

# FULTON COUNTY GOSPEL NEWS FOR THAYER, MO

FREE, BI-MONTHLY PERIODICAL OF MAMMOTH SPRING CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Introducing...

**F**ulton County Gospel News is a periodical that began circulation in Fulton County, Arkansas in 1953. It was a joint effort among churches of Christ with the stated purpose of *“to better acquaint the brethren of this county with one another and to further the work of the churches of Christ.”* When it began, FCGN was addressed by hand and sent to approximately 200 addresses in Fulton County. Today, FCGN is sent to over 6,000 addresses in 49 states. Every extant edition of the paper is also accessible online on our website in PDF. The church of Christ in Mammoth Spring, until 2021, was also sending 3,000 copies of FCGN to 12 foreign countries. Beginning in 2021, the foreign mailing stopped and a new, “local” FCGN began. From 2021-2023 we mailed a copy of the new, local paper to every address in the 72554 area. Our goal was to get good, Bible-based material into as many hands in our local community as possible.

The elders of the church made a decision to begin that same work in the 65791 area in 2024. Every address and PO Box will be receiving a copy of FCGN, free of charge, on a bi-monthly basis. Our goal is to reach as many in our area, who have both honest and open hearts, with the simple gospel of Christ.

The church of Christ in Mammoth Spring is a diverse group of believers - young and old - who desire to do what God says and be a positive force in our community. We have three elders (Kevin

Hedden, Derek Hufstedler, Steve Simers) and seven deacons (Jeremy Allen, Robert Cox, Jeff Lancaster, Monty Ragsdale, Reggie Richardson, Keith Rose, Jay Towell). The preacher, Barry O’Dell, has been with the congregation since 2014. The times of our services are listed on the back page. We offer classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday night for all ages. For adults, we have an auditorium class and a “young adults” class on Sunday morning. We also have a lot of content online...

- Website - [mammothspringchurchofchrist.com](http://mammothspringchurchofchrist.com)
- Facebook - Church of Christ at Mammoth Spring
- YouTube - Mammoth Spring church of Christ
- Audio Podcast on Podbean, Spotify, and Google Podcasts

If you have a smartphone, you can scan our QR code on the back page and get access to all our online content.

We also encourage people to ask questions! There are so many religious beliefs and practices in our world today and it can be very confusing. If people and churches are teaching and practicing things that are different and contradictory, it is not possible for them to all be right. God’s truth (Jn. 8:31-32) is objective and attainable. God is not the author of confusion and division (1 Cor. 1:10-13; 14:33). The Bible can be understood when it is...

