

# UNITY – AS DESIGNED AND DESIRED BY GOD

*Taken From Chart By Paul Sain*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>One Body</i></b> <b><u>Unity of Organization</u></b> Body Is The Church – Col. 1:18 Only One Body – Eph. 4:4; I Cor. 12:20 Christ Is The Head Of Church – Eph. 1:22,23 All “Christians” In Same Body – Eph. 3:6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>One Faith</i></b> <b><u>Unity of Doctrine</u></b> The Faith, Once Delivered – Jude 3 Powerful Gospel, Able To Save – Rom. 1:16 Speak Sound Doctrine – Titus 2:1 One, And Only One</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>One Spirit</i></b> <b><u>Unity Of Revelation</u></b> The Holy Spirit = 3<sup>rd</sup> Being In Godhead Truth Revealed To Us – Eph. 3:5 Guided Apostles Into All Truth – John 16:13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>One Baptism</i></b> <b><u>Unity Of Practice</u></b> Purpose = Remission Of Sins Immersion – Acts 8:29-39 Burial, Planting – Rom. 6:3,4 To Be Saved – Mark 16:16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>One Hope</i></b> <b><u>Unity of Goal</u></b> Our Final Goal/Hope = Heaven – Heb. 6:19 Saved By Hope – Rom. 8:24 Blessed Hope – Titus 2:13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>One God</i></b> <b><u>Unity of Worship</u></b> One And Only One – Exod. 20:3 Alpha &amp; Omega, The “I Am” – Rev. 22:13 Creator Of World – Gen. 1-2 Jealous Father – Exod. 20:5; 34:14 Allows No Oher God(s) – Exod. 20</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>One Lord</i></b> <b><u>Unity of Authority</u></b> ALL Authority – Matt. 28:18 Taught With All Authority – Matt. 7:29 Authority At God’s Right Hand – Acts 2:36</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">There is <b>ONE</b> God, just as there is <b>ONE</b> Lord, <b>ONE</b> faith, and <b>ONE</b> Body (church). There cannot be <b>MANY FAITHS</b> or <b>CHURCHES</b> Any more than there can be <b>MANY GODS!</b></p>

## Church Is Not Like It Used To Be

In the days of Jeroboam king of Judah, "the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold and said to them, 'It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem'" (I Kings 12:28). What Jeroboam was afraid of was the people of the Northern tribes would go to Jerusalem to worship at the Temple, their hearts would turn against him and the people would rise up and kill him. To keep the people under his rule, he set up two calves of gold in Bethel and Dan for them to worship. It became convenient and more appealing to the people. Who wants to trudge all the way to Jerusalem? This religion of ease was to make the people happy and enjoy worship to "God." How convenient they would not have to be bothered by anything as tedious as going all the way to Jerusalem. They wanted to enjoy life and have fun and be entertained.

The spirit of Jeroboam abounds today in modern religion. Everyone wants to have things convenient for them. Power enthusiasm, come-as-you-are dress codes, food in abundance and feel good religion has turned the Bible into nothing more than a dusty library of sixty-six books out of date and out of time with modern man. Leaving the Bible, modern religion worships at the altars of Bethel and Dan. We need prophets like Ahijah who will declare the pure message of God (I Kings 14). Anything less is rebellion.

### Attending church services is not like it used to be...

- Church services have turned into places of entertainment and frolic and high pitched computer generated displays of excitement, energy and temporal feelings of self worth. Auditoriums are filled with choral groups arrayed in splashing displays of sparkling gowns with sound systems that generate twenty-seven million decibels of sound reverberating through the expanse of overflow crowds riveted with spiritual fervor. Bands fill the sanctuary with guitars, drums, brass, string and a host of instruments gauged with the onslaught of entertaining the masses. Power enthusiasm is the order of worship.
- Church services have turned into places where you can "come as you are." The dress code for worship is whatever makes one comfortable. Bare feet are now acceptable, shorts and tee-shirts and casual apparel as if one is going to the ball park, fishing or relaxing around the house. Church services are created to be as "dressed down" as possible.
- Church services have turned into places of social fellowship where one can find spaghetti, cake, hamburgers, hotdogs, fried chicken, sweet tea, pies, fruitcakes and pizza. The incense of coffee wafts through the halls with enticing appeal to doughnuts and sweet rolls. Crowds are appealed to through conversion of the stomach with fork in hand.
- Church services have turned into places where preaching the Bible is replaced with preaching the "feel good about yourself and no one sins anymore" kind of sophistry lacking conviction and devotion on any level. The grit of scripture is replaced with a veneer of soothing enticements to indulge the peaceful hearts filled to the brim with worldliness and covetousness.

