

# The Church and Our Life in It

## *Our identity in Christ and essential issues of the Body dynamic*

How would you formulate a biblical description of the church? How do we express its identity and purpose? Are we simply individuals organized as a group to do good things, or is the church something much more significant? Join us as we consider these questions and more, exploring the transcendent nature and eternal significance of the church, called the Body of Christ. Specifically, we'll address the themes below during the 11:00 hour April 12 through May 31 in the Chapel. As we do, please feel free to send questions or comments to me at [jnwillia@verizon.net](mailto:jnwillia@verizon.net) and I will attempt to address them in the next session.

In His service,

Jeff Williams

## Course Outline (April – May 2015)

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| 1. Chosen, Called and Redeemed – what is the “mystery” of the church?<br>Ephesians 1:3-14; 1 Peter 1:2-12; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30                   | 12 April |
| 2. Foundations: Authority of the Scripture – how do we view the Bible?<br>2 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 5:17-18                            | 19 April |
| 3. Our Great Confession – As our head, who is Jesus Christ?<br>April<br>Matthew 16:15-18; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Romans 10:9                          | 26       |
| 4. The Body of Christ – what is our place in the institution of the church?<br>1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 12:3-13; Ephesians 4:12-16           | 3 May    |
| 5. Striving for Holiness – why does it matter and why should it be corporate?<br>Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 10:19-25; Philippians 2:12-16              | 10 May   |
| 6. Calling in Life – what is our purpose in the time given to each of us? (1:17-19)<br>2 Corinthians 5:17-21; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10-11 | 17 May   |
| 7. Our Testimony – What is to be our influence on others, near and far?<br>Ephesians 4:1-3, 5:1-11; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 3:1-2                   | 24 May   |
| 8. Redeeming the [ <i>Kairos</i> ] Time – Are we investing or spending our lives?  | 31 May   |

Ephesians 5:15-16; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Psalm 39:9-12; Colossians 3:23-24