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Speaker for today

CELEBRATE!!
Baptized into Christ!!
Amaya Guerrero

March Birthdays

19 Monserrat Isidoro 23 Lupita Isidoro
30 Regino Arellano

April Birthdays

6 Susan Hudson. 16 Alana Hudson
23 Shannon Hudson 25 Calvin Cree 27 Maria Velasquez
30 Aaron McCollum 30 Margaret Graddon

April Anniversaries

19 Bill & Kena Brown
28 Lyle & Margaret Graddon

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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*“Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding.”*

Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*

IMPORTANT Bulletin Publication Change

After the bulletin for last Sunday, the physical bulletin will no longer be mailed out but will continue to be published on the church website. We'll continue to hand out copies at each Sunday worship service. However, if you wish to access the bulletin online, simply type **indiochurchofchrist.com**. When the website opens to the home page which says **“Welcome”**, place your cursor on **“Bible Study and Evangelism”** and click on **“Bulletins”** where you'll find bulletins for each Sunday for the past couple of years, including the current week. Thank you for your interest! May God continue to bless us all.

What is the Church?

By Kevin Cauley

The Greek word for church is **ekklesia** and means “assembly” (Acts 19:32, 39, 41; Hebrews 12:23). The church is called by many names in the scriptures. It is called the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27), the bride (Revelation 22:17), the temple (Ephesians 2:21), the house of God (1 Timothy 3:15), husbandry and building (1 Corinthians 3:9), the kingdom (Matthew 16:19), and much more.

The church belongs to Jesus. He is its builder and owner (Matthew 16:18). He is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-12). Jesus Christ died and shed his blood for the church (Acts 20:28). He is the savior of the church (Ephesians 5:23) and the King of the kingdom (Revelation 5:9-10). He is the good shepherd, and the church are the sheep (John 10:11). Jesus is the foundation of the building (1 Corinthians 3:11) and the chief cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6-7).

The church is not a building, though, the English word is commonly used that way. The church is not a denomination (1 Corinthians 1:10-13); it is composed of members and members are people (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). The church may be organized in a local congregation (Hebrews 2:12) at a particular location (1 Corinthians 1:2). The Bible also teaches the church to be all saints from all times (Ephesians 1:22-23, Hebrews 12:23).

To become a member of the church, one must be baptized (1 Corinthians 12:13). This is the same as being born of the water and of the spirit (John 3:5). A person cannot be saved without being cleansed by the blood of Christ (Revelation 1:5). A person cannot be cleansed by the blood of Christ without being a member of the church (Acts 20:28, Ephesians 5:23). A person cannot be saved without being a member of the church, the Lord's body.

The Kingdom of His Beloved Son

By Jon Mitchell

Colossians 1:13-14 *“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

The church of Christ is the kingdom of Christ. We know this for several reasons:

- It had been prophesied that God would set up a kingdom during the days of the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:1-44).
- During the days of the Roman Empire, John the Immerser and Jesus preached that the kingdom “was at hand” (Luke 3:1-2; Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17, 23).
- Jesus prophesied that the kingdom would come during the lifetime of his followers (Mark 9:1).
- When asked about the kingdom after his death and resurrection, Jesus talked about his apostles receiving power from the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:6-8).
- This occurred ten days later on the Jewish holiday of Pentecost, the day the church of Christ began (Acts 2:1-47).
- From that point on, the kingdom is always referred to as having already come and presently existing and is referred to interchangeably with being a part of the church (Acts 8:12; Colossians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; Revelation 1:4, 6, 9).

Having established that the kingdom is manifested in the church, let us examine the high honor and privilege it is to be a part of the kingdom of Christ, his church. Today's Scripture shows us how blessed we are to be a part of his kingdom, in that God took us out of the darkness of our sins (Ephesians 2:1-10) and put us into his Son's kingdom, thus redeeming us and forgiving us.

He did this when we obeyed the gospel, when we acted on our faith by obeying his commands to repent and be baptized into his Son's kingdom which is his body, the church of Christ (Acts 8:12; 3:19; 2:38-41; 1 Corinthians 12:13; cf. Colossians 1:18). We remain in this kingdom by being penitently obedient (1 John 1:7-10; Matthew 13:41-43; 2 Peter 1:5-11) and thus will be a part of it when it is returned in glory to the Father for all eternity (1 Corinthians 15:24). Hallelujah!

Are you a citizen of the kingdom of Christ?