



Anita Abner...Joanie Barnwell for twin sister safety...Steve Barte & family...E. Benton...L.L. Blackmon and family and the Whitfields...Don & Lois Boone...Cynthia Burks & family...Terrie Dear & her family...Andrew & Tracy Dixon for a new place to live...Vernett & Nadine Ellis for health and for their family...Edgar & Brenda Flemming for Edgar's health and for Brenda's attendance and faith in the holy spirit...Danyae Fuller for her to get her grades up and for her family...James Green for spiritual wisdom...Shenette Greene and family...Tondalaya Greene for growth, son Darae and entire family...Wendell & Earlee Greene for their health...Georgia Gregory and family...Gracie Hackett...Bro. & Sis. James Hampton...Alice Harding for spiritual and physical strength...Linda Hart for her health, employment, her son Andre & family, also her mom Ollie Stokes health...Bruce Jackson...Freddie Jackson for health, eyesight and family...Cynthia Kinsey for health and family...Mary Labbe and family...Stanley & Belinda Lewis for their financial situation to improve and their family...Barbara Lockert and family...Michael & Wendi Martin for health and parents...Barbara Metcalf...Donna McClendon...Olivia McClendon for health and family...Gracie Murray and family...Sherriel Murry for good health, Luvenia Moore, Edward Greer and Kenneth Cross...Fernnell Perryman for repentance...Cynthia Pressley for strength...Norma Rucker...Barbara Satterfield and family...Wade & Barbara Shoemaker for health...Nathaniel & Rose Singleton for better health...Willie & Florence Smith for health issues...John & Johnnie Steen for their health...Ann Stewart for mother's health and family...Erma Stinnette & family for Steve & family, Mike, and Bernice...Doris Toldson for family and auntie's health...Joshie Torrero...Lillie Ruth Watson for faith, Eric and family...Kitty Weathers and family...James & Darlene Williams...Vanetta Williams for health and son...Leonie Willis for eyesight problem...Tamara Woolery for health, strength and patience.

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CHURCH MOTTO:
"IF IT CAN BE DONE, CHRISTIANS AT NORMANDIE CAN DO IT THROUGH CHRIST"
Phil 4:13

Normandie church of Christ **R E P O R T E R**

What Church is All About

I heard a song that said something about if one soul is saved, isn't that what it's all about. I think it was about going to church—if one soul is saved then church is worth it because that is what it's all about. But this article is to declare that is not what church is all about.

Church is about Eph: 4:11-16: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: 14: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15: But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. It's about: Eph: 5:19: Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Col: 3:16: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

It's about: Eph: 2:22: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. It's about: Heb: 10:19-27: Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20: By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21: And having an high priest over the house of God; 22: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23: Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24: And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. 26: For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27: But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

*Some go to church to be petted and pampered.
Some go to be ministered to.
Some go to sing praise and worship songs together.
Some go to hear a message.*

God wants us to go to church to interact with one another and to be built together and to urge one another on to love and good works. He wants us to come in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God unto one perfected man or body. This talks about training. This talks about sharing experiences. This talks about a fellowship of believers. This is what God is doing with church, any thing else that's being done there is secondary. Someone will say, "well, isn't it a Christian's first priority to win souls." It is a Christian priority to win souls, but first things first. First a Christian must be trained to walk the walk and talk the talk. Then they must learn to work as a body in unity of spirit in agreement that this is all about Jesus' ministry. To establish what church is all about, it's about learning to function as Christ's body.

The Christian Article Resource

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	THIRD SATURDAY	WEBSITE	FAX/E-MAIL
<u>WORSHIP</u> 10:20 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	<u>BIBLE SCHOOL</u> 9 A.M.	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u> 10 A.M. 7 P.M.	<u>PRAYER /BREAKFAST/ BUSINESS MEETING</u> 7, 8 & 9 A.M.	_____	_____@_____

The Spiritual Test


We can all remember our school days when we were faced with exams. We spent all day in school and still we panicked when it came to test time. Why? Perhaps it's because our time in the classroom was only one part of the learning process. The other part was time at home engaging with the material through homework, worksheets, and flashcards—all designed to prepare us for exams and to make sure we had a grasp of the material and were headed in the right direction. The exam brought panic because it was the culmination of all of our hard work and the measure of our direction and mastery of the material. These exams and tests were for our benefit. They measured our growth, highlighted our strengths and weaknesses, and guided us to the paths we should take. The same is true of our spiritual lives. We face tests and exams on a spiritual level, but they count for greater consequences because the results of these tests are indicators of our eternal future.

