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*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD – Psalm 122:1*

**The Northside church of Christ**  
**25 Greenfield Pike, Hillsboro Oh. 45133 Ph. 937-393-3634**

**Visitors Welcomed!**

**Order of Services**

**Sunday**

**Bible Study ..... 9:30 am**  
**Worship Service ..... 10:30 am & 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday**

**Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm**

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Evangelist: Guillermo Alvarez

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### **And Pray For One Another – James 5:16**

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

**Remember in your prayers:**

**The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore  
The One Who Is sick – James 5:15**

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**Northside Proclaimer**

## **“What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You...”**

**1 John 1:3**

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Welcome to the Northside church of Christ

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### **The Church Of Christ Is Not A Sect**

**Bill Cavender**

Jesus, the Son of God, said, "I will build My church..." (Mt. 16:13-19). This church, which He built and which you read about in the New Testament, was never designed to be a sect. It was not planned to be a part of Judaism, nor of Islam, nor of Catholicism, nor a part of anything else.

Jesus said, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). He did not come into this world to "Put a new patch on an old garment" (Mk. 2:21), but to be the Mediator of the New Testament which is based on a better sacrifice and better promises than those of the Old Testament: "He is the Mediator of a better covenant, which hath been enacted upon better promises" (Heb. 8:6). Jesus died on the cross of Calvary to establish the New Testament (Heb. 9:15,16), and thereby paid the purchase price for His church: "Which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). The Jews thought of the church as just another sect, but Paul showed that the church is not a sect: "After the Way which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers" (Acts 24:14).

There are many today who consider that same church to be a sect or "denomination." But Jesus never built a sect, a denomination, nor has He ever authorized one to be built. There is not a name nor description of any sect, or denomination in the New Testament. Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers, (Jno. 17:20,21), and all of these believers are to be in one body, one church (Eph. 1:22,23; 2:14-16; Col. 1:18,24). The Holy Spirit guided apostle Paul commanded, "Let there be no division among you" (1 Cor. 1:10).

That church of the New Testament was not a sect then, and it is not a sect now. The allegation in the first century that it was a sect did not make it one, and the same allegation today does not make it one.

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