



# Tallapoosa church of Christ

*"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32*

## Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us!

## Prayer Requests

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The family of Sherri James  
Diane Aldridge  
Bonnie Godwin  
The Wilkersons  
Brenda Cash  
Sarah Stapler  
Belinda Enyeart  
Shelia Hotalen  
Joyce Combs

Caden Mallory (MSOP Student)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Brennan Mallory 3  
Sophia Wilkerson 13  
Rowan Mallory 16  
Baxlee Benefield 24  
  
Brandon and Sharon Estvanko 28

## The Church of Christ

The fact that the church is or consists of all of those who have been saved by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:23,25) should certainly motivate all those who are concerned about their eternal welfare to become members of Christ's church.

However, we live in a world that contains literally hundreds of "churches", all of which claim to belong to Jesus. But the Scriptures tell us that Jesus only built one church, and that it is only in that one church that reconciliation to God can take place (Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:16;4:4). Therefore, we must conclude that there are some impostors in the world. And even further, the eternal destiny of my soul rests upon being able to distinguish between the church that Jesus built and a church that does not belong to Him.

Allow me to illustrate this problem in the following manner: Imagine that lonely Mr. Smith advertised in the newspaper that he would give \$500.00 dollars to anyone who would come to his house and visit with him. Seeing how that we would be interested



**God's Plan of Salvation**

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful ( Christian living (1 Peter 2:11-12; Rev. 2:10)

**Next Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Harel Otwell
Scripture	Camp Mallory
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer	Brandon Estvanko
Table	Joe Mallory

Assisting	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer/Table	Tony Hotalen
Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory

**This Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Scripture	Tony Hotalen
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Brennan Mallory
Table	Kelly Cauthen

Assisting	Kenny Laminack
Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Tony Hotalen
Song Leader	Camp Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Brennan Mallory
Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack

in this reward, we decide to go visit Mr. Smith. But as we examine the telephone directory, we discover that there are over 200 Mr. Smiths. Therefore, we pick one at random and go visit him.

Now then, what do you think would happen if we picked the wrong Mr. Smith to visit? Would we be entitled to the \$500.00? Would we have claim to the money upon the basis that we went to visit "a" Mr. Smith? I believe that we all can discern the answer to the above questions. Visiting "a" Mr. Smith will not qualify one for the \$500.00. Only visiting "the" Mr. Smith will qualify one for the money.

This illustrates well the religious world in which we live. You see, Jesus has promised reconciliation to God to all who will become a member of the church that He built, but when one decides that he wants what Jesus has offered, he soon finds that there are hundreds of churches claiming to be the one that Jesus built. It is at this point that many make their mistake, for they figure that one is as good as another. They pick and choose to become a member of one among the hundreds, and expect Jesus to "pay off" on His promise. But if Jesus promised reconciliation to all who would become members of His church, can one who becomes a member of some other church expect to receive Christ's blessing of reconciliation?

**Reminders:**

Fellowship Meal Today!

Gospel Meeting at Heflin church of Christ -  
October 28th - 30th @ 6PM

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 6 PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister

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What "claim" would he have to reconciliation when he did not do as Jesus instructed?

Friends, Satan doesn't mind for one to be religious. He doesn't mind that people love God. He doesn't mind for people to live godly lives. He doesn't mind that people become church members. For so long as he can keep them outside of the "ONE" body of redeemed saints that Jesus promised to save, he has won.

In light of this fact, make sure that you are a part of the church which Christ built. Don't settle for some man-made religious organization. How can you determine the difference between the church of Christ and the churches of men? Open your Bible and compare.

**by Steve Higginbotham**