

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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:	1/11/15	1/4/15
<b>Bible Classes</b>	35	33
<b>Morning Worship</b>	93	85
<b>Contribution</b>	\$1835.5 328.25	\$2301
<b>Mid Week Bible Class—Wed.</b>	22	16

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

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### Distracted by all preparation?

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. Martha however, was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42 NIV)

Imagine Jesus is on his way to your home for a visit. Imagine the home is our heart and mind. Now let's ask ourselves, who do we tend to act more like? Martha or Mary?

If our heart and mind don't stay clear and alert we will be distracted by the preparations of life. Some of the preparation that distracts us are friends, relationships, school, college. I'm not saying these things are unimportant, they are all extremely important. However, in comparison to a quiet time and or fellowship with Jesus there is no comparison.

We need therefore, to be like Mary. When it comes to school, friends, and college we need to be responsible and accountable. There's a time and place for everything, but never to the neglect of Jesus.

In conclusion, Jesus teaches us that Mary chose what was better. We need to follow her example and Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom..."

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### My Delight is to Evangelize

"Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight," (Psa. 119:77).

What is your 'delight' in regards to your spiritual responsibilities? The word 'delight' is defined as, "Something that gives pleasure;" "To give joy or satisfaction." The question therefore is asking what aspect of your spiritual life gives you joy, pleasure and satisfaction.

One answer Jesus gave was, "Evangelism!" To evangelize is to convert people to Christ that they become members of the Church of Christ. This was the life, mission and work of Christ. What delighted Christ ought to be included in the list of things we delight ourselves to do.

Christ sacrificed His life so that sinful humans could be reconciled with their Creator, from whom they had become estranged because of their sins, (Isa.55:1-2). The means of reconciliation was and is the gospel or teachings of Christ The method of imparting this information is teaching; hence Paul's statement that God has "committed to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:19-20). This process of teaching is what evangelism is about. This was the work of Christ and we who are his disciples ought to follow His example. "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps," (I Pet. 2:21); "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). The lost are all persons who have not obeyed the gospel of Christ or who obeyed but are no longer faithful to Christ. They are of concern to Christ and they ought to be of great concern to us also. Let us not forget that we also were once lost and had it not been for the concern and effort of others we would still be in that lost state.

How did Christ evangelize? He did personal work. He worked with one or two persons at a time.

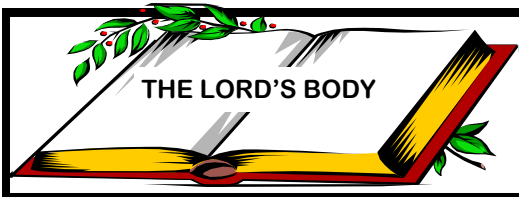
However, there was no one way used for all persons. Consider the case of Andrew and John, Jesus invited these two disciples to His home. "So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with Him" (John 1:39) In the case of Philip, Jesus went after him, found him and said to him, "Follow me" (John 1:43). In the case of Nathaniel, Jesus initiated a conversation on the street, and provided Nathaniel with the kind of information for him to conclude that Jesus is the Christ.

In evangelism different ways are utilized for different people but with the same goals in mind, conversion and fellowship with Jesus. Whatever method is used, Evangelism is about finding and taking people to Jesus Christ. Notice that Jesus found Philip. Personal evangelism involves finding people and taking them to Jesus Christ.

Jesus also used his home for meetings. "A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them." (Mark 2:1-2). It was to His home that these people came. He used the opportunity to teach them the gospel. Our homes likewise can be used in a similar way. Small groups of friends, neighbors and family members may be brought together for food and fellowship and the opportunity taken to teach the group the gospel. The teaching may be done either by yourself or someone else. Try it, the results may surprise you.

Jesus commanded, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation (Matt. 28:19-20)." We must treat this matter seriously and urgently. Let us therefore develop a delight to evangelize. Let us challenge ourselves to find and take someone to Jesus.

Lancelot W.



## The family by John Stallworth

**Privileged to Serve 01/18/2015**

### Morning Service

**Song leader** Brian Maddox  
**Welcome/Prayer** James Guiffre

**Song #** 578

**Scripture** – James 3: 13-18 C. Hendrickson

**Songs #** 359

601

**Second Prayer** Randall Colson

**Song #** 350

**Lord's table and Collection:**

**Lead** Ben Field  
**Assistant** Ryan Costello  
**Assistant** Kyle Watkins  
**Assistant** Brian Durnham

**Song - Kids to class**

**Song #** 528 (1,2,4)

**Scripture - Zech. 4:1-14** Tom Meehan

**Sermon -** Lancelot Watson

**Invitation #** 924

**Responses & prayer:**

**Derek Peterson**

**John Stallworth**

**Announcements &**

**Closing Prayer** James Guiffre

**Closing Song #** 703

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### Stop Judging Me - part 3

As we continue our assessment of the impacts of man's judgment: some of the side effects can be tragic. We've seen there is an ancient enemy who is looking to devour/kill us and too often he uses us to do it. He utilizes our fears and prejudices to cause division, anger and hurt. Ultimately causing us to shut down. We block out the entire world; including the church (the family of God). Any words spoken to us that resemble judgment or correction we reject with almost violent objection. Ultimately becoming super sensitive and defensive. Our words flow:

- "Who are you to judge me?"
- "Stop judging me!"

