

FAMILY NEWS

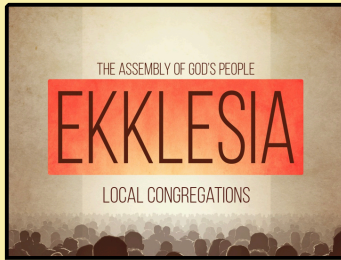
MARCH 25, 2018

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:

3/26 - 2 Samuel 6-9

3/27 - 2 Samuel 10-12

3/28 - 2 Samuel 13-15

3/29 - 2 Samuel 16-19

3/30 - 2 Samuel 20-22

3/31 - 2 Samuel 23-24, 1
Kings 1

4/1 - 1 Kings 2-5

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

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- 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

"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).

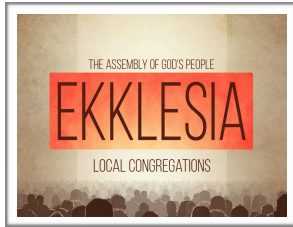
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Events to plan for:**
 - 4/1 - Prayer service @ 9am
 - A new quarter begins next Sunday. Men, be sure to get a duty roster and be ready for any work you need to do.

"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

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



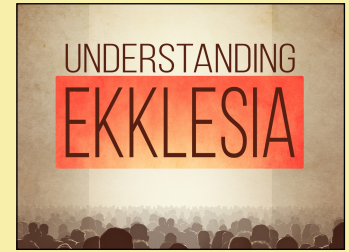
TODAY'S OUTLINES

Ekklesia *Local Congregations (Pt1 & Pt2)*

I. Local Congregations in the New Testament

- 1. They can contain both lost and saved people**
 - A. 1 Corinthians 5 - An adulterous man being tolerated by the church.
 - B. Revelation 3:4 - A few individuals right with God in the church of Sardis.
- 2. One doesn't *have to* associate w/ a local church to be saved**
 - A. One can be saved and not be part of a local church. It is possible (ex. The Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8), but not ideal.
 - B. At times, the faithful can be unjustly kicked out of the church, but this does not affect their salvation (3 John 5-9).
- 3. Men keep the books of "membership"**
 - A. There is human judgment involved in who is considered "a member" of a local church. Local congregation should desire to only have those who are faithful to the Lord as "members," but men do make mistakes.
- 4. Begin when men decide to work together**
 - A. As the gospel spreads and people respond to it, those in a particular area start a local church when they agree to work together.
 - B. Individual local churches were not established in 33AD.
- 5. Added by associating w/ the group (and being accepted by them)**
 - A. The local congregation is not an "organization" you become a member of. It is a group of people that you become a part of — a group that you decide to associate yourself with.
 - B. Someone is not baptized into a local church.
- 6. Death does affect membership**
 - A. When we die, our association w/ a local congregation ends.
 - B. When the world ends, local congregations will cease to exist.
- 7. There are many local congregations**
 - A. See Romans 16:16; Gal 1:2
- 8. They have earthly organization**
 - A. A local church, when scripturally organized, will have elders and deacons (Php 1:1). Elders are also described as shepherds or overseers. Their role is to oversee and feed the local congregation (Acts 14:23; 20:17,28).
- 9. They can be divided**
 - A. Local churches can easily be divided over doctrine or personalities. This happened to the congregation in Corinth (1 Cor 1-4).

CURRENT SERIES:



MY NOTES & QUESTIONS: