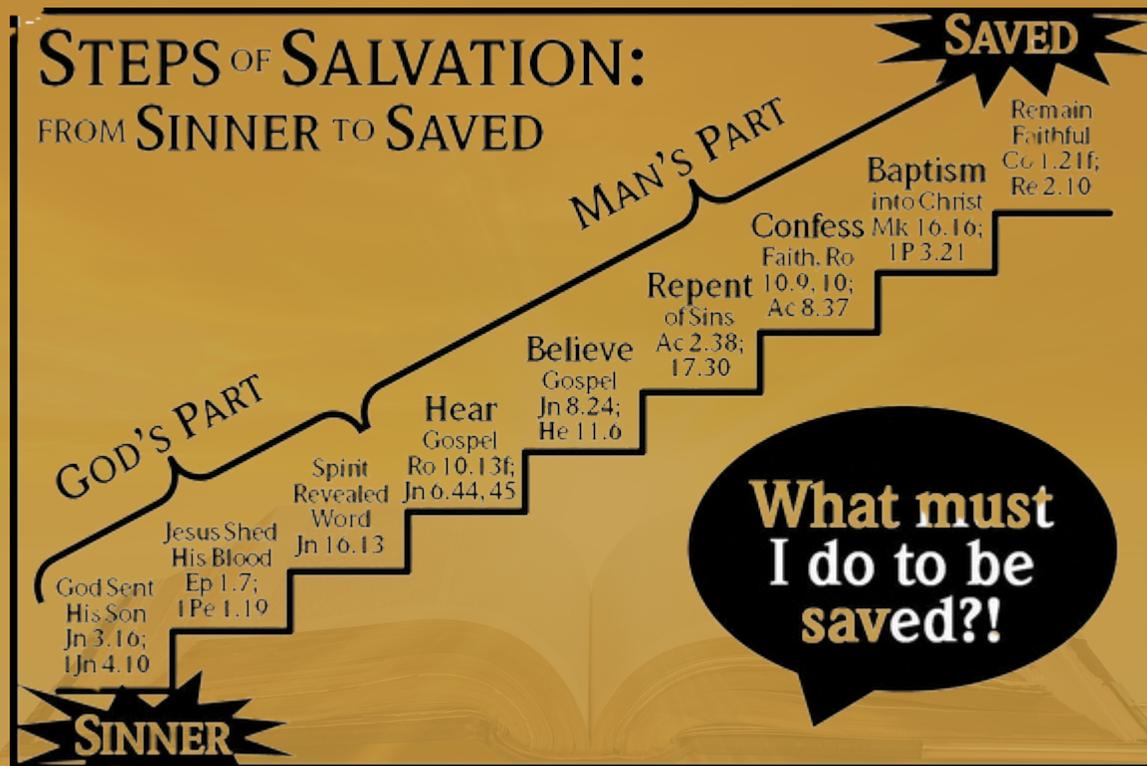
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(Dial In 6:30pm)



HOW ARE WE SAVED?



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