What I'd like us to consider is: how do we help one another grow? From the very beginning of time we learn that you and I are responsible to be "our brother's keeper." We all have different views of what that looks like, but perhaps we may want to put that aside and consider the Lord's view.

"Do you consider most correction an act of someone judging you?" Maybe get a bit defensive. All I can say is "So very sorry!" Apparently someone has truly hurt you deeply. Perhaps beyond what you may know and understand. If you and I can admit this, then maybe it is time to heal. Our father can and does use every trial to product good in all of his children. Paul writes: *Rom. 8:28 – And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...*

"I don't know how God could allow this." we utter. Internally grumbling and hating as we wrestle with the horrendous offense against our feeling we offered. "Never again", we say. Ever plant or garden? How to do properly prepare the soil? Basically, you rough it up. When we go thru these trial just consider it as being roughed up.

*Heb. 12:7-13 – Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.... 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness....*

Concept change: "discipline" does NOT mean that you've done something wrong. If is a GIFT from our father.

There is more...stay tuned.



*LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD*



**Ladies' Corner**  
by  
*Paulette Watron*

### "Shall I go up?"

One time I was reading the Bible and God hit me between the eyes with the understanding that many times we as Christians assume we know God's Will. What makes us so arrogant that we believe we know what God wants us to do without inquiring? Perhaps it is because we have the truth, *or because we want to serve God, but assuming you act on Gods permissions is not at all Biblical.* Knowing God's Will for the Church and knowing God's Will for you today in His church are two different things.

We know God's will for the church is clear, but we see in Acts 15:39 that even **great** men of God have difficulty knowing His real-time Will. (I think God allowed the fight to spread His word in two directions.) Consider also that David knew God's will for Israel, but he often asked God and waited.

**-1 Samuel 23:1-3 - "David inquired of the LORD, saying, 'Shall I go and attack these Philistines?'"**

**-1 Samuel 23:4-5 - "Then David inquired of the LORD once again."**

**-1 Samuel 23:10-11 - "Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your servant has heard?"**

**1 Samuel 30:8 - "and David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?""**

**- 2 Samuel 2:1-2- "David inquired of the LORD, saying, 'Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?' "**

There are several more, but I think we get the point. In Chronicles, we see David lost his way and Satan incited him to count the size of his kingdom. David took a census **with-out inquiring** of God, and God responded by making David choose for Him to kill 70,000 of Israel. All for counting people? Ummm...wow.

God wills that the Gospel should be preached, that all men should hear, that they should repent, that all should be saved. BUT -how do you know God wants you to say those words you are thinking? How do you know He wants you to start that ministry? How do you know He wants you to move? How do you know He wants you to give that money or attend that school, or keep that job? How do you know He wants you to evangelize in that particular way? **Have you asked Him what He wants and waited? VERY important. The answer could be an encounter, a dream, a verse, event, etc. Just wait....** - - 2 Timothy 2:15 **"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." This verse has great power.**

### Be Sure

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son... I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:11-14). In spite of these assurances, many of us sometimes doubt the certainty that we will enter heaven. We say we "hope" or "are trying" to get there. A passage that helps explain how we can be certain that we have eternal life is 2 Peter 1-11. Specifically verse 11 affirms, "if you do these things, you will never fall." This comes after a list of qualities that Paul exhorts us to practice and perfect in our lives.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have Jesus' promise that He has gone to prepare a place for us and that he will come for us to take us to be with Him there (John 14: 2-3). He is speaking to us who have been converted to His way. Peter is assuring us that if we do "these things," which he has listed, we can "make our calling and election sure." Practicing these Christian qualities in our daily lives helps us to grow spiritually, more and more. One song writer expressed it this way,

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
new heights I'm gaining every day  
Still praying as I onward bound,  
"Lord plant my feet on higher ground.

If we are always constantly climbing higher, growing in Christian character every day, we are living out our conversion. When we are growing in faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love we will "never fall." Therefore, let us study these characteristics, know what they mean, and practice them diligently. We have eternal life!