



## The Mind of Christ!

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Throughout the New Testament, one theme summarizes how we should live our lives while sojourning upon the earth: following Jesus. A number of passages emphasize how we should live as Christ lived and follow Him in all that we do. Indeed, Paul exhorted us, “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1), and Peter later added, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps: Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in his mouth” (1 Pet. 2:21-22).

Whatever we do in life should follow in the footsteps of our Savior, including how we think. Therefore, in all things, we must develop the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 4:1), but the context of yet another passage provides additional emphasis. Quoting from the Old Testament, Paul says, “For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Jesus, being omniscient Deity (John 1:1; Ps. 147:5), is completely qualified to direct us in every aspect of life. On the other hand, we have no business trying to teach Him anything, but rather should learn from His example.

Jesus had a mind to know the scriptures. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus responded every time by quoting scripture (Matt. 4:1-11), something He would have had to learn as a man. Therefore, he had a mind to study scripture to know what God expected Him to do (2 Tim. 2:15; Deut. 6:6-9). From this temptation passage, it is clear that Jesus had a mind to resist the devil. He prepared Himself for the attack He fully expected and thereby resisted each and every temptation

(Heb. 4:15). We have this same responsibility (James 4:7), and we can do so with the assurance that we have the same ability as Jesus did when we have the same mind to worship.

Luke 4:16 informs us that coming to worship was part of Jesus’ normal practice. We have the additional example of Christians gathering on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), as well as the exhortation not to forsake the assembling of the saints (Heb. 10:25). However, we should begin by having the mind of Christ and be thankful that we can assemble together to worship God and be with others who wish to serve the God of heaven (Ps. 122). However, Jesus did not just worship in the assembly—He had a mind to pray in His personal life (Matt. 6:9-13; John 17). Indeed, He considered His time of prayer with His Father to be precious. Such should be our own way of thinking as well (1 Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6). Above all, Jesus’ life exhibited a mind to do the Father’s will. From the time He was twelve (Luke 2:49) until the time of His death (Luke 22:42), Jesus did the Father’s will in all things.

We have a great responsibility as Christians to live our lives in a manner that follows our Savior, Jesus Christ. However, this responsibility is also a unique privilege. For what greater claim can exist than that of living a life which follows the greatest man who ever lived and that of walking in the light in fellowship with the Creator of the universe (1 John 1:5-7)? We should always be willing to learn from Christ’s example and then live our lives, each moment of every day, with the mind of Christ.

## 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  
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### Preacher:

Mike Bonner (325) 320-6866

### Deacons:

Chad Schaertl (325) 200-1166  
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### Secretary:

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

Sunday: December 10, 2017

### Morning Worship

Announcements: Don Cheek  
 Song Leader: Chad Schaertl  
 Prayer: Don Patton  
 Lord's Table  
*Southside:* Garrett Barnum  
*Northside:* James Wood  
 Contribution: Rick Offill  
 Server: Nate Scott  
 Scripture Reader: Randy Scott  
 (1 Peter 3:15-21)  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams

### Evening Worship:

Song Leader: Rafael Ramirez  
 Opening Prayer: Mike Ferguson  
 Closing Prayer: Rick Popejoy

## Sermons :

AM: The Gift of the Conscience  
 (Mike Bonner)  
 PM: Abiding In Holiness  
 (Mike Bonner)

# News, Notes & Information

This information covered to protect our family members.

**Reading Tree:** We have 26 days left in 2017. Together we have read books of the Bible 1,346 times. Let's really push ourselves to read 1,500 as a family to equip us to be ready to give a Bible answer.

**Cheer Basket's:** We will assemble cheer baskets this Saturday 12/9 at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. If you can help, please see Ginger.

**Questions & Answers:** Our final Q&A for the year is scheduled for 12/31 at the evening service. If you have any Bible questions, please place them in the box on the foyer table.

**Family Devotional:** Our family devotional is this Sunday 12/10 in the fellowship hall. Please check with Rachel or James on menu items needed.

**New Year Get-together:** Since New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday night 12/31 we will have a family game night to finish out the year together. Please bring your favorite snacks and games and plan to stay for some wonderful fellowship. If you have any questions, please see Lindsey or Mona.

**Note Of Cheer:** Clyde Freeman is in need of some cheering up. Please send him a card this week. His address: 1701 South 4th Street, Clinton, OK 73601

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