We must examine ourselves with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and always be ready to be tested. Always being ready for exams is foundational to a positive life in Christ. Throughout 2 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul wrote about all that God taught him and what gave him power to live positively in Christ in the midst of fear, trepidation, imprisonment, and flogging. In his conclusion to this letter he says, "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!" (2 Corinthians 13:5, NASB). The Corinthians of old fell into the trap that some of our modern educators have fallen into today. If students are not keeping up and succeeding in school, some believe that the standards must be too high so they lower the standards. The problem is that lowering the standards and changing the curriculum doesn't insist on accountability. Worse than the education system is evidence that this is happening in the churches of Jesus Christ, too. People don't want to believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven and eternal life. Some churches are saying, *Let's lower the standards. Let's stop talking about this particular truth. We'll water down the truth and not talk about the central truth of Christianity. Instead, we'll talk about relationships and good communication. We don't want to offend people because they are the most important part of the church.*

However, the Apostle Paul would tell us that this type of compromise will only lead us in the wrong direction. This type of thinking causes frustration and disappointment. Paul is telling us that to have the peace and assurance of our salvation, believe the Word of God. Examine yourself and find out if you are in the faith and living in the truth—or if you are not. God is not going to change His Gospel to make it palatable for people who don't like it. He is sovereign, and we need to accommodate Him; He doesn't have to accommodate us. King David a man after God's heart cried out to God saying, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24, NIV).

When we refuse to examine ourselves on a regular basis we are taking God's grace and salvation for granted. But don't miss the fabulous news: In this test that the Bible talks about, we can be always a success. Even those who fail the test can succeed. If you examine yourself on a daily basis and find that you are in the faith, then you will be overjoyed by His grace and mercy and will give God the glory. But if you examine yourself and find that you have moved away from the truth, then God has given you an engraved invitation to repent and to return to the truth. God promised in His Word to receive anyone who turns to Him. The moment you come face to face with the reality that you have departed from the faith by sinning gravely and you repent, God in His grace and mercy receives you. He embraces you. He forgives you. He restores you. You are, again, overjoyed by His grace and mercy and give God the glory. Either way, God is glorified. Examine yourself.

-Crosswalk.com The Intersection of Faith and Life; Dr. Michael Youssef



The Laugh Shack Corner

Letters to a Pastor....(Christian Kids Jokes)

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.
Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma

Dear Pastor, My parents say I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house.
Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena


Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something.
Robert, Age 11, Anderson.

NOTICE

NORMANDIE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER BOYS AND GIRLS ASSISTANT COACH FOR BASKETBALL. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 323-752-3122

THE GAME DATES ARE:
FEB—11, 18, 19, 25, 26,
MAR—4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

YOU WILL NEED PRACTICE DATE FROM THE COACH




Black History Facts

George Carruthers (1939 -) invented the far ultraviolet electrographic camera, used in the 1972 Apollo 16 mission. This invention revealed new features of Earth's far-outer atmosphere and deep-space objects from the perspective of the lunar surface. Carruthers was inducted into the National Inventor's Hall of Fame in 2003.

Nancy Green (1834 – 1923) a former slave, was employed in 1893 to promote the Aunt Jemima brand by demonstrating the pancake mix at expositions and fairs. She was a popular attraction because of her friendly personality, great story-telling, and warmth. Green signed a lifetime contract with the pancake company and her image was used for packaging and billboards. In 1923 she was struck by a car in downtown Chicago.

SICK & SHUT-IN
"And, the prayer of faith shall save the sick..." James 5:15

Cecily Allen...Bennie Bellfield...Bobbie Chapman...Delores Davis...Victoria Dias...Jennie Drake...Geneva Ensley...Geneva Jenkins...Clem & Gladys Long...Arnene Mangram...Jeri Monterio...Helen Oliver...E. W. Singletary...Rose Singleton...Lucille Smith...Marion Thomas...Leonard Williams.



RESPONSES/ASKED PRAYER _ FEBRUARY 14

Quincy Davis needs special prayer...Valerie Quick needs special prayer, also for her Aunt Catherine who is having health problems...Eva Jones needs special prayer for her son Alan Jones, that he will not have another back surgery.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY 10:20 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.
<u>CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION</u> JERRY COOKS
<u>SONG DIRECTOR</u> CHESTER HAWKINS
<u>RESPONSIVE READING</u> BOOKER HINTON
<u>PRAYER</u> MICHAEL SIMPSON
<u>COMMUNION/CONTRIBUTION</u> MICHAEL SMITH Server—MARK CROCKETT Server—CHARLTON HAWKINS Server—JAMES HERVEY Server—DON BOONE
<u>MINISTER'S SCRIPTURE</u> CAMERON MORRISON
<u>SERMON</u> WILLARD CRIGLER
<u>RESPONSES</u> MAURICE JONES
<u>VISITORS</u> WILLIAM LOCKERT
<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> WILLIAM JACKSON
<u>BENEDICTION</u> JAMES WILLIAMS
<u>GREETER</u> LEE EDWARDS, JR. VINCENT LOWE
<u>USHERS</u> ROGER SIMS/FRANK HERVEY Usher—WOODROW BAILEY Usher—EDGAR FLEMMING Usher—JESSE GRAVES Usher—JAMES HERVEY Usher—CLIFFORD MATLOCK Usher—KEN TALLEY Usher—IRA THOMPSON Usher—MAURICE WHITE

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