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## "The Menu Said No Substitutions" (1 Kings 12:25-33)

I wanted bacon instead of sausage, but the menu said "No substitutions." Often when it comes to God's will for our lives we desire our own way over His way. As a result, many have made substitutions in God's arrangement of things.

Consider Jeroboam. He did not want Israel reuniting with Judah so he developed his own religion to replace God's. The Bible says, "Now this thing became a sin" (1 Kings 12:30). What substitutions did Jeroboam make and what lessons can we learn (Rom. 15:4)?

Jeroboam substituted the place of worship. Instead of the people returning to the temple at Jerusalem (1 Kin. 11:32; Deu.12:5-14)) altars were set up at Dan and Bethel (1 Kin. 12:27-29). Today, men have replaced God's temple, His church (1 Cor. 3:16-17) with denominationalism, cultism and spiritualism. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Mat. 16:18). God adds all the saved to it (Acts 2:47). There is only one church over which Jesus is head and of which He is the Savior (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 5:23). This is the church purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28). No other church belongs to Christ. Jesus did not die for any substitute!

Jeroboam substituted the priesthood. God ordained the sons of Aaron and the other Levites as priests (Num. 4, 18). Jeroboam consecrated whoever wished to be a priest from every class of people (1 Kin.12:31; 13:33-34). There is a priesthood in the New Testament church, but it is not the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops and Priests of Catholicism. Nor is it the clergy of any other religious organization. Every Christian is a priest (1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:5-6)! As priests we offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 13:15-16). Jesus is the only head of the church in heaven and on earth (Mat. 28:18; Col. 1:18) and the one mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5). Let us appreciate the responsibility we have as Christians and do away with all these other substitutions!

Jeroboam substituted the object of worship. Like the golden calf Aaron made for the people (Exo. 32), Jeroboam made two calves of gold and said to Israel, "Here are your gods" (1 Kin. 12:28-29). Men still bow before images and statues. Some kiss the feet of men or worship at the shrine of Mary. Others worship the angels of heaven. Jesus said, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve" (Mat. 4:10). When John fell down to worship before the feet of the angel he was told, "Do not do that... Worship God" ((Rev. 22:8-9). Cornelius fell at Peter's feet and worshipped him. "But Peter lifted him up, saying, 'Stand up; I myself am also a man'" (Acts 10:25-26). Idolatry or image worship is specifically condemned in Scripture (Rom. 1:20-25; 1 John 5:21). Whenever we put our desires above God's we have substituted the true and only worthy object of worship (Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5; Mat. 6:24).

Jeroboam substituted the pattern of worship. He ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month (1 Kin. 12:32). This was like the feast of Judah, but not on the same day and month, which God had ordained (See Lev. 23). Rather, it was something "he had devised in his own heart" (1 Kin. 12:33). It had always been important to

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### WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

### FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

### HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

### REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

### CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

### BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

## Mission Effort

Beloved in Christ,

Peace to you and grace from our God the Father!

Though you live in Sebring and we on the other side of the Earth but God has joined us in common faith and in one work in the body of Christ.

We thank God for you and thanks to you for your kind hearts you have turned up for the work in preaching the Gospel in our city.

Through you God bountifully blesses us. We have got the money that had been sent by you and together with the apostle Paul we say: we have all things, and abound: we are filled, having received the things (that came) from you, and odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:18,19).

In Christ,  
Vova and Tanya, Chernovtsy, Ukraine.  
April 05, 2006

## Pantry

We try to keep the pantry well stocked with well rounded food items and personal necessities. We are currently in need of the following items for the pantry.



This week we did help a couple of church members from Avon Park. Thanks to all those who help with the pantry and our benevolence room. We also visited with the family of 10 who lost everything in a recent fire.

Carrots	Canned Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables	Canned Meats
Dryer Beans	Canned Pineapple
Applesauce	Felour
Peas	Femine Products
Sugar	Toothpaste
Crackers	Shampoo
Canned Peaches	Conditioner
Spaghetti Sauce	Toilet tissue

follow the pattern God gave (Exo. 25:9), and even more so in regards to the new and better covenant of Christ (Heb. 8:5-6). Yet, men have taken unlawful liberties and changed God's pattern:

1) They have devised many different baptisms, but there is only one baptism (Eph. 4:4) authorized by Christ (Mat. 28:18-20). It is a burial in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 8:35-39; 10:47-48; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21). Only in obeying this "form (pattern) of doctrine" can one be set free from sin (Rom. 6:17).

