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## School Enrollment Down This Year

Merkel Public Schools began ment," said Mack Fisher, super- down by classes are freshmen classes Monday morning with ap- intendent, "however, late enrol- class, 75; sophomores, 60; juniors

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Restoring the Church of the
New Testament (Part 2)
Did Gid intend for the New Testament to be consid ered a once - for - all revelation of his will to men. ard in religion for all time to come? Did he intend for the church to centinue to worship in every generation as it workshipped in the earliest years of its existence? Did he intend to give us a permanent pat tern for the organization of the church in the New
Testament? Testament?
From the very beginning of His ministry among men Jesus claimed his authority was from God. He ity hath been given unto me in Heaven and earth" (Mathew 28-18). He rebuked the religious leaders who had become blind leaders of the blind. forgave sins and preached with unmistakable authority. "The multitudes were astonished at his teaching: for he
taught them as one having authority, and not as laught them as one having authority, and not as Jesus' claims and authoritative manner when he spoke from heaven at the time of the Transfiguration as He said. "This is my beloved Son; hear ye
ing for the benefit of men who would come after him Jesus chose a speciai group of men whom we know beyond that, promised them that the Holy Spirit would come upon them and guide them into ALL TRUTH (John 16:13). So great would their aualifications be for speaking and writing the truth of God authoritatively that Christ told them, "What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound
in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall be ioosed in heaven." (Matt. 16:19) The New Testament writers who were not apostles were "holy prophets" (Ephesians 3:1-5). Thus comes our plea: "LET EVERY MAN AND WOMAN SPEAK
WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND BE SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT!" Not just in "spirit" but also in the "pattern" of the chureh you read of in the New Testament in worship, church organization, receiving salvation, and manner of life from proper attitudes.

Do you see the signifance of these facts in demonstrating the validity of the plea for restoring New Testament Christianity? It is possible for us today ment by taking the Bible as it is and following it exactly! The New Testament reads: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you for the COMMON SALVATION, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should EARNEST LIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS." Jude 3. It is a fixed and final revelation of the will of God. It must be our authority for everything we believe or practice in religion.

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