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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	6/21/15	6/14/15
<b>Bible Classes</b>	28	36
<b>Worship Service</b>	74	90
<b>General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg</b>	\$1187.00	\$2430.00 \$483.00
<b>Wed Bible Class</b>	21	26
<b>Baptisms/</b>	1	-

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### How do you spell relief? ( Part 2)

F= Faith

F= faith; E= encourage; A= attitude; R= repent

Young people, as we live our lives we are going to go through good times as well as some challenging times. We often don't associate fear with good times, yet it can be present. Some people may even be fearful of success. During difficult times, however, many struggle with fear. If we do not, we will at some time in this life. I offer one of the many ways to deal with our fear and provide relief. This week we will focus on being encouraging through our trials and frightening events. 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3 (NIV).

"So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. 2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, 3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them."

Paul goes on to share in the continuing verses about how Timothy told of the Thessalonians' faith and love which encouraged those who were undergoing the trials of distress and persecution. Pretty fearful stuff!

In conclusion, when faced with F.E.A.R. let us not fight with weapons of human origin, let us fight fear with faith and encouragement.

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### The matchless Christ

Throughout His life, the story remained the same. Wherever Jesus went, men marveled and stood amazed at His greatness. As an infant, Mary and Joseph "marveled" at what was spoken of Jesus, (Luke 2:33); As an adult His enemies "marveled" at His wisdom and doctrine (John 7:15). His own disciples "marveled" at His compassion and love for sinners (John 4:27). The multitudes "marveled" at His power to heal (Mark 2:12; Matt. 9:8, 33). His enemies "marveled" at His word (John 7:46). His executioner "marveled" at His manner, attitude and greatness in death.

Things haven't changed! Jesus is still amazing to all those who come to Him by faith. To say He is matchless is an understatement. He will never be equaled! He will never be bettered! He will always remain the matchless One. Let us consider some things about 'The Matchless Christ.'

**He Is Matchless In His Beginnings** - To say that Jesus had a beginning is an untruth. He has always existed! (Heb. 1:10-12; John 1:1-3) Jesus Himself was very explicit about this, "before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). Every person reading this had a time of beginning. We began at the moment of our conception. Jesus Christ, however, had no beginning. He has always existed and He always will exist! Jesus was there when the world was formed, (John 1:3). He was there even before there was a world to form, (John 17:5). In the prophecies of His birth, He is referred to as "the Everlasting Father," (Isa. 9:6). He describes Himself as "the alpha and the omega" (Rev. 1:8); "the beginning and the end" (Rev. 21:6), and "the first and the last" (Rev. 2:7, 22:13). He is matchless in that He has always been and He always will be. Jesus is the uncreated Creator, He is eternity -

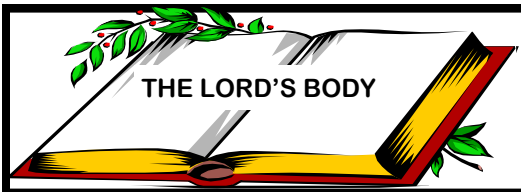
past, present and future!

**He Is Matchless in That He Died For Sin** - Jesus died for us and took upon Himself our sins. He died a brutal, difficult and harsh death. Isaiah's, description is especially graphic, "there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness" (Isa. 52:14). The prophet also relates that it was God Himself who bruised the Lord Jesus, (Isa. 53:10). Jesus did what no other person would or could have done. He went to the cross and endured that punishment so as to save your soul and mine. He was beaten, spat upon, whipped and finally nailed to a cruel, rugged cross. Other men could have died in that fashion, but no other man could have paid for our sins! (2 Cor. 5:21). It took the sinless Lamb of God to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. His death was a matchless death!

**He Is Matchless In His Power Over The Situations Of Life** - Regardless of the tragedies, difficulties, hardships, or trying times we encounter as we go through life, Jesus is able to handle each one of them. He has power to meet all our needs (Philippians 4:19). He has the power to heal our bodies, or that of our loved ones. He has the power to heal our past. He has the power to calm our storms, comfort our hearts, soothe our pains and move our mountains. Jesus is able! (Eph. 3:20). He is still the Rock of all ages and the Master of the sea. He is the Matchless Christ!

This is the same Christ who calls you into eternal life through faith in Him and obedience of His word. Have you and will you surrender your life to Him?

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth



*LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD*



**ladies' Corner**  
by  
*Paulette Watson*

**Privileged to Serve 6/28/2015**

**Morning Service**

<b>Song leader</b>	<b>Greg Watkins</b>
<b>Call to worship</b>	
<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	<b>John Stallworth</b>
<b>Song #</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>Scripture – Psalm 8:1-9</b>	<b>Tyler Dowdy</b>
<b>Songs #</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>Song #</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>Second Prayer</b>	<b>Ben Field</b>
<b>Song #</b>	<b>364</b>
<b>Lord's table and Collection:</b>	
<b>Lead</b>	<b>Derek Peterson</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>James Guiffre</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Kyle Watkins</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Steve Lynch</b>
<b>Song - Kids to class</b>	
<b>Song #</b>	<b>749</b>
<b>Scripture- Judges 7:1-8</b>	<b>Tom Meehan</b>
<b>Sermon -</b>	<b>Lancelot Watson</b>
<b>Invitation #</b>	<b>578</b>
<b>Responses &amp; prayer:</b>	
<b>Mike Salimbene</b>	
<b>Jason Harper</b>	
<b>Announcements &amp;</b>	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>John Stallworth</b>
<b>Closing Song #</b>	<b>703</b>

**The Gospel Truth**

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## “How deep is your love...?”

