

# The Emerald Beach Christian

## Introducing the Speaker for Today

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## What is NWFSBS?

The Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies is an adjunct of the teaching program of the church of Christ at Milestone. As such, the school is ultimately under the oversight of the Milestone eldership comprised of four brethren: Homer Thompson, Kenneth Burleson, Louis Herrington, and Alan Adams. For years, this church, located in Ensley, was known as the Ensley church of Christ. That changed in December of 2003, when the church moved into a new building, located in the Milestone community, and thenceforth has been known as the church of Christ at Milestone.



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### Schedule of Services

*Sunday*

9:00 AM – Bible Classes  
10:00 AM – Worship  
6:00 PM – Worship

*Wednesday*

7:00 PM – Bible Classes

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# Is the Church Essential to Salvation?

Garland Robinson

The Lord's church — the eternal kingdom — was prophesied in the Old Testament. We read about it in **Isaiah 2:2-4**, **Micah 4:1-4** and many other passages. In **Daniel 2:44** we read, "...the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." The church, therefore, was/is the plan and purpose of God.



Jesus himself promised to build it. "...Upon this rock I will build my church..." (**Matt. 16:18**). He died in order to purchase it with his own blood (**Acts 20:28**). It was established on the first Pentecost after his resurrection as prophesied (**Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2**).

The church of Christ is very much a part of God's plan (**Eph. 3:1-11**). Can we say that it does not matter? Can we say it's not essential to salvation? If the church does not matter, then salvation does not matter. Obviously, we are not talking about a physical structure. We are talking about the spiritual body of Christ which is made up of individual congregations that meet in various locations around the world.

The saved are in the church because that is where God put them. Regarding the 3,000 who repented and were baptized for the forgiveness of sins in **Acts 2:38-47**, we read that the Lord added them to the church (**vv. 41, 47**). **First Corinthians 12:13** says the same thing concerning baptism and the church, "**For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.... The body is the church**" (**Eph. 1:22-23**).

Christ will save only his church/body. "**For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the saviour of the body**" (**Eph. 5:23**). There is no scripture anywhere that says He will save anything but his body, the church. Therefore, the church is essential to salvation, for without the church there is no salvation! It is the body of the Lord! Those who are in the church/body will be saved and those who are outside the church/body will be lost. It's that simple!

Friend, don't you want to be in the church, the spiritual body of the Lord, where the saved are? There is only one way to get into the church and that is by water baptism (**1 Cor. 12:13**). Baptism puts one into Christ and into his church — the body of the saved (**Rom. 6:4; Gal. 3:27**). Will you obey?

## Finding a Treasure

In 1820, a man named Yorgos was digging in his field on the island of Milos in Greece. As he was digging, he hit upon some stones. The stones turned out to be four statues, three of the Greek god Hermes and one of Aphrodite. An archeological expedition purchased the Aphrodite, took it to France, where the king named it "Venus de Milo." It was housed in the Louvre Museum and became one of the most famous works of art in history. All this...forgotten in a field.

Jesus told two stories similar to this when He talked about a man who found a treasure in a field and another who found a pearl of great price. There are treasures to be discovered between the covers of your Bible. Have you been reading it lately?

"**The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it**" (**Matthew 13:45-46**).

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## Head Scratchers

1. What Old Testament book speaks of life as "like chasing the wind"?

2. According to Psalm 1, what people are like chaff that the wind blows away?

(See answers below)

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## Thought of the Week

1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 Given

## Answers to Head Scratchers

- 1) Ecclesiastes (Chapters 1-2)
- 2) The wicked (Psalm 1:4)

## Obey the Gospel

- Hear the Word (Rom. 10:17)
- Believe in Christ (Mark 16:15)
- Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- Confess Christ (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (2 Tim. 4:6-8)