"But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My people Israel" (Jeremiah 7:12).

"Not everyone who says to Me, Lord! Lord! shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

## NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)  
Remember in Prayer:

*Louis Preston* will have his hip surgery Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Jim Johnson* has begun his chemotherapy treatments.

*Joanne Pickens, Jody Pickens' mother*, has been having tests run at White County Medical Center.

Please check the bulletin boards for updates on Prayer Request Lists.  
Please update us if needed.

Pray for those directly and indirectly affected by Covid-19, and please keep us updated.

*Wanda Hardin and her daughter-in-law*

### In Other News:

Bible classes for 2 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are postponed till further notice. You may find Bible lessons on [theleahjournal.com](http://theleahjournal.com). Let us know if you would like them printed.

### Those Privileged To Serve August 16, 2020

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Mark Wooten  
Opening Prayer: Stan Honeycutt  
Closing Prayer: Jeff Presley  
Bible Reading: Mike Felts  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### LORD'S TABLE

Presiding:

Stacy Eddleman Barry Roush  
David Loggins Jerry Dodson  
Tom Carner Gerald George

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jody Pickens

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Mark Wooten  
Opening Prayer: J. L. May  
Closing Prayer: Carroll Morris  
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

August 19, 2020

Song Leader: Ben Johns  
Opening Prayer: Hillard Holcomb  
Closing Prayer: Mitch Mosley

#### DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

August 19, 2020  
Mark Wooten

### NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK Week Of August 9, 2020

Sunday Bible Study	78
Sunday AM Worship	118
Sunday PM Worship	88
Wednesday Bible Study	75
Contribution	\$7,097

**“Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.”**

**Proverbs 19:1**

# The Friend of Truth

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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## KeeNotes

In just five weeks we will be ready to enter into the fall. Five more weeks and the fall will be upon us. Then bring on the winter and I can't wait for the new year to come and get started. I just think that next year has to be better. I am so tired of this year. I know we should not be hastening our days, but this year cannot end soon enough and I hope and pray the year 2021 will be remembered for far better days and circumstances.

I am looking forward to the day when I am no longer hearing anyone talk about “social distancing;” or argue about whether or not we should be wearing masks; or watch the news without stories about shortages in toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, etc.; or going to a store without being asked if I want my change back or having some business giving me my change as store credit. In other words, I am learning to look forward and not back.

Oh wait, before I can possibly get to that point we must get past a presidential election. Forget what I said, I might rather hear about all those other things than listen to political advertisements.

I know, this is all foolishness, but maybe all of us should quit thinking and filling our minds with these things and spending much more time meditating upon spiritual matters. Spend our days praying fervently for some saint who is struggling with health or any of the distresses of life. Maybe this is a time when we should be growing in our spiritual life by spending much more time studying the precious Word of God more diligently. Maybe we could spend more time sending cards, or text messages of encouragement. Maybe we could stop from our troubled lives and think of what we can do to improve ourselves and help others.

#### SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols  
Randy Oden  
Jody Pickens

#### DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard  
Jerry Dodson  
Mike Felts

Jason Garland  
Marshall Lands  
Mark Wooten

#### EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

#### MISSIONARIES

Michael Hughes  
Samrit Kammanee  
Arnold Kelley  
Guyana, South America  
Warren, PA

#### SERVICES

##### SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

##### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

**Hear** the Word of God  
*Romans 10:17*

**Believe** the Word of God  
*John 8:24*

**Repent** of your sins  
*Luke 13:3*

**Confess** your faith in Jesus  
as the Son of God  
*Romans 10:9,10*

**Be Baptized** for the  
remission of your sins  
*Acts 2:38*

**Live faithfully**  
*Revelation 2:10*

“Where there is no vision,  
the people perish...”  
*Proverbs 29:18*

**God Give Us 2020 Vision  
in 2020**

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