



# The Sword

*“And take... the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.”* Ephesians 6:17

“The Sword” is published weekly by the OAK GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST, as a teaching and information tool for the congregation. Articles are intended to encourage the study of God’s Word every day! — Jack W. McNiel, editor

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## **“The Humility of Jesus” (Part 3 of 4) by Jack W. McNiel**

Jesus was made in the likeness of men. The word “likeness” comes from the Greek word, *homoionoma*, which refers simply to His outward appearance. His true nature was that of God, but His appearance was that of a man. Jesus was made in the likeness of men similar to the way that man was made in the likeness of God (Gen 1:26-27). In what way was man created in the likeness and image of God, who is Spirit (John 4:23-24)? We were created with a spirit - not the same spirit as God - but one similar to God’s spirit. Jesus of Nazareth was made in the likeness of men physically, while retaining the Spirit of Deity. To all outward appearance, He was simply a common man. Verse 8 continues, “*And being found in fashion as a man...*” The Greek word translated as fashion, *schema*, refers to the manner of His living. He not only looked like a common man - He was a common man. He lived like any other man. Felt the same emotions, suffered the same hardships, ate the same foods, lived in the same fashion as all men must live. He differed from man ONLY in spirit. He possesses the Divine Spirit whereas we possess a human spirit similar in some aspects, but different in nature.

In all ways, His manner of living reflected that of a humble and submission servant. We see that in His teaching He constantly stressed the need for His followers to serve. Half of the Beatitudes have to do with humility, meekness or servitude “*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled...*” (Mat 5:3-6) He taught that greatness has everything to do with the service which one performs on behalf of his fellow man. “*But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great*

among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant..." (Mat 20:26-27); "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted..." (Mat 23:11-12) He expressed that His meek and lowly attitude was something that we must learn from Him, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light..." (Mat 11:28-30)

We see that in His actions He always demonstrated humble, submissive servitude in His life. We see it in His mission statement, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many..." (Mat 20:28) We see it as He washed the feet of His disciples. (John 13:5-17) We see it demonstrated by His always doing the will of the Father. "And He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please Him..." (John 8:29) We see the zenith of His humble submission and servitude in His death upon the cross. His full submission to the Father's will regarding His crucifixion is seen by His statement in the Garden, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt..." (Mat 26:37-39) Again as Paul has stressed in Philippians 2:8 "He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the

cross..." As the Hebrew's writer affirmed in Hebrews 5:8, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered..."

(Concluded Next Week)



# Oak Grove Church of Christ

## Gospel Meeting According to Truth

Speaker: Marvin Rickett

April 11-14, 2010

- April 11 9:30 AM "Jesus & Nicodemus: The New Birth (John 3:1-21)"
- April 11 10:20 AM "According to Truth"
- April 11 6:00 PM "Exercising Restraint"
- April 12 7:00 PM "Are There Few That Be Saved?"
- April 13 7:00 PM "Temple of the Lord"
- April 14 7:00 PM "Distinctive Preaching"

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## NEWS AND NOTES:

### OUR PRAYER LIST:

#### Congregation:

- Irene Jennings is still having trouble with her heart rate.
- Dustin and Julie Hall are expecting the birth of their second child in October 2010.
- Please remember in your prayers all who have been sick, bereaved or in the hospital recently: Marjorie Alley, Freda Bentley, Lloyd Cooper, Michelle Hopper; Irene Jennings, Jim O'Connor, Wendell Osborne, Alberta Petering, Opal Reed

### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

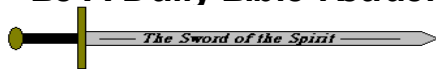
#### Oak Grove:

- April 11-14: Gospel Meeting with Marvin Rickett
- Fellowship meal following evening services April 11.
- Ladies' Class 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 10 AM.
- April 18: Men's' Business Meeting
- Personal Evangelism II each Sunday 4:45–5:30 PM.

#### Local Area:

- April 23-25: Brad Harrub: The Truth About Origins Seminar—Harrisonville Church of Christ.
- April 23-24: Youth Rally 39th Street
- April 24: Olathe Ladies' Day
- May 2-5: Higginsville Gospel Meeting

**Keep Your Sword Sharpened  
– Be A Daily Bible Reader!**



## SERVING ONE ANOTHER:

### LEADING IN WORSHIP: *April 11*

Announcements: Claude Andrews

Usher: Melvin Lunn

Lord's Table: Vernon Logan

West: Tyler Jenkins – Tim Smith

East: Dixon Liljegren – Brent Hall

#### Sunday AM

Song Leader: Darrell Andrews

Opening Prayer: Dustin Hall

Second Prayer: Walter Hutcherson

Scripture Reader: Shane Stevens

Sermon: **Marvin Rickett**

Closing Prayer: Glenn Wyman

#### Sunday PM

Song Leader: Walter Hutcherson

Opening Prayer: Hershel Hunt

Sermon: **Marvin Rickett**

Closing Prayer: Vint Hall

#### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader: Ryker Shelley

#### April 7

Devotional: Eugene Jenkins

Closing Prayer: Hershel Hunt

#### April 21

Devotional: Tyler Jenkins

Closing Prayer: Richard Petering

### OUR CURRENT RECORDS:

#### Wednesday: *March 31*

Bible Class 76

#### Sunday: *April 4*

Bible Class 75

AM Worship 89

PM Worship 66

Contribution \$1,652

Budget \$2,020

*The King James Version is requested for  
pulpit, classrooms, & scripture reading.*

## Work Program 2008-2009

Team	Leader/s	Next Assignment
1	Jack McNiel	
2	Roger Stephenson	
3	<i>Walter Hutcherson</i>	<i>April 11</i>
4	Vernon Logan	April 18
5	Dustin Hall	April 25
6	Roy Smith Tim Smith	May 2
7	Justin Liljegren Dixon Liljegren	May 9

### WHO WE ARE:

The Oak Grove Church of Christ is independent of any denominational organization. We are not associated with any national or world headquarters. Yet, we cooperate voluntarily with our sister congregations in the Lord's work and fellowship.

The church of Christ is noted for its emphasis upon returning to New Testament Christianity and for its desire to "*be perfectly joined together in the same mind and ... judgment...*" (1 Cor. 1:10). We try to follow the basic, innocent faith that was proclaimed on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

If you are earnest about learning more by means of studying the Holy Bible and obeying what it says, you will truly find a home here at Oak Grove Church of Christ.

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### Head of the Church:

Christ (Eph 1:22; 5:23; Col 1:18)

### Elders: (1 Tim 3:1-7)

Claude Andrews  
Walter Hutcherson  
Richard Petering  
Lowell Smith

### Deacons: (1 Tim 3:8-13)

Darrell Andrews  
Dean Evatt  
Vint Hall  
Hershel Hunt  
Leland Reed  
Tim Smith  
David Wiesemann

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### – Schedule of Services –

#### Sunday:

**Bible Study – 9:30 A.M.**

**Worship – 10:20 A.M.; 6:00 P.M.**

**7: Bible Study – 7:00 P.M.**

**Bi-Monthly: "House to House / Heart to Heart"**