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THIS IS THE WAY THAT IT IS:

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O.H.

1. IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.....
2. IN THE BEGINNING GOD MADE MAN AND WOMAN IN HIS IMAGE.....AND HE GAVE THEM CHILDREN AND THEY ARE CALLED "FAMILY."
3. THE O. T. IS GOD'S HISTORICAL RECORD OF HIS DEALINGS WITH THE PATRIARCHS, THE JUDGES, THE KINGS AND THE PROPHETS OF HIS FAMILIES.
4. AFTER ABOUT 4,000 years, GOD SENT HIS SON ^{FROM} HEAVEN TO EARTH- TO BE BORN OF A VIRGIN AND THE H. S.
5. HIS SON, JESUS, LIVED, LOVED, TAUGHT, HEALED, WARNED, THREATENED, CONDEMNED, PROMISED AND BLESSED MANKIND ----the good and the bad.
6. THE BAD HARDENED THEIR HEARTS AND CRUCIFIED JESUS ON A CROSS OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM ABOUT 33. a. d. HIS FRIENDS, FAMILY & FOLLOWERS BURIED HIM OUTSIDE THE WALL IN A GARDEN.
7. GOD RAISED HIS SON FROM THAT GRAVE TO BE THE KING ^{OF KINGS} AND LORD OF LORDS AND TO RULE OVER GOD'S SPR. KINGDOM. GOD CALLED HIS KINGDOM - THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.
8. CHRISTIANS TODAY WORSHIP & SERVE GOD'S KING- A LIVING SAVIOR.
9. THIS CHURCH OF CHRIST - AT NEWARK - IS GOD'S SPR. FAMILY IN THIS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA ^{viz.} THOSE WHO ASSEMBLE REGULARLY, HAVING BELIEVED IN JESUS WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS, REPENTED - OF THEIR PAST SINS, CONFESSED CHRIST BEFORE MEN, AND WERE BAPTIZED IN WATER, FOR THE REMISSION OF THEIR SINS. THIS IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THIS IS THE ONLY C OF C. ANY OTHER PATTERN IS NOT THE C OF C.
10. THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR AND THE GROUND OF THE TRUTH, the custodian of all that IS RIGHT AND HOLY.
11. THE N. T. CHURCH HAD/ AND HAS THREE MISSIONS: (1. Evangelize the world. (2. Edify the Believers. (3. Care for the YOUNG, NEEDY AND THE HELPLESS. "As you have therefore opportunity, let us do good to ALL MEN." GAL. 6:10.
12. THE CHURCH OF GOD'S CHOICE IS THE BODY OF PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP AND WORK TOGETHER TO FULLFILL GOD'S WILL ON THIS EARTH.
13. THE HUMAN BODY HAS MANY PARTS OR MEMBERS -----EVEN SO WITH GOD'S SPR. BODY-THE CHURCH.
14. ^{How?} EPHESIANS 4:11-15 ^{READ}. SAYS THE LORD'S BODY MUST HAVE LEADER-members. FOLLOWER-members. TEACHING-members. WORKING (serving) members. PREACHING-members.
 - a. THE LEADER-members OR elders or overseers must OVERSEE EVERY PHASE OF GOD'S BUSINESS IN THE CHURCH: SPIRITUAL, PHY., SOCIAL & FINANCIAL. THIS IS A WORK OF FAITH, but the elders do not DO all the work of the church ---else what would they be for other members to do? So -----
 - b. One of the vital works of the Elders is to delegate responsibility and good works and the AUTHORITY to get the job done.
 - c. ELDERS ARE TO FEED the flock and delegate helpers in the pulpit and in the classrooms as well as in home-Bible-studies and one-on-one study adventures. Elders are to protect the Family's diet that it contain the truth and nothing but the truth. Error and heresy must be exposed and expelled IMMEDIATELY.
15. DEACONS, are those "special"-servants who offer themselves to the Lord and His church to help in every possible way to save souls and strengthen the saved. Any ORGANISM or/ & ORGANIZATION ENTAILS many needful responsibilities, if a group function efficiently and effectively.....in decency and in ORDER. IS TO

Elders Meetings
E-D
D. Meetings
E-D + men in men's Bus. meet.
all-church meetings.

