

## 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:	11/15/15	11/08/15
<b>Bible Classes</b>	37	31
<b>Worship Service</b>	100	94
<b>General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg</b>	\$2634.00	\$1628.00 \$493.00
<b>Wed Bible Class</b>	26	34
<b>Baptisms / YTD</b>	-	10

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

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### "Be Thankful"

This week most people in America will celebrate some form of the long standing tradition of "Thanksgiving Day". It is usually the last Thursday in the month of November. It's a day where just about all major companies close and family and friends are encouraged to get together to honor each other and express gratitude. Young people, we have a lot to be thankful for. So much, I wonder where we should begin. How about Psalm 103: 2-17?

"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—" Psalm 103:2-17 NIV

In conclusion, there are so many more passage of scripture we could look at. I want to encourage us this week to be "thankful" not only for the food that he has provided but also for all God's other benefits that last longer than a good meal or a Black Friday deal.

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### Give Thanks to the Lord - 1 Chron. 16:7-36

**"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts ..." (1 Chron. 16:8-12).**

Each of us has a story to tell; we can all speak of God's provision, guidance, goodness and love. Sometimes we don't see clearly, if we did we would see God's hand in our daily lives; sometimes we even confuse God's goodness with our own efforts and will. It's worth remembering that, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..." (James 1:17) In our thanksgiving let us remember that all that we are and all that we possess were given to us by our Father in heaven.

**Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples, (1 Chron 16:23-24).**

Daily consciousness of God's gracious acts in our lives, forces our lips to declare God's goodness. The demon possessed man who experienced the power and goodness of Jesus Christ was told "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." (Mk 5:19) We must do likewise. Let us declare to one and all that Jesus Christ has guided our lives, met our needs, and fulfilled our purposes. By declaring in a public way our experience of God's grace and goodness, we are letting those out in the cold know where to go to get warm; we are showing those in the dark where to find light; and we are telling the world that Jesus is the answer to all their troubles and cares.

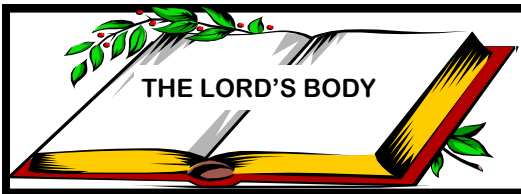
**We should be most vocal over the salvation we experience in Jesus Christ . All the rea-**

sons for us to give thanks to God are insignificant in comparison to this most beautiful tune, "your sins are forgiven." This is the gift of salvation brought to us by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Heb. 9:22). Jesus Christ substituted His life for ours ( I John 2:2); died for our sins (I Cor. 15:3), so that we can have an everlasting and abundant life (John 3:16; 10:10). That's worth shouting about! Likewise this fantabulous truth "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). We entered into this salvific experience by submitting to Jesus as our Lord and Savior and with an expectant faith obeyed His command, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) This transported us "into Christ" (Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 1:3) and as "new creatures" (2 Cor. 5:17) we began a "new life" (Rom. 6:3-4). Like the Ethiopian Eunuch we are on our way "rejoicing" (Acts 8:34-39); "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Heb 13:15-16)

Let us take our hopes and dreams for our lives, our families, our congregation and share them with God in prayer and praise. Let us teach others about Jesus. Let us take our grace gifts - returning to Him a portion of the money He gave us (2 Cor. 8:7).

Let us return thanks to God ! Everyday!

