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### Whence Came the Name?

Through the years men have debated the source of the name "Christian". The New Testament uses the name only three times. It is indeed an honorable name as these texts indicate.

*"...and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch"* (Acts 11:26)

*"And Agrippa said unto Paul, With but little persuasion thou wouldst fain make me a Christian"* (Acts 26:28)

*"...but if any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name."* (I Peter 4:16)

From whence did such an honorable name come? Who or what was the source of it? It is most evident that it came from one of three parties: the disciples themselves, the enemies of the disciples, or the spokesmen of the Lord. Perhaps we can determine the source by a simple process of elimination.

Since our original text states that the disciples "were called" Christians, it seems evident that they did not coin it themselves. It does not state that they "called themselves Christians." Therefore, they are not the source of this noble name.

Many contend that the enemies of Christ and His church, speaking in derision, were the source of the name. But, why would a name so honorable and inoffensive be used derisively? It just doesn't make sense. Furthermore, it is unreasonable to suppose that a name so given by the enemies of Christianity should be so universally approved by the disciples themselves. If it were an offensive title, why would it be the name through which they would "glorify God?"

Having eliminated the first two possibilities, it leaves us with just one conclusion. It must have been given by those who were inspired spokesmen for God—perhaps even Paul and Barnabas themselves. The new name for "spiritual" Israel, not only meets the approval of God, but was also given by Him through inspired men!

Leroy Sedgwick

**We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.**

**There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing is *acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)**

**We partake of the *Lord's supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)**

### 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."

#### 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.

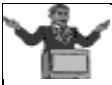
Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

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.





### Preaching Schedule

AM Frank Parker *Cut and Run*  
PM Frank Parker *Isaiah 53*

### Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will not be meeting weekly again until September.

### Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On the last Thursday of each month the time will be changed to 4-6pm.** If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



### Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.

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### Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Your help is needed. There are some months that still need people to be willing to do this.

### Help Needed

The Mount Dora Children's Home will be holding their Annual Food and Supply trip during the week of May 21-25, 2007. See the sheet on the bulletin board for a list of supplies that they need. Currently they provide 30 children with a safe home. Place these supplies in the boxes provided in classroom #2. This is your last opportunity to donate supplies to them before the supply run.

### Mission Trip

Don Ware, James Ware and Harry Johnson will be going on a mission trip in July to Guyana. Keep praying for this mission trip that many people will be reached for Christ.

### Prayer Meeting

Group #3 will hold their monthly prayer meeting at 5PM next Sunday evening, May 27th.

### From the Elders

The monthly financial report is posted on the bulletin board in the educational building. Anyone desiring a copy, see one of the elders or secretaries.

### A FEW MORE WORDS FROM KEN

Although Jan and I are at home, we still miss you sweet people at Sebring. Our time with you meant more than you can know. So many friendships were made and/or strengthened. Even though we had prayed-as you had-that a man could soon be found to be your permanent preacher, when I heard that Jason Waller was coming, I felt a certain emptiness. It's hard to explain; but we are thankful to God that you will soon get to enjoy his work and his preaching.

Even yet it is hard for us to adequately thank you for the wonderful sendoff we received on that last Sunday night there. The food and fellowship were so enjoyable. Your kind words will never be forgotten.

And the money tree!!! We just could not believe you would do this for us. We have put that money aside and will spend it for something special so that we can remember your thoughtfulness even longer.

I talked last night with Jason. I look forward to getting to know him much better when we come back down. Our prayer is that he will prove to be exactly the right man for this work. Pray for him. Love him. Encourage him. Work with him. If you do, then good things will happen.

We look forward to coming back down this winter, probably sometime in January. We've had notes or phone calls or emails from several of you. Keep those coming. Some of the winter members have called. We love every one of you, and thanks again for everything. God be with you till we meet again.

---ken and jan

### Area Meeting

Lake Street Church of Christ, in Stuart, will be holding their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary for their Minister Henry McFadden on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. They will be having a gospel meeting July 15-19. See the bulletin board for further details.



### CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, May 25<sup>h</sup> at 5:30pm at the Barnhill's Restaurant in Sebring. All are invited to attend.

### Social

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the morning service, we will have a pot luck dinner to welcome the Waller family. Make your plans to be here for this special occasion. There is no group in charge for this event so all groups need to help with the set up and cleanup operations.