2) The church met on the first day of every week to partake of the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:17-20; 16:1-2), yet men have changed the day and the frequency according to their own wishes.

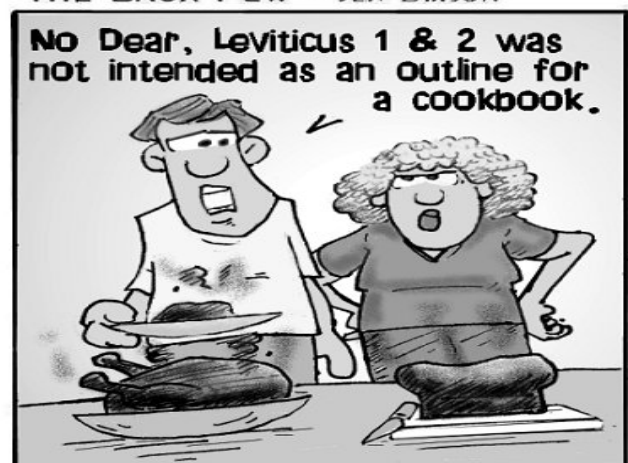
3) Mechanical instruments, choirs and solos, handclapping and foot stomping have been added to the music God commanded in His worship (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Congregational singing is the only kind of music ever used by or authorized by God for the church you read about in the New Testament.

4) The Lord's church was never financed by the fund raising, moneymaking schemes so popular in churches today. Christians supported the church by their offerings (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Car washes, rummage sales, spaghetti suppers or concerts were unheard of, not to mention bingo (or other forms of gambling) used to raise money today. These substitutes are not according to God's pattern.

Any religion of substitutes is a false religion because it has its origin in men and not God. Such is "vain" and will be "uprooted" (Mat. 15:7-14). We must not change God's way for our own way (Deu. 4:2, Pro. 30:6; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 John 9; Rev. 22:18-19). The waiter let me have my bacon, but when God says, "No substitutions," that's what He means!

By Robert Dodson

## THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



**Leviticus 1: Burnt Offering,  
Leviticus 2: Grain Offering**

## Our Record: April 2nd, 2006

Bible Study	109
Sunday AM Worship	115
Sunday PM Worship	111
Contribution	\$4467
Wednesday Bible Study	126
Building Fund	\$570
Ukraine Building Fund	\$85
F.H. Gates	\$2050
Special Mission Efforts	\$0

### Upcoming Birthdays



Dianne Parson	4/11
Chuck Miller	4/16
Shawn Welsh	4/16
Chris Fowler	4/18
Eleanor Mason	4/19

### Anniversary



Teles & Hilda Oregon	4/14/87
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### Communion Sign up

There is **no one** signed up to prepare the communion for services from the months of **June thru December**. If you are interested, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

### Prayer List

- ❖ **Betty Burton** is still trying to get her blood pressure and blood sugar under control.
- ❖ **Kitty Bush** has been recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ **Marilyn Sweeton** continues to recover.
- ❖ **Marjorie Vandivor's** will be deciding on treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** continues to have several doctor appointments.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** will have surgery tomorrow, to relieve pain on the nerve possibly caused by bone growth.
- ❖ **Sandra Powell** tests revealed a severe case of acid reflux.
- ❖ **Joanne Cope** is having back problems.
- ❖ **Frank Henry** continues to have health concerns.
- ❖ **Al Overfield** continues to improve.

## Prayer List

### EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Virginia Shinholser** is in Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville, she is weak and on oxygen.
- ❖ **Wyatt Coffey**, 1 ½ year old grandson of Thomas' was placed in the hospital this past week with pneumonia.
- ❖ **Major Keys**, 3 month old grandnephew of Gwin Barnum, born with kidney problems.
- ❖ **Olive Anderson**, aunt of Wayne Anderson, is recovering from surgery and improving daily.
- ❖ **Jim Casey**, friend of the Barber's, is recovering from surgery and improving daily.
- ❖ **John Mathis**, fellow worker of Beth Horn, continues to recover from motorcycle accident.
- ❖ **Gary Taylor** (son of Kathryn Taylor and brother of Betty Abrams), Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Debbie Vigar** (Marjorie Vandivor's sister), **Dorothy McCracken**, **Pearl Mitchell** (Aunt of Teresa Naugle), and **Shirley Waldrop** are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continues to have health concerns.
- ❖ Please keep the families Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Church and their grandchildren in your prayers. All 6 family members were killed in a recent fire. The Mandarin Church of Christ in Jacksonville is setting up a memorial fund to help pay for funeral expenses. Their website has more information: [www.mandarincc.com](http://www.mandarincc.com), click on link Franklin Church Family.
- ❖ Please remember all those affected by the recent tornadoes. Four church of Christ members lost their lives in the recent tornadoes and three families lost everything.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for Fourth Street church of Christ members in Selmer, TN and family of Matthew Winkler. Matthew was the minister of the Fourth Church of Christ and the grandson of the late Wendell Winkler.

### MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana. (Concern from criminal activity preceding this year's elections.)
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F.H. & Becky Gates** in Brazil.

<b>SCHEDULED TO SERVE</b>		<b>REMINDER:</b>
<b>THIS SUNDAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prepare Communion:</b> Barb Cole &amp; Patty Massey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters:</b> Ron Horton                      Della Martin Bill Sweeton                     Amy Horton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Cards:</b> Nicholas Stalter &amp; Victor Oregon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b> Nathan Ramer &amp; Josh Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sound Room:</b> BJ Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secure Building This Week:</b> BJ Thomas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prepare Communion:</b> Barb Cole &amp; Patty Massey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters:</b> Ron Horton                      Betty Abrams Bill Sweeton                     Amy Horton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Cards:</b> Nicholas Stalter &amp; Victor Oregon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b> Forest Ritenour &amp; Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sound Room:</b> James Ware</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secure Building Next Week:</b> Dave Marcum</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcements:</b> Dave Marcum</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Song Leader:</b> Don Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Prayer:</b> John Roberts</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lord's Supper:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Preside:</b> Carl Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Serve:</b></p> <p>1. Don Ware                      5. Rick Cochran 2. Dale Spung                    6. Arnold Lowe 3. Chris Fowler                 7. Wayne Anderson 4. James Ware                 8. Leon Tubbs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Flavil Miller</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcements:</b> Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Song Leader:</b> Edison Green</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Prayer:</b> Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lord's Supper:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Preside:</b> Harry Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Serve:</b></p> <p>1. Rick Cochran                 5. Dave Marcum 2. Herb Ellis                     6. Robert Capps 3. Chris Fowler                 7. Carl Martin 4. Don Gunter                    8. Robert Parnett</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Chris Fowler</p>	<b>SHEPHERDS</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<p><b>Harry Johnson ..... 655-3386</b> (Evangelism/Membership Directory/Membership Fellowship)</p> <p><b>Dave Marcum..... 385-8899</b> (Treasurer/ Administration)</p> <p><b>Olin Shinholser ..... 382-1060</b> (Worship Services/ Education)</p> <p><b>Paul Talbert ..... 385-3756</b> (Building &amp; Grounds/ Benevolence/ Membership Services)</p>
<p><b>Song Leader:</b>                 <b>Opening Prayer:</b> Singing Night                 Harry Johnson</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b>               <b>Closing Prayer:</b> Carl Martin                     James Ware</p>	<p><b>Song Leader:</b>                 <b>Opening Prayer:</b> Chris Fowler                    Dave Marcum</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b>               <b>Closing Prayer:</b> Harry Johnson                 John Roberts</p>	<b>DEACONS</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<p><b>Bill Benton ..... 453-6002</b> (Treasurer/Visitation)</p> <p><b>Chris Fowler..... 386-4661</b> (Youth Director/ Services Director/ Substitute Teacher Assignments)</p> <p><b>Roger Gurganus..... 453-3939</b> (Building &amp; Grounds Maintenance (Outside)/ Transportation/ Communion)</p> <p><b>Tracey Stalter..... 471-9736</b> (Building Maintenance (Inside)/ Membership Directory/ Pews)</p> <p><b>BJ Thomas..... 385-7270</b> (Building Maintenance (Outside)/ Benevolence)</p> <p><b>Don Ware ..... 382-0194</b> (Special Mission Efforts/ Timothy Class)</p>
<p><b>Song Leader:</b>                 <b>Invitation:</b> Robert Parnett                 Carl Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Don Ware</p>	<p><b>Song Leader:</b>                 <b>Invitation:</b> Troy Talbert                    Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Clem Smith</p>	
<b>FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL</b>	<b>MEET WITH US</b>	
<p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sebring Parkway Church of Christ</b> <b>3800 Sebring Parkway</b> <b>Sebring, FL 33870</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs    <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs   <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs</p>	<p>Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday AM Worship..... 10:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday PM Service ..... 6:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.sebringcoc.com">http://www.sebringcoc.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com">sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</a></p>	