

# 9th Main Church of Christ San Angelo, Texas

A graphic of a 'Welcome' sign where each letter is on a separate colored card (orange, white, blue, green, orange) pinned to a surface.

## Placing Membership

Robert Dodson

**W**e sometimes talk about “placing membership”. There are many who don’t know what this is all about, some who don’t have any idea how to do it and others who don’t see the need. Perhaps, we have been negligent in our teaching concerning this matter. So, let me mention a few points from the Bible.

**F**irst, we are not talking about placing membership in the church but in a local congregation. God adds the saved to the church (Acts 2:41, 47). Every Christian is a member of the one body of Christ, the church (1 Cor. 12:12-14; Rom. 12:4-5). The one church is made up of many different local churches of Christ (Acts 8:1; 9:31; 13:1; 14:23; Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; 4:17; 14:33; 16:19; Gal. 1:2; Col. 4:15-16; 1 The. 1:1; Rev. 1:11). Placing membership is seeking to become a member of a local church.

**S**econd, there is no specific method by which we must place membership but it could be done in several ways. One brother who is well known by the local brethren may orally introduce the brother not so well known (Gal. 1:21-22; Acts 9:26-27). One mutually recognized brother may write a letter of introduction to brethren about one with whom they yet

may not be familiar (Col. 4:10; Rom. 16:1-2). Several brethren may write a letter commending the faith of another (Acts 18:27). One who is a stranger may present himself before a local congregation and by self-commendation ask to be received into the fellowship of that group (2 Cor. 3:1-2). Placing membership is accomplished when a Christian makes known his desire to do so and is accepted by the congregation.

**T**hird, placing membership is not an option but important and necessary for the Christian. It is to place oneself under the rule and care of the local church leadership (Acts 20:28-30; 1 The. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-3). It is to accept and fulfill one’s God given responsibility to the local church, as well as to be a recipient of the benefits of being a member of the congregation (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 5; 11:17-34; 14; 16:1-3; Phi. 4:14-16; Heb. 10:24-25). Placing membership is vital to every member of the Lord’s church.

**I**f you have been saved by Christ, then you have been added to His church. You are a member of the church of Christ, but have you placed membership with a local congregation?



## Schedule of Services :

### Sunday:

9:30 AM (Bible Study)  
10:30 AM (Worship)  
5:00 PM (Worship)

### Wednesday:

7:00 PM (Bible Study)

## Servants :

### Shepherds:

Don Cheek (325) 277-0397  
Rick Popejoy (405) 428-2440  
Dennis Reed (325) 949-2215

### Preacher:

Mike Bonner (325) 320-6866

### Deacons:

Chad Schaertl (325) 200-1166  
Randy Scott (325) 716-7655  
Jerry Williams (325) 234-3118

### Secretary:

Mona Popejoy (405) 428-1073  
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## Worship Service :

Sunday: October 15, 2017

### Morning Worship

Announcements: Randy Scott  
Song Leader: Scot Allen  
Prayer: Chad Schaertl  
Lord's Table  
*Southside:* Clint Lisle  
*Northside:* Methis Williams  
Contribution: Lance Modawell  
Server: Mark Whitsett  
Scripture Reader: Jalen Sneed (Psalm 133:1)  
Closing Prayer: Rick Popejoy

### Evening Worship:

Song Leader: Bryan Braswell  
Opening Prayer: Mark Whitsett  
Closing Prayer: Clint Lisle

## Sermons :

AM: Fellowship, Good & Pleasant (Mike Bonner)  
PM: Grace, Part 2 (Mike Bonner)

# News, Notes & Information

This information covered to protect our family members.

**Reading Tree:** As a family so far this year, we have read 1,128 books of the Bible. We still have 80 days left in 2017. Let's challenge ourselves to read more than we have, so that we are prepared to give an answer to those who ask.

**Our Ladies Day:** "Vessels of Honor and Sanctification" is set for 10/21. If you can help decorate the fellowship hall, please be at the building on Thursday evening 10/19 or Friday evening 10/20 at 6:30 p.m.

**Pantry Needs:** our current needs are canned meat, vegetables, soups and stews. Please see Jerry if you would like to contribute financial.

**New Mexico Children's Home:** We have one month before the home will be here to pick up our donation. Our goal is 50 HE (High Efficiency) detergents.

**Q&A:** our next Q&A will be on 10/29. If you have questions, please place them in the box on the foyer table.

**Pumpkin Carving:** Chad & Lindsey have invited our church family to gather on 10/26 at 6:00 p.m, to carve pumpkins in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite pumpkin carving tools.

We are building for eternity by speaking where the Bible speaks and being silent where the Bible is silent, by calling Bible things by Bible names and doing Bible things in Bible ways.



Sunday Programs:

6:00 AM RENEW  
6:30 AM Preaching the Gospel



Weekdays: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM