

## The Oologah Informer August 2nd, 2015

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### Service Times

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

#### **Preacher:**

Russ Earl

#### **AM Sermon:**

Spiritual Fitness  
1 Tim 4:6-9

#### **PM Sermon:**

Our God – did it all

#### **Sunday AM Bible Class:**

The book of Proverbs - D. Jackson

#### **Wednesday Bible Class:**

Summer Series – Doug Dingley

#### **In SEARCH of the Lord's Way**

Tulsa KWHB-47  
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

#### **Oologah Internet Radio Programs**

Russ' Program on Friday's  
@ 8am & 8pm

Vance' Program on Wednesdays  
@ 6:30pm & Thursdays @ 6:30am

LIVE broadcast on Mondays @  
4:30pm

Visit [www.tgrn.org](http://www.tgrn.org) to listen!

### **Which Church?**

**Jerry Dickinson**

It is easy to understand that there are many different churches. When we investigate what they teach, it is easy to understand they do not teach the same things. In fact, they often directly contradict each other in their basic doctrines. All the different doctrines create confusion for the person who is honestly searching for God's truth. One thing the Bible is plain in its teaching is that God is not the one at fault for all of the confusion in the religious world. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (1 Corinthians 14:33). All of these differences in doctrine did not come from the inspired men who wrote the Bible. These inspired men wanted complete unity concerning doctrine. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). If God and the inspired writers of the Bible desire and demand us to speak the same thing, why is the religious world so divided?

The Bible also teaches that God's word is truth as our Lord prayed. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). We all know that truth will never contradict itself! If I am telling the truth on any subject, and you are telling the truth on the same subject, we will not be contradicting each other. God's word is the standard for truth! "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

A very important question is, "How many churches does the Bible authorize?" Most people are surprised to learn that the Bible is very clear with regard to how many churches are authorized. There is but one body. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). It is also plain what that one body is. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all" (Ephesians 1:22-23). Notice the Bible states that the church (not churches) is the body. The concept of divided denominations does not fit this description because it contradicts another verse in the Bible! "Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing" (Philippians 3:16).

If God has authorized only one church, how do we locate that one church? It is simple. The New Testament also describes the church. All we have to do is find the church that fits all of the descriptions contained within the New Testament.