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How Do I Find A Good Bible-Believing Bible-Teaching Church?



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Jesus Is Lord!



Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve.

We will be in prayer that you find a good Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church in your area where you can continue to grow and develop spiritually. If you live in this area, you can feel free to visit our church to see if this is the place where God is leading you to join. From the Heart Church Ministries®-Parent Church is a part of From the Heart Church Ministries Worldwide™. As a From the Heart Church, we readily share information about affiliated ministries or those we have visited personally. Feel free to call us at (301) 899-9411 and we will be happy to share names of churches in your area.

If we are not personally familiar with any churches that are convenient for you, we suggest that you visit churches and be open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We also suggest that you attend a mid-week service in addition to a Sunday worship service. In the meantime, you may also join us for the live-stream of our church services until you find a church to join. Please visit our website at www.fthcm.org to learn more about our available live-stream services. In trusting God to lead you, you will find Him faithful to give direction (*Proverbs 3:5-6*). Once you have found a good church, stay

there and refrain from listening to a lot of different doctrines. Get involved in the church that God directs you to join.

In addition to finding a good church home, we also encourage you to develop your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is done through reading the Bible and consistent prayer. Prayer is simply talking to God. It is openly and honestly sharing with God. Prayer also involves expressing gratitude and thanksgiving for His goodness.

The Word of God tells us to have the “mind” of Christ (*Philippians 2:5*). We pray that the eyes of your understanding will be opened and that God will reveal truth to your inner man. We encourage you to study God’s Word daily. Start with reading the Gospels which are the first four books of the New Testament. The Gospels will tell you about the life of Jesus Christ. As you read God’s Word, ask Him to give you understanding.

Included in this brochure are several guidelines to assist you in identifying a good Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church. We trust that you will find a good church home soon.

Pastor and Mrs. John A. Cherry, II

What to Look For In Finding the Right Church

*For a believer, church membership is not an option (**Hebrews 10:19-25**). All believers should belong to and be involved in a good local church.*

Punctuality— Do the services and other activities begin as posted?

Provisions— Are the needs of the church being met scripturally?

Piety— Do the Pastors and leaders possess unquestionable character traits?

† Is the Pastor’s lifestyle holy?

† Is the Pastor’s family life together?

Polity— Are the rules, regulations and guidelines of the church scripturally based? All churches should be governed by the Word of God.

Proclamation— Are the teachings based on the Word of God?

† Is Jesus taught as God? (Jesus is Lord!)

† Is there boldness in the proclamation of the Gospel?

† Does leadership show forth love unconditionally?

† Is the truth being taught?

Programs— Are the programs in the church scripturally based or motivated by finances?

† Is the Pastor’s concern for the welfare of the flock or for self?

Power— Are there life-changing testimonies by those who are members?

† Is the power of the Word of God manifested in the lives of leadership and fellowship?

Additional signs of a good local church include: A Pastor with a vision for the church, members who use their Bibles, and mid-week services that are well attended.