For those with a longer memory: do you remember the Bee Gees song, “How deep is your love?” This song can make you consider Peter’s encouragement. *1 Pet. 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.*

“Hi brother. How’s the weather? Sometimes our convos start and end there; surfacey. We ask, How you doing?” but barely listen to the answer. The relationship goes from week to week “Hello” or “Goodbye.” “See you next week.” We seem to maintain something a lot emptier than what the Bible says. The words “sincere love”, “love one another deeply” have powerful implications. We need to build a sustainable bonds. A bond strong enough, that if broken, we feel it. The relationship must have an emotional connection. “... deeply, from the heart.” Many have been beaten and bruised by past hurts and dysfunctional relationships, we can’t imagine having anything like it again. However, none can claim as much hurt as our Lord Jesus. He lived every day for 3 years with his disciples; eating, drinking, serving, preaching and proclaiming the kingdom of God. He, being sinless, bore with the failings of these men and women; teaching, serving, forgiving, etc. He loved so deeply that even after all these men abandoned him, he still loved. Amazingly, he watched his dear friend, Peter, deny knowing him three times after claiming he would stand by his side forever. Jesus forgave even though many watched as he was beaten and crucified.

So, when I read: “...love one another deeply, from the heart...” from “denying Peter”: he finally understood how deep the love of Jesus is. I pray to have Jesus’ love. I encourage you: add some depth to the relationships you have in Christ. Ask yourself “How deep is my love?” How much “...from the heart” do you have? You may ask, “Why?” READ – Eccl. 4:9-12

## What Are We Really?

**Who are you? WHAT are you?**

**You are Spirit (A piece of God)** – Job 32:8, Prov. 20:27, Eccl. 12:7

**You are Matter** – Psalm 90:2, Genesis 1:1, John 1:3

**You are Flesh (organized matter)** – Eph. 5:31, Gen 2:24

**You are a Will (soul/consciousness)**–Gen. 2:7, Matt 16:26, 10:28

**You are but a Breath** – John 1:1

**You Look Like God** – Genesis 1:26, Jude 1:9

**You are Eternal** – Ecclesiastes 3:11, Matthew 25:46

**You are Finite** – Hebrews 9:27

**You are a Holy Temple** – 1 Corinthians 6:19

**You are Dirt** – Genesis 2:7,3:19, Psalm 103:14

**You are a Home Not Made by Hands** – 1 Cor. 3:16

**You are Insignificant** – Psalm 8:4

**You are of Greatest Significance** – John 3:16

**You are not by Chance** – Psalm 139:14

You are an enigma of the universe. Your mind is the only place where the Spirit world and physical world collide. In you, both God and Satan clash furiously. Your mind is the only location where the finite and infinite fuse gloriously and mysteriously. You are the filth that contains the pure God. You are the only place where good and evil both reside in a state of perpetual and unnatural tension. You are pulled between two worlds and balanced upon them, only one breath away from crossing over forever. You are where the measurable and immeasurable find themselves contained in a jar of clay. In you, both love and hate ebb and flow. There is no other place in existence where your manifestation in this way is replicated. You are an eternal being yet trapped in a mortal vessel. You are the image and workmanship of the Almighty. Because of the I AM am I; and You are too.

## Brotherly Kindness

Being a part of God’s family is one of the Christian’s greatest blessings. In this family, we have relatives who share our life’s philosophy, goals, and hopes. We share the same father – the almighty God, and the same blood – the blood of our brother Jesus Christ who died for us. How we should cherish our sisters and brothers with whom we are members of God’s great family, the Church of Jesus Christ!

Our relationship is well described in Romans 12:5 where Paul explains, “in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” We read further in Ephesians 5:29, in a discussion of husbands and wives, that, “After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it.” In the same way, Christian sisters and brothers should care for each other, just as individually we care for the various parts of our own bodies. If we are involved in a car accident where a windscreen shatters before us, instinctively our arms and hands come up to shield our faces. Similarly, we should instinctively rush to aid or protect each other, the ones with whom we share a common love and a common bond to our Savior.

How do we show kindness? Definitions include being sympathetic or helpful; showing forbearance—which is being “patient and able to deal with a difficult person or situation without becoming angry” (Merriam-Webster Online); being tactful, compassionate, merciful. Some examples of kindness from the Bible include the friends who took the paralytic to Jesus (Luke 5:17-19); Abigail’s tact in dealing with an ungracious husband by extending generosity to David (1 Samuel 25); and Joseph’s forgiveness of his brothers (Gen. 45:3).

Practicing these behaviors and extending kindness to our sisters and brothers in Christ will help to “keep [us] from being ineffective and unproductive” in the church (2 Peter 1:8). It will also help us to be faithful, for brotherly kindness is among the qualities regarding which we are promised, “if you do these things, you will never fall” (2 Peter 1:10-11).