



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Bible Study 7:30 pm

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Vacation Bible School is coming;

Are you doing all you can?

Contacting friends and neighbors,

Arousing interest in our plan

To teach them about the Savior

In this most effective way,

Offering peace and joy and blessings

Not tomorrow, but today.

Because the Savior tells us

Into all creation go.

Bringing His Gospel to others.

Letting unsaved masses know,

Each man has a choice as he walks on earth
below

So pick up your phone or pencil

Christian, spread the word;

Here's a golden opportunity

Of telling others about the Lord.

Only, hurry now, don't "blow" it...

Lest **July 25**, arrives before you know it!

July 25th-29th

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night

DANDELIONS

I feel sorry for this plant. No one likes it. We put forth the effort to kill each one we see! The main fact against it is, it grows where we do not want it to grow. It really isn't a bad plant. It isn't poisonous. It is easy to grow. It has beautiful yellow flower. If you mix up a tasty batter, dip the flower in it and fry it, you can eat it. The leaves are good for food. The seeds are good bird feed. Yellow finches enjoy eating them. I know of no use for the root of the dandelion. But there isn't much waste to the plant. So why do we not like it?

This spring I noticed we have some purple flowers in our yards. There are also some small violet-colored flowers and now some white ones. We treat these as we treat the dandelions. We have decided grass is what we want in our yards. We will fertilize grass with poison for the weeds. We have our ideas for a beautiful lawn! These ideas are neither right nor wrong. It is your lawn, so you can put in it what you want.

The church belongs to Jesus. He bought it with His own blood. *“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).* He can put in it what He wants. In fact He decides who is in the church. *“And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47b).* The Lord added to the church. Men do not decide who is saved or who can be in the church. The Lord has told men who is saved, so we know who is in the church. The people who were saved in **Acts chapter 2** were those who gladly received the word and were baptized **(Acts 2:41)**.

The Lord decided how men were to worship him in the church. He has given us five avenues of worship to be used by the church: prayer, singing, teaching, partaking of the Lord's Supper and giving as we have prospered. The church is the people whom the Lord has added to the church. They are His. He has bought them with His blood. He has saved them with His blood. He has given His church the avenues of worship which please Him.

He has given us the Bible, God's Word, to guide us in all good works. *“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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17).* The Lord has told His church what they are to do in serving Him. These works fall under three categories: benevolence, evangelism, exhortation. Notice the following verses:

“If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?” (James 2:15-16).

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-16).

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the matter of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

You own your lawn. You have the right to plant grass, flowers, or whatever you choose in it. Jesus owns the church. He has the right to designate how people get into the church, and what people are to do who are in the church. He has decided what the rules are His church is to follow. I have no right to come into your lawn and sow seeds which you forbid me to sow. The Lord has the same right in the church.

Vernon Curry