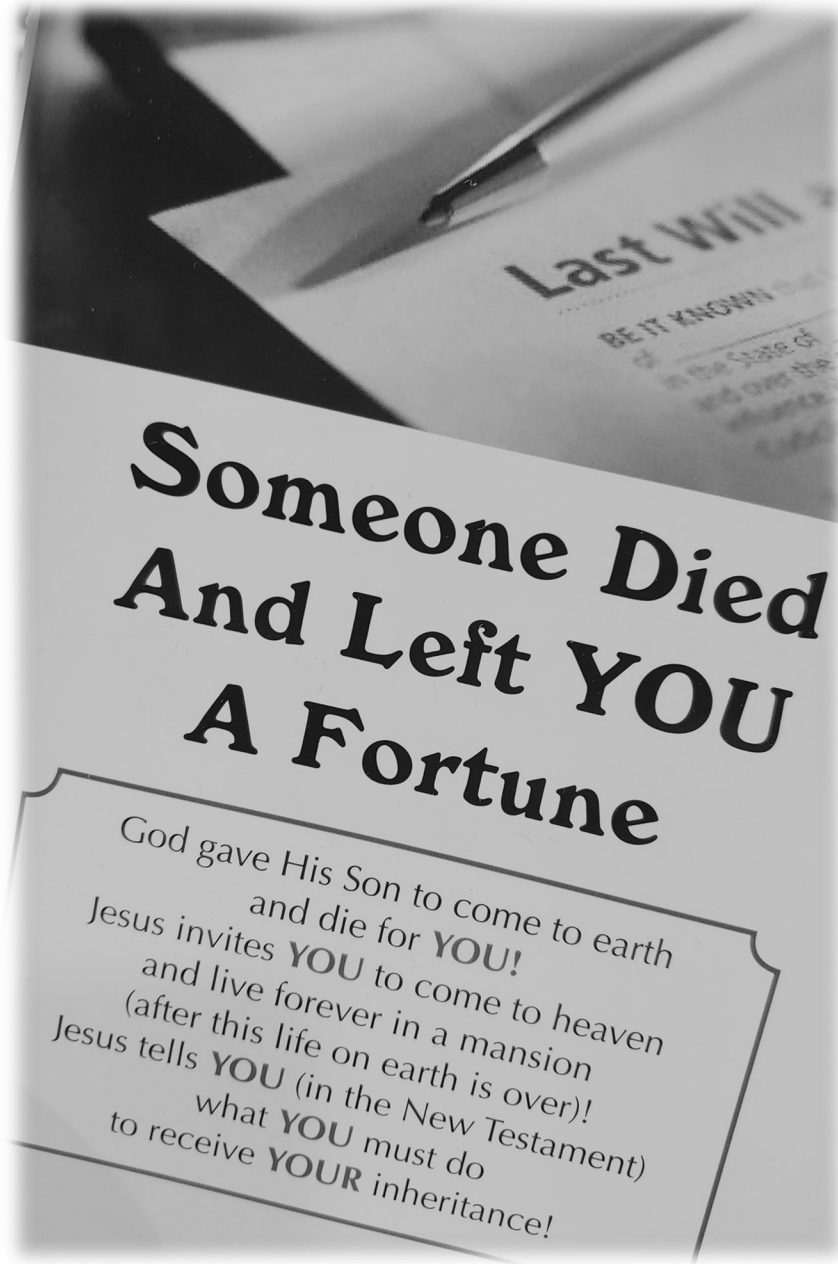
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**Do you have a Bible question you would like answered?**



**Send us an email!  
We'll write a response or record a podcast episode!**

# Free Bible Study Material!



Are you interested in learning more about God and what He has done for you?

Is your heart right with what God has said in His word?

This is a 56 page, 18 lesson booklet that is a great help in coming to know what God expects in terms of salvation.

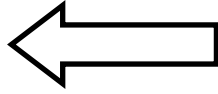
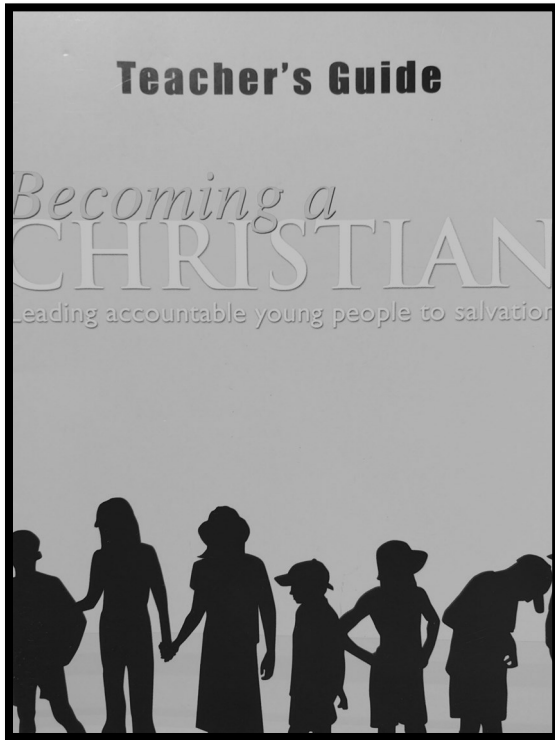
Contact us and we'll be happy to get you a copy!

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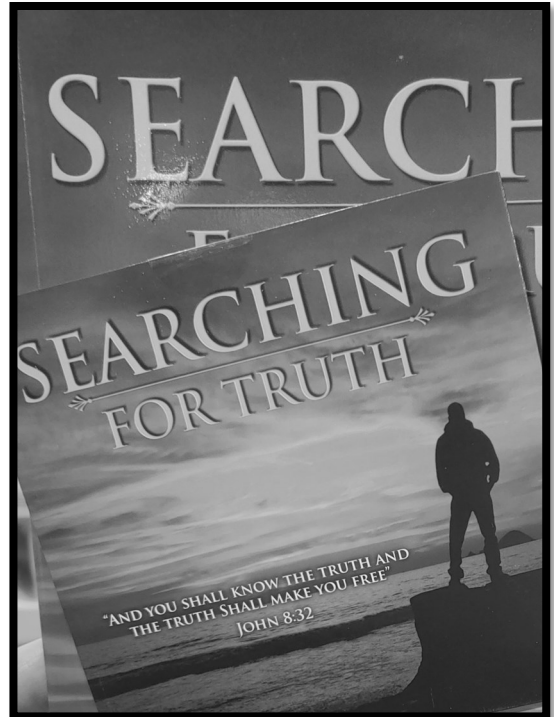
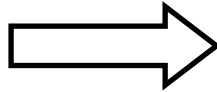
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# Would You Like to Study the Bible?



*We have workbooks for young people who would like to learn more about becoming a Christian.*

*A DVD and workbook combo to aid you in the pursuit of truth...*



...read and studied (Eph. 3:4). If you have any questions about the Bible or things you have heard in regard to the Bible or the church, do not hesitate to ask. All of our contact information is available in this paper.

As was stated earlier, our goal with this version of FCGN is to reach individuals with the gospel of Christ. The apostle Paul said that the gospel is God's power to salvation (Rom. 1:16-17). The gospel is the good news that God sent His Son to die for the sins of mankind and that He offers the free gift of salvation to all those who obey Him (Rom. 5:6-8; Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21). We can only be saved from our sin by the grace, mercy, and love of God (Titus 3:4-7). If you have any questions, please, feel free to contact us.

*Barry O'Dell - Preacher*

## LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

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### Unique features of the Church of Christ

- We use the Bible only (2 Pet. 1:3). We have no creed book, convention, or central headquarters.
- Our name is after the One who died to establish His church (Rom. 16:16).
- The church of Christ began in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-3; Acts 2:1-4).
- Jesus promised to establish His church (Matt. 16:18).
- That church was purchased with Jesus' blood (Acts 20:28).
- The church is married to Christ (Rom. 7:4).
- It was established in the first century (Acts 2:41, 47).
- Jesus is the one and only Head of the One Body (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 5:23).
- You can only be added to the church by God Himself (Acts 2:41, 47).

### What about being saved?

- All people are saved by grace, through faith (Eph. 2:8-9).
- No one is saved by faith alone (Jas. 2:14-26).
- No one is saved by grace alone (Matt. 7:21).
- Jesus said that belief plus baptism will produce salvation (Mk. 16:16). That is a promise, not a command.
- The Bible teaches that repentance plus baptism produces remission of sins (Acts 2:37-38).
- Belief, confession, and baptism is seen in the account of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:37-38).
- The Corinthians heard, believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:8).
- Christ is "put on" in baptism (Gal. 3:26-27).
- The apostle Peter said that "baptism does save us" (1 Pet. 3:21).

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Sunday Classes for all ages - 10 AM  
Sunday Worship - 10:45 & 6:00  
Wednesday Classes for all ages - 7:00 PM  
Facebook Live Stream Study - Mon-Wed - 11:00 AM