

## Four Things I Want My Children to Know About the Church

by Adam Faughn

We live in times where speaking about “the Church” is looked down upon. People want to talk about Jesus, but not about the Church. Or, at times, people have a concept of the Church as just being another social gathering, much like a community club or ball team.

The Church, however, is far more. I need to know and appreciate that, and I also need to instill that in my children. So, while this is not an exhaustive list, here are four things I want to teach my children about the Church.

1. The Church is Not Mine; It Belongs to Christ. Here is where it all starts. This is a divine institution. It is not man-made, and it was certainly not made by me. Jesus built it (Matthew 16:18) and purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28). That being true, He has the say in how the Church is organized and what is practiced. We do not get that say, and we only truly honor Him when we faithfully follow Him, the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18).

2. The Church is a Beautiful Family of People. Though a divine institution, the Church is comprised of people, and those people are from all over the world and are made up of every walk of life. The Church is described as a body (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27) where each part plays a vital role in maintaining the health of the whole. Young and old, married, and single, people of every race and language; they all make up a beautiful family that must work together and work through problems together to the glory of God.

3. The Church Should be the Center of Our Schedule. I want my children to see the priority of the Church right on our calendar. When there is an activity, priority is given to the Church, not the world. That does not mean we will be able to attend every single activity, but the priority is being with God’s people and working and worshipping with them.

4. The Church Will be in Eternity Together. I want my children to learn to love being with God’s people here because it is God’s faithful people who will be together for all eternity! I want them to know that following Jesus really is the only way (John 14:6), so only those in the Church that belongs to Jesus will be in eternity.

There are certainly many other things I want to teach my children about the Lord’s Church, but these four are invaluable to them gaining a lifelong love for this great body. I pray that, in teaching these things to my children, it also builds an even deeper love for the Church in my heart.



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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Scripture:** Colossians 3:1-17

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class:** We will resume with Day 4 of Lesson 7 on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We will most likely meet at Sandy's house at 10.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** January 9<sup>th</sup>. Arthur will be teaching Ephesians, continuing in chapter 1.
- **Horseheads Ladies' Day-** Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Sandy will be the speaker for the day.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing-** the next one will be March 31<sup>st</sup> at Horseheads.
- **Sojourners** here- July 8-18.

**Next Potluck: January 20<sup>th</sup>. Try something new for the New Year!**



- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Regional Singing was great! Don't you all agree? Lots of church family, wonderful singing and good fellowship while we shared delicious food together! We had visitors from Horseheads, Endwell, Ithaca and Endless Mountains.**
- Sam's brother, Joseph, is visiting from Nigeria! We are hoping to have him worshiping with us this morning.

- **We will be starting a prayer ministry in the new year. We are preparing a mailbox-type receptacle for people to drop off their prayer requests as they have need. It will be placed in front of our building near the front steps.**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## PRAYERS...

- We are thankful that **Darlene and Doug** made it safely to Frostproof, FL, where they will rest and relax until February.
- **Patty asked for prayer for her daughter, April**, who is suffering headaches, probably from allergies. She has been started on medication, which we pray will solve her problem.
- **Patty and Ruthie's sister Dorine** was admitted to the hospital Friday night with afib. She is stable now but needs prayer.
- **Sam** is trying to secure an internship in our area while he finishes his last semester at Corning.
- Pray for **Marilynn Patrick** who is battling metastatic colon cancer. She started chemo but had to take a break to build up her blood.
- Pray that **Jackie** will have a smooth move from her home in Endicott to her new place in Athens, and that she can live comfortably there on her income. Keep her safe while Darlene is away.
- **Pat Guthrie** came through his lung cancer surgery well on Friday. We are praying that all the cancer was removed.
- Pray for **Karolyn**, who works with Tim, and is recovering from a head on collision with a drunk driver.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer.
- **Erin Beiber** - metastatic breast cancer.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.