

December 23, 2018

Our Reluctance to Commitment

Luke 18:18-24

1. A look at Saul of Tarsus on his way to Damascus. *Acts 9:1-18*
2. Paul speaking to Hebrew crowd about his encounter with Christ. *Acts 22:1-21*
3. Matthew's commitment to follow Jesus. *Matthew 9.9*
4. The dread of commitment is rooted in the fact that it means the acceptance of Tension. *2 Timothy 4:10*
5. There is the dread of commitment because it means the abandonment of independence. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*



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HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

One does not “join” the church. **The Lord adds** to the church those who are being saved (Acts 2:47). To be saved, one must do the will of God (Matt. 7:21-23). The will of God as expressed by the New Testament, for the sinner outside the body of Christ must:

HEAR THE GOSPEL
Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST
John 8:24 Hebrews 11:6

REPENT OF THEIR SINS
Acts 17:30 & 26:20

CONFESS FAITH IN CHRIST
Matt. 10:32 Rom. 10:10

**BE BAPTIZED FOR THE
REMISSION OF SINS**
Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38 Acts 22:16

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH
Rev. 2:10

MINISTER

Joseph Gormany
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ELDERS

Tommy Thompson
Duane Tolbertson
Leroy Smith
Guillermo Melendez

DEACONS

Franchot Randolph
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

SPANISH SERVICES

Sunday Worship 2:00 P.M.
Spanish Bible Study
Sunday 1:00 P.M.
Thursday 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You are our honored guests. We hope your visit with us today will be rewarding and spiritually uplifting. In order that we may serve you better, please fill out a yellow visitor's card located on the back of each pew and drop in the collection plate.

NEWS and PRAYER REQUESTS

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

MICHAEL MORENO to be rid of the medical issues he's had for a long time.

KATHY SMITH to have back pain subside and get the much needed back surgery

ADA GAGEN, 3 years old, to overcome the myriad of health issues she's enduring

DUANE TOLBERTSON'S comfort, to have more good days than bad days.

LENA TOLBERTSON to get needed rest, attention to her issues & peace of mind.

KATHY, Jan T. daughter, pain to subside & to completely heal from a broken arm.

LOUISE, Tommy T. sister, to have her health improve greatly.

BONNIE & TERRY NEWMAN to both overcome their long lasting health issues

ESTHER MARTINEZ to have pain subside & have a full recovery on her Esophagus

KEN & RUTH ALTOM to have improved health. Give them a call: 760-420-6279

JOHN SULLIVAN to have better health on a daily basis.

MARILYN BURR to continue having wholeness and well-being.

BECKY GORMANY to bounce back from a nasty fall she had a few months ago.

SELENA, Mariela's granddaughter, to have her seizures kept to a minimum.

ARIANA CAMPOS to regain strength as she moves on from scary bout with cancer

PRAY FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

****Send prayer requests, news & updates to: melcobulletin@yahoo.com
You can also text or call Fred S. 760-855-8880**

Joe Gormany can be reached on his cell phone at (928) 530-2158

COMING EVENTS

LEROY SMITH will deliver morning sermon: *"Our Reluctance to Commitment"*

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: Be back tonight @ 6:00 pm as **LEROY SMITH** brings us the lesson *"Forgiveness"* Luke 23:43

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: There will **NOT** be a bible study on December 26, the day after Christmas.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 * BILINGUAL WORSHIP & POTLUCK

We will celebrate the end of the year with a combined morning service, followed by a potluck & fellowship.

CHRISTIAN RELIEF FUND CHILDREN sent our congregation a very nice Christmas card that is posted on the CRF board in foyer. The CRF wooden box on table in foyer is available for donations to the fund.

CARPETS WERE CLEANED ON MONDAY. In order to keep the carpet spic & span and to avoid stains, please refrain from bringing drinks or food into the main church auditorium.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING at 10:00 am on SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 in Fellowship Hall. This meeting is required by State of California. A quorum of our members must be present, so please set aside a couple of hours and make plans to attend. It's just once a year!

SAVE THE DATE:

24th ANNUAL MEN'S DAY @ CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST in Oceanside
The event will be on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019 * 7:30 am to 1:00 pm.**

LADIES DAY * 32nd CHURCH OF CHRIST * SAT. MARCH 30 * 9:00 - 12:00

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

16 Kenneth & Ruth Altom 22 Leroy & Ann Smith

19 Frederick & Gloria Schultz

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Marilyn Burr