

# Green's Lake Road church of Christ

*"Holding forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:16)*

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## GREEN'S LAKE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Bible Correspondence Course

Call or write us to enroll.

## Schedule of Services

Sunday . . . 9:30 a.m.  
and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday . . . 7:00 p.m.

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## Why Did Paul Have Timothy Get Circumcised, But Not Titus? Was Paul Being Inconsistent?

Timothy was a faithful evangelist and co-worker of the apostle Paul. So was Titus.

Timothy was the son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother (Acts 16:1). Titus was a Greek (Galatians 2:3).

Timothy was circumcised (Acts 16:3). Titus was not (Galatians 2:3). Paul had a part in both of those decisions.

Let us look first at the situation of Titus. There were Jewish Christians in the first century who tried to bind circumcision, saying that if a person is not circumcised, he cannot be saved (Acts 15:1). Those brethren were called Judaizers (from the word "Judaism," meaning the religion of the old covenant). When Paul and Barnabas went up to Jerusalem to join others in discussing the question of circumcision and keeping the old law, they took Titus with them (Galatians 2:1).

The Bible says, "*But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised*" (Galatians 2:3). In that connection, Paul said in order for the truth of the gospel to be maintained, they refused to give place to false brethren who were involved (in trying to bind circumcision, 2:5). Titus was like a "test case," so to speak. He was a Gentile, but he was not circumcised. Why not? Because Paul and Titus refused to "give in" to those who were preaching a false message about salvation. The sound saints would not compromise the truth. So, Titus was *not* circumcised because he took advantage of his liberty in the Christ which allowed him to make a choice about things which were not matters of salvation — physical circumcision was *not* a salvation matter.

Well, if circumcision was not required in order to be in fellowship with the Lord, why was Timothy circumcised? What does the Bible say? Paul "*circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was*

a Greek” (Acts 16:3). If Timothy was going to be living and preaching in a culture that involved a great number of Jews, he would want to make himself as “marketable” as possible to them since his mother was a Jewess by race. In the Jewish culture, if Timothy was going to reach out to lost people with the gospel, it would be helpful if he came across as one who was like them (in this case, by being a circumcised half-Jewish man).

Again, the difference in the cases of Titus and Timothy boiled down to one thing. With Titus, who was a Gentile, it was a question of *salvation*. Since circumcision has nothing to do with one’s spiritual standing with God (Galatians 5:6), Titus chose not to be circumcised. On the other hand, with Timothy it was a matter of *culture* and trying to become all things to all men in order to save some (1 Corinthians 9:22).

No, Paul was not inconsistent in how he dealt with these two beloved co-workers. In fact, the apostle’s consistent longing was to do whatever he could to strengthen the church and help as many lost folks as possible come to the King of kings to obtain eternal salvation.

-- Roger D. Campbell

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## A Brick in the Wall

You may have heard the expression: “He was a brick!” Few know the origin and significance of that expression. The term implies all that is brave and loyal.

Plutarch, in writing about the king of Sparta, tells how the phrase was coined. An ambassador on a diplomatic mission visited the famous city. Knowing that its strength was acclaimed throughout all of Greece, he

had expected to see massive fortresses surrounding the town, but he found nothing of the kind.

Surprised, he exclaimed to the ruler, “Sir, you have no fortifications for defense. Why is this?”

“Ah, but we are well protected,” he replied. “Come with me tomorrow and I will show you the walls of Sparta.”

The next day he led his guest to the plain where the army was drawn up in full battle array. Pointing to his soldiers who stood fearlessly in place, he said, “Behold the walls of Sparta — 10,000 men and every man ‘a brick!’”

So it is with the soldier in the Army of the Lord. Our Commander in Chief commands His soldiers to stand fast before the enemy. Unflinching loyalty to God is not about manmade fortresses, but a faith that is firm. “Behold the walls of the faithful — an innumerable host of Christians; everyone ‘a brick!’”

Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

-- Glenn Hitchcock [housetohouse.com]

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## “Come” or “Go”

If a plan proves to be successful over time, then wisdom tells us the plan works! “*And this continued for two years so that ALL who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks*” (Acts 19:10); “*But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: ‘Their sound has gone out to ALL the earth and their words to the ENDS of the world’*” (Romans 10:18); “*if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to EVERY CREATURE under heaven, of which I,*

*Paul, became a minister*" (Colossians 1:23; caps added by author).

What plan was able to accomplish this? The best summary is Acts 8:4: "*Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.*" The 30-35 years of history in Acts and many of the letters fill in the details. It is very evident the emphasis was on "GO" (take the gospel to people where they are: synagogues, marketplace, homes, highways, prisons, ships, work place, schools) rather than ask the people to "COME" (to an assembly/meeting place)!

It is very clear from the scriptures (example: Corinthians letters) that the first day of the week assembly is designed for the body of Christ, a family meeting! Instructions regarding the Lord's Supper/Communion and giving/collection are directed to kingdom subjects, not to the world or unbelievers. They have no part in such!

Preaching the "Restoration" includes putting into practice the very successful plan of personal evangelism of the first century. Too many disciples today (including preachers) see evangelism as a nice building, an effective preacher, and an invitation to the community to "Come get it." This plan/mindset is doomed for failure! "Come" must never be a replacement for "Go!!"

-- *Frank Parker* [private e-mail to editor]

### **Health update:**

Mary Frances Prophater is in NHC-Parkwood, room 205, for therapy. Madelyn McNabb is now at home with a broken nose and other injuries. Home health care is attending her. Eddie Howe had shoulder surgery Monday.

Jacque West is in Parkridge East, 207, with gout. She may go home on Tuesday.

### **Our shut in or in special care facilities:**

Otis Samples (Standifer Place), John Robinson (Martin-Boyd), Mary Frances Prophater (Martin-Boyd), Ed Taylor (Martin-Boyd), Dot Green (Martin-Boyd), Treva Long, Alma Vance, Lorine Hughes, John Fields, Sara Payne, Jean Morgan

### **Special prayer requests:**

Parents of Tony Parris, health problems  
Jeannie Granger, daughter of Madelyn McNabb, serious health problems.  
Sue Lowery, health problems  
Connie Moyer, sister of Teresa Tatum, had colon surgery on Monday.

**Sympathy:** Steve and Teresa Tatum & family on the death of Teresa's mother, Mary Crosby, who passed away on Saturday. Visitation is from 10:00-7:00 pm. CDT on Sunday at the Putnam-Reed Funeral Home in Pikeville. The funeral services will be on Monday, Oct. 8 at 11:00 CDT.

### **Coming up on the GLR calendar:**

Oct. 7 – Homecoming  
Oct. 13 – Youth event at the Old McDonald Farm leaving at 10:00am

### **Area activities:**

Oct. 5-7 – Dunlap Gospel Meeting with Melvin Otey  
Oct. 6 – Rummage Sale at Martin-Boyd from 9AM to 1PM.  
Oct. 12 – Area-Wide Singing at Magby Gap in Trenton at 7:00 pm EST  
Oct. 14-17 – Gospel Meeting at Riverbend (Dalton) with Wade Webster.

**Funds are needed to replenish the Funeral Meat Fund. Please give your donations to Mickey West.**

**WHAT MUST I DO TO  
BE SAVED?**

**Hear** the gospel  
(Romans 10:17)

**Believe** in Jesus as God's  
Son (John 3:16-18)

**Repent** of past sins  
(Acts 17:30)

**Confess** faith in Jesus  
(Romans 10:10)

**Be baptized** for remission  
of sins (Acts 2:38)

**Live faithfully**  
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

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**Our statistics:**

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| Sept. 26 Bible classes | 59      |
| Sept. 30 a.m. worship  | 89      |
| Sept. 30 Bible classes | 77      |
| Sept. 30 p.m. worship  | 66      |
| Sept. 30 contribution  | \$3,425 |

**Works Supported by Green's Lake Road**

- Sergei Boiko (Cherkassy, Ukraine)
- Houston McClure (MSOP)
- Potter Children's Home
- FTI Children's Home (India)
- In Search of the Lord's Way (Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Comcast 13)

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**Order of Worship – Oct. 7, 2018**

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| Announcements  | Hal Hunt (a.m.)<br>Mickey West, Sr. (p.m.) |
| Opening prayer | Tony Parris (a.m.)<br>Redgie Carter (p.m.) |
| Bible reading  | Rodney Jones (a.m.)<br>Mark Lewis (p.m.)   |
| Closing prayer | Nate Cass (a.m.)<br>Josh Perry (p.m.)      |

*“Let all things be done decently and in order”*  
(1 Corinthians 14:40)

Van drivers in October: Sun. – Mark Lewis  
Wed. – Larry Clark