16. DEACONS serve the Lord, under the Authority, love, wisdom and direction of the congregation in GENERAL, and the ELDERS in particular.

17. ELDERS & DEACONS BOTH MEET SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AS TAUGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES.
They must be GOD-CHOSEN, H. S.-SELECTED, CONGREGATIONALLY-ACCEPTED, FAMILY-SUPPORTED AND SPIRITUALLY-FITTED to represent God in His Kingdom.....in His caring for His children.

- a. Each man SURRENDERS HIMSELF to the Lord & His church---with a WILLING MIND.
- b. Each man has SERVED previously and has created a RECORD of "Joy in Service, Commitment, and Dedication to the Lord's Cause. THEY HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES. ~~as all members can and should EVEN WITHOUT special assignments and extra recognition.~~

18. To ORDAIN elders and deacons SIMPLY MEANS TO RECOGNIZE THEM PUBLICALLY, with or without any ceremony or special rite. This church has wisely, I believe, chosen to have this Public-Recognition expressed in this manner.....simple as it may be.

18. WILL THE FOLLOWING 6 MEN COME TO THE FRONT AND FACE THE AUDIENCE FOR A FEW MOMENTS:

- HUBERT HAYS. T. COY PORTER. MIKE BOALDIN.
- JUNIOR JENNINGS EVERETT JOHNSTON. OLON PIPER.

19. * READ the info. about each man. ELDERS first. Then the DEACONS. (You may be seated....)

20. WE COMMEND THESE MEN TO YOU AS ELDERS AND DEACONS OF THE NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL READING FROM GOD'S SACRED SCRIPTURES: * Eph. 4:1-6.

21. Also: This PRAYER for God's Blessings to continue upon us all. LEAD PRAYER.....

22. EXTEND AN INVITATION.....Please rise for the singing of the Lord's invitation!!!

NEWARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 3, 1993

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Dear Wyatt:

This will confirm our telephonic conversation of 3/1/93 relative to the ordination of elders and deacons at Newark Church of Christ.

We want you to speak for the 10:30 assembly of the church, March 14, 1993, saying whatever you feel is appropriate, and concluding with the appointing or ordaining of elders and deacons. The congregation has sought out the following men, and these men have consented to serve as elders or deacons; as the list indicates.

ELDERS:

3. MIKE BOALDIN has been a Christian for about ¹⁰ years, a teacher of Bible classes for about ¹² years, and has preached as needed for about ² years. His wife JANICE is a faithful Christian and Bible School teacher as needed. (*Janice please stand.*)
- ① HUBERT HAYS has been a Christian for about 42 years, has taught various age groups in Bible Classes; has preached on occasion; and has served this congregation as an elder previously. His wife Irene is a former Sunday School teacher and a faithful Christian. (*Irene - stand.*)
2. T. COY PORTER became a Christian 56 years ago and has been preaching for 54 years. His wife FANAJO is also a faithful Christian, and has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School classes as needed. (*Fanajo please stand.*)

DEACONS:

- ① JUNIOR JENNINGS has been a Christian for about 35 years. His wife RAMONA is also a faithful Christian. (*Ramona please stand.*)
2. EVERETT JOHNSTON has been a Christian for 57 years and previously served as a deacon. His wife, KATHERINE, is also a child of God. (*Katherine - stand.*)
3. OLON PIPER has been a Christian for about 8 years. He teaches a class of teenagers. His wife SARRAH is a faithful Christian and is active in the teaching of our smallest children. (*Sarah - stand.*)

All the members of this congregation know all these men and their wives, but the information I have given may not be known. As I think about it, it is obvious that these men would not be considered by the church for these offices if their wives had not been faithful Christians. I guess I got started giving that information about the wives because I had told how long each man has been a child of God. Please edit as you see fit. When you find the scripture that tells us just exactly how to do all this, please jot the reference down for me!

Many thanks and much love!

Coy