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It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord's word teaches. If you need Christ as your Lord and Savior, we believe you will find him among the Christians at Valley Station.

**Come and see.**

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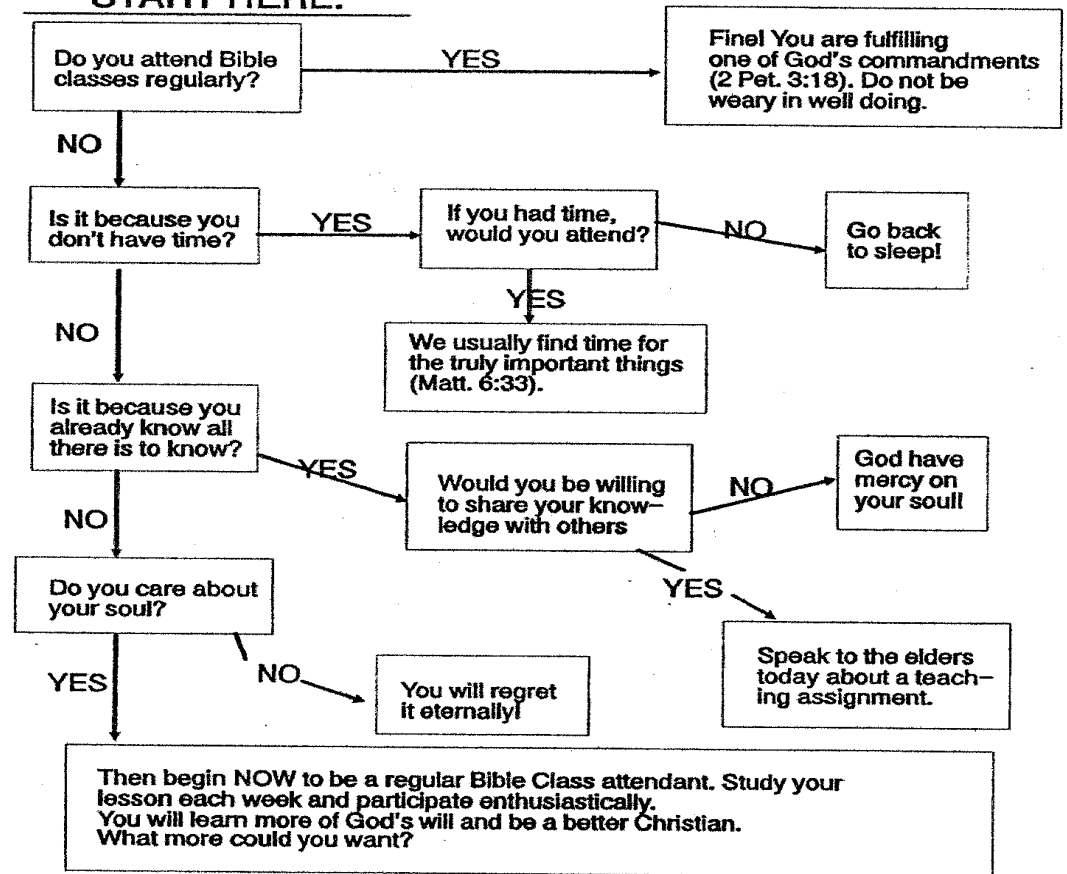
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## Bible Study is Important

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## “Church of Christ”

James W. Adams

The designation, “Church of Christ,” has been by some practically deified. We hear some brethren say, “I’m Church of Christ.” We hear and read of “Church of Christ” preachers, homes, congregations, camps, etc. Furthermore, in the minds of many, if a so-called “Church of Christ” does a thing, such lends peculiar sanctity to that which is done regardless of the character of the thing itself. In recent years, we have often called to the attention of the brethren that things we are now doing are the very things which we have condemned in denominational bodies all through the years. So many times we have received the classic reply, “Yes, but those are denominations and this is the Church of Christ.”

We have never been able to understand why a “chorus” is right if used by a “Church of Christ” in services of worship and a “choir” wrong if used by a denomination in services of worship. We have never understood why it is right for “Churches of Christ” such as the ones at San Benito, Texas (where we labored more than twenty years ago) and Broadway in Lubbock, Texas to own and operate irrigated cotton farms for profit to provide money for the benevolent work of the church and wrong for the Woman’s Missionary Society (or whatever it is called) or a Methodist Church to give a pie supper to raise money to pay for the support of the mission or benevolent work of their’ church. We find great difficulty in understanding why it is right for the elders of a “Church of Christ” to constitute themselves a general board of missions or benevolence for the churches (such as is done in so-called “sponsoring churches”) and wrong for Christian Churches to do their benevolence and missionary work through a general board of missions or benevolence which they organize under the title of “Missionary Society.”

It takes more than a name to make a church a “church of Christ.” We once had an inmate of a state institute for the mentally ill, garbed in overalls with a three day’s growth of beard on his face, approach us at a small, grocery store and confidentially advise us that he was a detective. Somehow it never occurred to us to take him seriously. Neither are we much impressed with institutions calling themselves “Churches of Christ” or “Churches of God” which are at the same time characterized by doctrines and practices unknown to the church which we read about in the New Testament. A church calling itself “Church of Christ” assumes the obligation of duplicating in its life the church which we read about on the pages of the New Testament.

-- *Sword of Peace*, August, 1967

## Valley Station Church of Christ is “a Church of Christ”

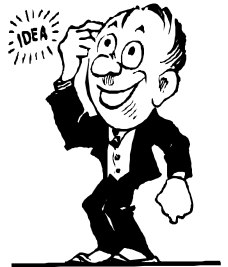
It could likely be considered boastful by some, and digressive by others, for us to make the claim that we, the Valley Station Church of Christ, are indeed, “a Church of Christ.” We believe that to be the unadulterated truth.

Some flinch at seeing “Church of Christ” begin the word church with a capital letter. Others would change the “a” to “the.” I am not sure why. I have often wondered what response would be forthcoming if it were written “church of christ” or “church of Christ” or “CHURCH OF CHRIST.” Personally I see that as not an important issue.

What is important is that those who wish to be devoted disciples of Christ and members of his church be identified in a way that associates them with Christ and his church. The church Jesus built must honor his name (Eph. 3:14-15). It must also and always accept his headship and allow only the doctrine of Christ to be taught and practiced. That is why we claim to be “a Church of Christ.” As a church, we are spiritually “of” our Lord.

The Valley Station church makes every effort to duplicate the church our Lord built (Matt. 16:18). We urge you to make a complete investigation of our teaching and practice. If you find what we teach and practice is truth, we stand ready to assist you in your compliance with the Lord’s plain teaching. If we are wrong, we urge you to show us the error of our ways. We will not be deliberately wrong about anything.

**Quote From a Recent Sermon at Valley—**“There’s a difference between interest and commitment. Being interested in something means doing something when it is convenient. One who is committed to doing something neither accepts nor offers excuses but seeks results regardless of convenience.”



Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the churches of Macedonia; how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For according to their power, I bear witness, yea and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord, beseeching us with much entreaty in regard of this grace and the fellowship in the ministering to the saints: and this, not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God. - 2 Cor. 8:1-5

