

# FAMILY NEWS

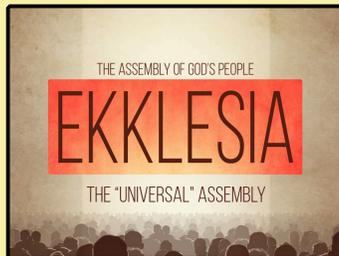
MARCH 18, 2018

Madrid  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS..."

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE:

9AM & 11AM



## WELCOME GUESTS!

If you are visiting with us and have any questions about what you have seen or heard today, please fill out a visitor's card or ask to talk to one of our shepherds. Our desire is to give you a biblical answer about the things that we believe and practice.

## THIS WEEK'S READING:

3/19 - 1 Samuel 14-16

3/20 - 1 Samuel 17-20

3/21 - 1 Samuel 21-23

3/22 - 1 Samuel 24-26

3/23 - 1 Samuel 27-30

3/24 - 1 Samuel 31, 2  
Samuel 1-2

3/25 - 2 Samuel 3-5

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

*"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places..."*

- Ephesians 1:3, ESV

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

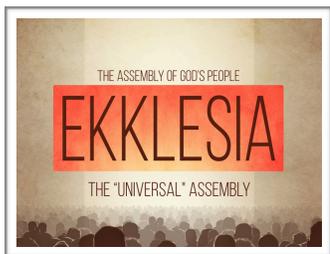
"I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone... This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:1, 3-4).

- Cooper & parents
- Larry - issue he has had with the nerve in his face.
- Franki - issues with high blood pressure
- Erb & Jan - Erb getting treatments
- Janis & family
- Sam Davidson - Next MRI is March 22nd. Pray for good results.
- Sandy - lung/breathing issues
- Alicia and baby
- Samantha and baby
- Bart - breathing/asthma issues. Give thanks for improvement
- Evangelists we support in the U.S. and Africa (Jason, Brewer, Esrael, Bob B., & others)
- Widows (Margaret, Ramona, Sandy, Renee, Janis)
- Our Shepherds as they lead and feed this flock
- Our deacons as they serve
- Spiritual growth for new converts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Events to plan for:**
  - 4/1 - Prayer service @ 9am
- **Ladies:** Remember that you get to choose what class book the adult class will study on Wednesdays during the 3rd quarter of 2018. Let the elders know any ideas you may have.

"Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."



## TODAY'S OUTLINES

### **Ekklesia** *The Universal Assembly*

Today's lessons will examine what the Bible teaches about the universal assembly (church) of the Lord Jesus.

#### **I. Summary of Last Week's Lesson**

- A. The Greek word 'ekklesia' is not inherently a religious word. It is used to describe a group of people, whether they are religious or not.
- B. Ekklesia in the "First Century Bible" (In the NT & the Septuagint)
  - 1. Ekklesia is used to describe secular groups of people
  - 2. In describing the people belonging to the New Covenant, ekklesia is used in three contexts: the universal church, the local church, and the local church assembled

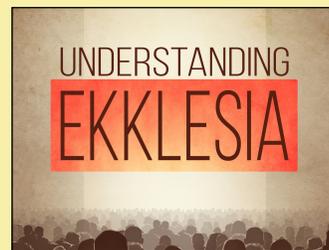
#### **II. The Universal Assembly in the New Testament: Lesson 1 (9AM)**

- A. It consists of all individuals who are saved by the blood of Christ. (Heb 12:22-23).
  - 1. Misconception: The universal church is not a group of all denominations or a group of all local churches.
- B. There is only one universal church — one body of Christ (Eph 4:4).
- C. The universal church began on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2, 11:15).
- D. You are added to the universal assembly by the Lord whenever you obey the Gospel (Acts 2:38, 41, 47).

#### **III. The Universal Assembly in the New Testament: Lesson 2 (11AM)**

- A. The Lord keeps the books of membership (Heb 12:23). Only the Lord knows those who are His (2 Tim 2:19).
- B. Death doesn't affect membership (Phil 1:21-23; Heb 12:22-23).
- C. One must be in this assembly to be saved (Eph 5:23).
- D. Has no earthly organization today (Eph 2:19-22; 1 Pet 2:5). The "hierarchy of authority" for the church is spiritual in nature.
- E. It cannot be divided (Eph 4:4). If people are led astray by false doctrine, they are cut off from the assembly.
  - 1. This does not mean that there are not any disagreements among Christians. The body is a group of saved people of differing maturity & knowledge levels. Disagreements do happen.
  - 2. Misconception: there are not many branches in the universal church. There is not a institutional branch and a non-institutional branch. There is not an instrumental branch and a non-instrumental branch.

#### CURRENT SERIES:



#### MY NOTES & QUESTIONS: