

# Family Focus

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

### What to Look for in a Church Home

We always have individuals and families visiting our congregation stating they are looking for a church home. What should they be looking for in their search? The church should have these characteristics:

1. Began in Jerusalem: Isaiah 2:2-3, Acts 2
2. Wear the right name: Acts 20:28, Romans 16:16
3. Christ the Head; local churches shepherded by elders: Acts 20:17, 28; equality of all members; looking to the New Testament for its guidance
4. Its Builder - Jesus Christ: Matthew 16:16-18
5. Its Foundation - Christ the chief cornerstone and foundation: Ephesians 2:20, 1 Corinthians 3:11
6. Head - Its head is Christ: Ephesians 1:22-23
7. Rules, and guidelines - only what is found in the New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Peter 4:11, Galatians 1:8-9, 2 John 9-11
8. Its Worship - in its public assembly, singing: Hebrews 2:12, Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19; praying - 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Acts 2:42, Acts 12:5; preaching and teaching - Romans 10:14-15, Acts 11:13-14; the Lord's Supper - Acts 2:42, 20:7; giving - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; caring for the needy - Acts 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 6:18
9. Christ built only one church: Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 4:4



If this is the church home you are looking for, we at Fairview Road Church of Christ are attempting to be the church Christ established.

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## 4TH - 7TH GET TOGETHERS - THE REST OF THE STORY

The first Sunday of every month, we not only have Full Family Fellowship, we also have the 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Get Togethers. Led by Karen Carpenter, this activity builds relationships, and teaches group cohesiveness and service to this age group. The time variously features snacks (always!), games, special projects, and other activities - like sending cards and notes to the two Guatemalan children the classes have adopted.



Kimberlin (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders' child) and Victor (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) were adopted over a year ago through the ABC program. You can see Kimberlin's and Victor's pictures and more information about them on the education wing bulletin board. The ABC program is overseen by Guatemalan churches, and the two children attend both church and school.

Our children provide \$30.00 a month for each child, plus \$10.00 for a birthday gift and \$10.00 for a Christmas present. Guatemala is in the midst of a drought that has gone two seasons, and what our children give is crucial for Kimberlin's and Victor's welfare, supplying them with food, clothing, and other necessities.

So, if you have a child in this age group, encourage them to be part of this great experience, and see that they are here. The next 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Get Together will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 to 5:45 in the 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom area.