We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Romans 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Philippians 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Revelation 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Ephesians 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matthew 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Timothy 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Ephesians 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Colossians 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

**Lifelong Appointment**

As a nation, we have survived the process of appointing a Supreme Court Judge. Whatever one’s opinion on the matter, it is a position that requires much consideration. To be considered an individual has to work their way up through law school, as an attorney, local judge, federal judge, etc. and then be recommended by the President of the United States. The role of a Supreme Court judge is one that is prestigious, highly important, and provides many rewards. It includes a tremendous amount of responsibility involving the interpretation of the law of the land, making decisions on high profile cases, and setting precedent for policy to be followed by our country.

**It is a lifelong appointment that includes many rewards:** An annual salary in excess of a quarter million dollars; Three months off a year; Many opportunities to earn speaking fees; Outstanding health care; One can retire after 10 years at age 70 or 15 years at age 65 with your ending annual salary for life.

There is a ***lifelong appointment*** that Jesus offers for those who would become His disciples.

* ***A Christian also has important responsibilities***
  + Example to others (**1 Timothy 4:12-16**)
  + Influence and teach others to come to Christ (**Matt. 5:13-16, Acts 8:4, 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 Peter 3:15**)
  + A soldier in the Lord’s army (**2 Timothy 2:3-4**)
  + Priests in the eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ (**1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10, Revelation 1:6**)
  + Ambassadors of Jesus (**2 Corinthians 5:20, Ephesians 6:20**)
* ***A Christian also enjoys great rewards***
  + Physical provisions while on earth (**Mark 10:28-31**)
  + Perfect spiritual health care (**1 John 1:8-10**)
  + Mental health care (**Ephesians 4:20-24, Philippians 4:6-7**)
  + It can be a lifelong/eternal appointment (**Matthew 6:19-21, 7:13-14**)

**A Supreme Court justice is sworn in before he is officially appointed on the Supreme Court.**

*Although Christians are not sworn in, they are required to make a commitment*

* One must believe and give the good confession (**Acts 8:37, 1 Timothy 6:12**)
* Repent of sins (**Luke 13:3**)
* Be baptized/immersed in water for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38, 8:36-38**)
* Commit to grow in the knowledge of the Lord (**2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 3:17-18**)
* Diligently serve the Lord (**1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 4:11, 2 Peter 3:14; 1 John 5:1-5**).

**A lifelong appointment:** The big difference between an appointment to a position in this life and an appointment to the Kingdom of God, is that by being a disciple in the Kingdom of God you reap rewards in this life and an eternal reward in Heaven (**Acts 13:48**)!

**Maybe you need to renew your lifelong appointment to the Lord today?** Maybe you could use some prayers and encouragement in that. We stand ready to assist.

**Maybe you need to join the Lord’s Army, the only appointment that will save you eternally?**

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies, by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. We hope to show a rerun of this program on February 18. For our next live program on March 4, 2018 we hope to study, **“Proper Giving”** We hope to see you next time on "**Speaking The Truth In Love**".