Welcome To Friends Days!

Welcome to the worship assembly of the Buford church of Christ. Today you are gathering with a wide range of individuals from all social and economic backgrounds. Most of the people you meet today regularly worship God together here from time to time. We hope you enjoy your visit and will plan to come back and be with us any time you can. If you have questions about anything you hear taught or experience in worship feel free to ask for an explanation from any member.

A Little About The Church of Christ

The word "church" simply means "called out." Did you know that the first time the word "church" was mentioned in the Bible was from the mouth of Jesus? The twelve apostles were gathered together with Jesus in the far northern part of the Golan Heights at the southern foot of Mt. Herman near modern day Baniyas when he said, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it," Matthew 16:18 (RSV). Based upon the solid "rock" foundation of His divinity, Jesus planned to build His called out people, His church. After the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to heaven of Jesus, the church Jesus planned began as recorded in Acts, the second chapter. That church followed strictly the teachings of the apostles of Jesus, see Acts 2:42, Galatians 1:8,9, Jude 3.

What Happened To The Church?

After the church of Christ was established in about 30 A.D., the message of the resurrected Christ spread throughout the entire world, Colossians 1:23. Everyone who heard and obeyed the gospel's command of repentance, confession and baptism, (Romans 6:17), joined themselves in groups to worship and live according to the directions of the apostles. The New Testament tells of many churches of Christ located between Jerusalem and Rome. Though the apostles and New Testament writers provided everything a believer needs for salvation in what we now have in the Bible, (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16,17,) divisions and apostasy took place. Over the course of the next several centuries men moved further and further away from the original church recorded in Scripture. Denominations developed with doctrines unique to personal views of theologians. The ultimate result was divisions in Christianity.

A Tough Choice

Today literally thousands of groups, all different, all unique, claim to be churches that follow Jesus. Most all churches claiming to follow Jesus will teach some truth. Yet, a little investigation of what churches teach and do will ultimately show clear division from what Jesus originally set in order as outlined in the New Testament. So, with all the divisions of Christianity in the world today, how does one choose which is the correction one? If you are a lover of truth that can only come from what the Bible teaches (John 8:31,32; Hebrews 1:1,2), the choice is made for you. If you find a church that teaches or practices something the Bible does not teach, then that is not the church for you. Most

people look for a church where they can make good friends. Yet, when it comes to trying to please God, all the friends in the world can not compare to being in a church that teaches and practices all of the truth, Matthew 16:26. If the church is true to the Scripture there will be no shortage of friends.

WHO WE ARE

We are a group of people who are seeking to go back to the Bible to find what it teaches about the church Jesus built. We seek to do Bible things in Bible ways. Our desire is to speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent. We are simply Christians—followers of Christ. In an attempt to humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, we submit to His direction recorded in the Bible, in obedience to His will in matters of salvation, church organization, public and private worship, and in daily living. We seek to bring 1st century Christianity to the 21st century in all its purity and teaching. We seek simply to be the church of Christ. If you can not make friends here, keep looking!
—Scott