

HEBREWS 13:15

Happy THANKSGIVING

*...let us continually offer up a sacrifice of
praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that
give thanks to His name.*

OPEN BIBLE HOUR





OBH CHRISTMAS BANQUET UPDATE

WHEN: Tuesday, December 3
6:00 p.m. Happy Half-Hour
6:30 Dinner

WHERE: Great Room

COST: \$13.00/person

*Register between 11/3 and 11/25 at the Ticket desk
or online at www.wooddale.org*

**Bring a gender neutral gift (\$5 value) for our after dinner
activity**

Looking ahead -

Dec. 1

Richard Payne – Wooddale Worldwide Pastor

Will share what God is doing through Wooddale
Worldwide around the world.

Dec. 3

OBH Christmas Banquet

“DRAW NEAR, HOLD FAST, AND CONSIDER ”

PART III

Hebrews 10:19-26

November 24, 2013

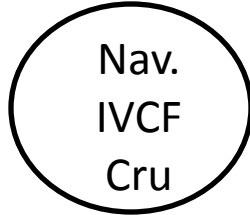
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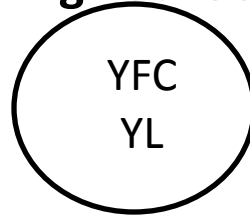
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- Para-church organizations.

College Campus



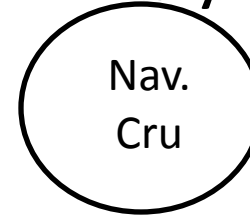
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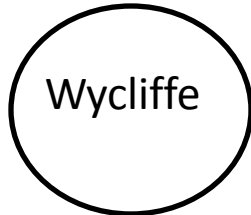
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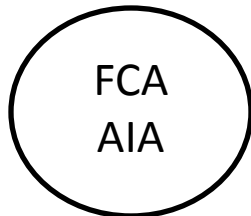
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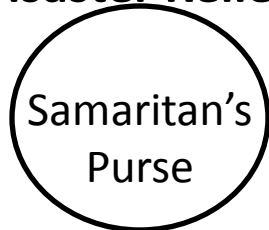
Bible Translation



Athletics




Disaster Relief



Local Church

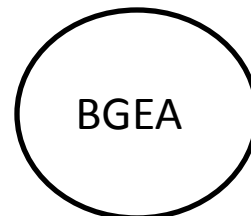
1. Teach sound doctrine
2. Fellowship
3. Communion
4. Prayer
5. Baptism
6. Worship
7. Evangelism
8. Discipleship
9. Church discipline
10. Good works

Living Organism

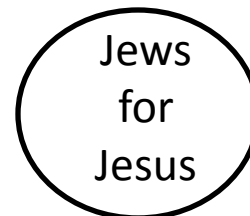


Dead Organization

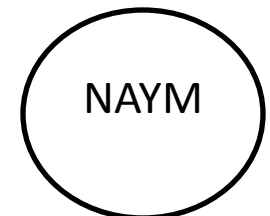
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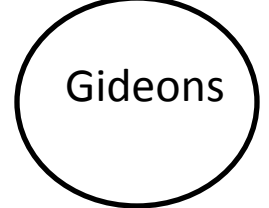
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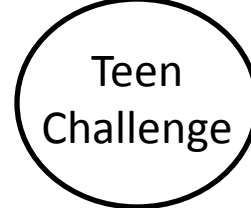
Native Americans



Hotels



Addictions



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- Para-church organizations.
- Sunday night and mid-week services.
- Independent/Individualistic believers.
- “Floaters”.
- The “electronic church”.

10 reasons why believers need the local church:

1. It's Biblical.
2. It is the place to fulfill all of the "one another's" mentioned in the Bible.

Fellowship With The Body Of Christ

Love one another - I John 4:7

Build up one another - I Thess. 5:11

Live in peace with one another –
I Thess. 5:13

Be devoted to one another - Rom.
12:11

Give preference to one another - Rom.
12:10

**Be of the same mind toward one
another** - Rom. 12:16

Accept one another - Rom. 15:7

Admonish one another - Rom. 15:14

Greet one another - Rom. 16:16

Care for one another - I Cor. 12:25

Serve one another - Gal. 5:13

Show tolerance toward one another -
Eph. 4:2

Singing to one another - Eph. 5:19

Be kind to one another - Eph. 4:32

Bearing with one another - Col. 3:3

Forgive one another - Col. 3:3

Comfort one another - I Thess. 4:18

Encourage one another - I Thess. 5:11

**Seek after that which is good for one
another** - I Thess. 5:15

Stimulate one another - Heb. 10:24

Confess your sins to one another -
James 5:16

Pray for one another - James 5:16

Fervently love one another - I Peter
1:22

Be hospitable to one another - I Peter
4:9

**Clothe yourselves with humility
toward one another** - I Peter 5:5

Practical Application

I assemble together with other believers because . . .

*There may be someone I could **encourage**.*

*There may be someone I could **pray for**.*

*There may be someone I could **comfort**.*

*There may be someone I could **help bear their burden**.*

*There may be someone I could **admonish**.*

*There may be someone I could **invite out or over to my house for lunch or dinner or coffee or ?????**.*

*There may be someone I could **show love and concern for**.*

*There may be someone I could **help solve a problem**.*

*There may be someone I could **explain a Scripture**.*

*There may be someone I could **share a verse from the Bible**.*

*There may be someone I could **help financially or materially**.*

*There may be someone I could **help move, or repair a car, or fix a computer problem, or ?????????***

*There may be someone I could **just sit and listen to**.*

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3. It is the place where the Word of God is to be preached and taught in its entirety.
4. It is the place where you place yourself under the authority of the Word.
5. It is the place where you get baptized as a believer.
6. It is the place where you share in the Lord's Table with other believers – Communion.
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Eph 5:19

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

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8. It is the place where you use your spiritual gift(s).
9. It is the place where you give of your resources – financial, material, and your time.
10. It is the place where, when you enter, you are crossing over from the secular to the sacred.

When is it wrong to leave a church?

1. When you have very little patience.
2. When you are looking for perfection.
3. When it is over “petty” matters.
4. When you have been offended or wounded in some way.
5. When you are too lazy to try to change it.

Rev 3:14-17, 19-20

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Rev 3:1-6

- 1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write:
He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.'
- 2 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.'
- 3 'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.'
- 4 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.'
- 5 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.'
- 6 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

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 - Doctrine of Sanctification.
2. When the church is indifferent to or rejects the Word of God as final authority.
3. When it is apparent that God has written “Ichabod on the doorway”.

1 Sam 4:21

21 And she called the boy Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel,

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4. When the church is predominantly unbelievers and filled with worldliness.
5. When the church is no longer a “safe haven” from the world.

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