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What is Valley Station Church?

It is a group of Christians determined to be pleasing to God. How do they do this? They do all in their power to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ with no changes, additions, subtractions or alterations.

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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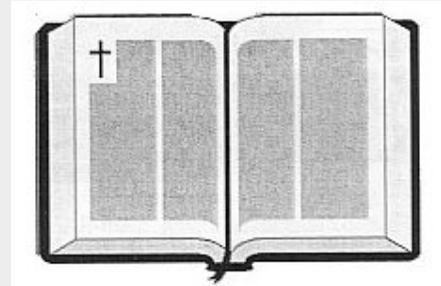
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WEEKEND GOSPEL MEETING

Hear Randall McPherson



Here at Valley Station

Plain Gospel Preaching

September 18, 19, 20

Friday and Saturday — 7:30 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone Invited

A Gospel Meeting

The folks in your neighborhood who meet at the corner of Dixie Garden Dr. and Fashion Way here in Valley Station are having a special meeting to which they invite you to attend. They have invited Mr. Randall McPherson of Burkesville, Kentucky to conduct a series of Bible lessons on September 18, 19 at 7:30 each evening, and Sunday the 20th, at 10:30 a.m. Randall is a preacher whose sole purpose in life is to preach Christ and him crucified. You will miss a lot in not hearing his sermons.

In the first century, the spread of the church and the gospel is given in the book of *Acts of the Apostles*. When the gospel reached a place called Antioch, the divine historian tells us of a man called Barnabas who went to Tarsus to find a man called Saul. Saul later became the great apostle Paul. Finding him, Barnabas brought him back to Antioch. For a year they met with the church there and then the Scripture says, “And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). There were no different kinds of Christians in Antioch, or any other place in the New Testament. The disciples were called simply **Christians**.

The word Christian means literally one who is “of Christ.” It describes a relationship. We speak of people from the great commonwealth of Kentucky as Kentuckians, meaning they bear a relationship to their home state. In this way, one who is of Christ, can only be called a Christian. This is what folks who make up the Valley Station church of Christ want to be called.

If you ever visit with us at Valley Station church you may expect to find our worship is very simple. There are no ornate programs, special music, choirs, orchestras or dramatic promotions. No, our worship consists of only what we find in the New Testament Scriptures. On the first day of each week the early Christians met together to “break bread” (Acts 2:42; 20:7). That is a reference to their meeting to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Now they did this every week -- not just on Easter, Lent, Christmas, or some other special day. The Bible clearly says, “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). The early church did it every first day of every week; so do we.

Although the passage doesn’t say “every” first day of the week it is definitely implied. Every college student knows that during enrollment for a semester they see a schedule of classes. Some classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. That means every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday -- the “every” is implied. That is the same with the first day of the week. The early church did it; so do we. They ate unleavened bread, drank fruit of the vine to commemorate the death and suffering of Jesus -- so do we.

The early church continued steadfastly in the apostolic doctrine. They had no man made rules or creeds; they just preached Christ and him crucified (1 Cor. 2:1-5). That is all we do at the Valley Station church of Christ.

If you like to sing praises to the Lord you’ll enjoy worshipping with us. That’s all we do — sing “Psalms, hymn, and spiritual songs, making melody in our hearts to the Lord.” There are no collections taken up except on the Lord’s Day, Sunday. The collection is made up of the individual contributions from members of this church. We never expect those who visit with us to give.

We collectively pray being led by a man of the congregation. We do this because prayers were a vital part of the worship in which the church of Christ in Jerusalem engaged. Remember, the church in Acts 2 “continued stedfastly” in prayer.

The evenings of September 18, 19, and Sunday morning, the 20th, you have that opportunity. And if there is anything that you don’t understand or think is right, you are urged to ask about it and let us explain, if we can. Above all, you will receive a warm welcome from people just about like you and your family. We hope to see you at our meeting.

Preach not because you have to say something, but because you have something to say.

-Richard Whately



And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Cor. 2:1-5