### SHEPHERDS

**Harry Johnson.....655-3386**  
(Evangelism/Membership  
Directory/Membership  
Fellowship Clothing Room)

**Dave Marcum.....385-8899**  
(Treasurer/ Administration)

**Olin Shinholser.....382-1060**  
(Worship Services/ Education)

**Paul Talbert.....385-3756**  
(Building & Grounds/  
Benevolence/ Membership  
Services)

### DEACONS

**Bill Benton .....453-6002**  
(Treasurer/Visitation)

**Chris Fowler .....386-4661**  
(Youth Director/ Services  
Director/ Substitute Teacher  
Assignments/Sound Room)

**Roger Gurganus .....453-3939**  
(Building & Grounds  
Maintenance (Outside)/  
Transportation/ Communion)

**Tracey Stalter.....471-9736**  
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/  
Membership Directory/ Pews)

**BJ Thomas .....385-7270**  
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/  
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

**Don Ware.....382-0194**  
(Special Mission Efforts/  
Timothy Class)

### The Paralysis of Sin

It paralyzes the **EYE** that it cannot see (Jn. 3:3)

It paralyzes the **MOUTH** that it cannot speak (Ps. 32:3)

It paralyzes the **HAND** that it cannot work (Lk. 16:13)

It paralyzes the **FEET** that they cannot go (Jn. 16:13)

It paralyzes the **EAR** that it cannot hear (Jn. 8:43)

It paralyzes the **HEART** that it cannot love (Heb. 3:13)

It paralyzes the **WHOLE MAN** that he cannot please God (Rom. 8:8)

Via Santa Maria, CA

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE**

**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP**

**THIS SUNDAY**

**Prepare Communion:**

Bob and Evelyn Parnett

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                      Tracey Stalter  
 Bill Sweeton                      Nancy Stalter

**Pick Up Cards:**

Joshua Fowler & Forest Ritenour

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Victor Oregon & Hayden Parker

**Sound Room:**

Tracey Stalter

**Secure Building This Week:**

Tracey Stalter

**Announcements:**

Dave Marcum

**Song Leader:**

Chris Fowler

**Opening Prayer:**

Mike Tubbs

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

Carl Martin

**Serve:**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Troy Talbert | 4. Leon Tubbs |
| 2. Clem Smith   | 5. James Ware |
| 3. Don Ware     | 6. Dale Spung |

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Prepare Communion:**

Bob and Evelyn Parnett

**Greeters:**

Ron Horton                      Carl Martin  
 Bill Sweeton                      Della Martin

**Pick Up Cards:**

Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour

**Pick Up Communion Cups:**

Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler

**Sound Room:**

Bill Benton

**Secure Building Next Week:**

Bill Benton

**Announcements:**

Roger Gurganus

**Song Leader:**

Don Gunter

**Opening Prayer:**

Wayne Anderson

**Lord's Supper:**

**Preside:**

John Roberts

**Serve:**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Harry Johnson  | 4. Carl Martin   |
| 2. John Ware      | 5. Leon Tubbs    |
| 3. Dwain Chambers | 6. Telles Oregon |

Announcements: Dave Marcum

Song:

Opening Prayer: Mike Tubbs

Song:

Song:

Communion

Offering

Song:

Lesson: Frank Parker

Invitation Song:

Song:

Closing Prayer: Robert Capps

**Reminder**

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.

Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Closing Prayer:**

Robert Capps

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader:**                      **Opening Prayer:**

Mike Tubbs                      Bill Benton

**Lord's Supper:**                      **Closing Prayer:**

Carl Martin                      Dwain Chambers

**Wednesday Evening**

**Song Leader:**                      **Invitation:**

Bob Parnett                      Harry Johnson

**Closing Prayer:**

Cliff Blain

**Closing Prayer:**

Dale Spung

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader:**                      **Opening Prayer:**

Robert Capps                      Clem Smith

**Lord's Supper:**                      **Closing Prayer:**

John Roberts                      Tracey Stalter

**Wednesday Evening**

**Song Leader:**                      **Invitation:**

Troy Talbert                      Carl Martin

**Closing Prayer:**

Gordon Smith

**FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL**

If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:

**Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**  
**3800 Sebring Parkway**  
**Sebring, FL 33870**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range:

0 - 10 yrs     11 - 17 yrs

18 - 50 yrs     51 - ?? yrs

**MEET WITH US**

Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM

Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM

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**Jeremiah 7:23**

**,,,,Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.**