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth



*LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD*



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

**Privileged to Serve 11/22/2015**

**Morning Service**

Song leader	Jason Harper
Call to worship	
Welcome/Prayer	Derek Peterson
Song #1	745
Scripture – <b>Psa. 31:1-5, 19-24</b>	Tyler Dowdy
Songs #2	895
Song #3	959
Second Prayer	John Sicignano
Song #4	324
Lord's table and Collection:	
Lead	John Stallworth
Assistant	Barry Koeber
Assistant	Garrett Watkins
Assistant	Steve Lynch
Song - Kids to class	
Song #5	867
Scripture- <b>I Chron 16:7-36</b>	Tom Meehan
Sermon -	Lancelot Watson
Invitation #6	924
Responses & prayer:	
John Stallworth	
Mike Salimbene	
Announcements &	
Closing Prayer	Derek Peterson
Closing Song #7	703

**The Gospel Truth**

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**Just 2 commands**

It is fascinating to see how many folks have an opinion that the Bible is just a bunch of laws. They tend to shy away from reading it, because of this mindset. Considering Genesis, Adam and Eve essentially had ONE law: DON'T TOUCH THE TREE. Reminds me of children: as soon as you tell them NO, the attraction begins. *"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye..." (Gen. 3:6)* Even though there was ONLY one law, Eve was overcome by desire and was led to break God's command. This scenario says a lot about our nature of disobedience.

*Mt. 22:36-39 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

Jesus challenges our nature by summing up the law into two commands. Though there is significant depth of these commands, he challenges us to obey just two.

**1) Do you love God? 2) Do you love your neighbor?**

To test our obedience to these two commands, is one of the parables of Jesus:

*Lk. 7:41-43 "Two men owed money to a certain money-lender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.*

Our love must show itself in tangible action. This love is stimulated by our self-examination.

**How much forgiveness have you received from Jesus for the sin you've committed? How much mercy will you need today for your actions? Tomorrow?**

If you have a health self-perspective, you will realize that you need a boatload of grace. This grace should manifest itself into love for God and love for neighbor.

**The Perils and Perks of Prophecy – Part VII**

**Duality – Examining Hard Questions– Tribulation, Revelation, Antichrist, Israel, and others. Job – 33:14 – "For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it."**

History is moving to a single point – the coming of Jesus. We must pause before the hard questions of prophecy to consider a concept that has helped me in bible prophecy **tremendously**. This is not "mine" or "new," but when applied properly, it can open your mind to the most difficult parts of scripture. **Rev1:3 promises a special blessing to those who take it to heart.** I offer that without good knowledge of these principles it is impossible to understand large sections of bible. From this point forward, I must note that you may already have opinions on prophecy. I understand and respect differences in opinion, so talk to me! **This isn't a "salvation" issue - it is a "redemption" issue.** Many claim exclusive theologies on prophecy in judgement of others, but what I refer to is not a "system" which arrogantly boasts God's stamp of approval, **but an approach to understanding prophecy** that I believe powerfully incorporates the best points of many teachings.

**Dual/Multiple Fulfillment/"Bearing"** – The frequently encountered concept that prophecy can have minor fulfillments, then major; initial fulfillments then more complete fulfillments later. **It is biblical, and often passed over with a brief nod. Just like the "Trinity" and "Rapture," this describes a complex scriptural truth. I believe any student of prophecy must understand it.**

**UNDENIABLE EXAMPLES- Consider these carefully**

**Genesis 49:8-10/Hebrews 7:14** – First foretold David, then Jesus.

**Isaiah 9:6-7/Isaiah 53; Psalm 22** – Referred to Jesus in differing contexts. **Psalm 22** – First of David's suffering, then of Jesus'.

**Psalm 2:7** First to David, then Jesus. **Isaiah 49:5-6 /Luke 2:32/ Acts 13:47** – First representing Israel, then Jesus, then Paul. **Ezekiel 28:1-14** – First the King of Tyre (claimed to be God), then to Satan/his fall (the same "spirit" operated here). **Joel 2:28-32/Acts 2:16-21** – Peter speaks of ancient prophecy at Pentecost, and things yet to come. **Isa. 61:1-9/ Lk. 4:17-21** – Tells of 1st Coming, predicts Second yet to come (Jesus stopped reading there - further on had not been fulfilled yet). **Numbers 21:9/ John 3:14-15** – First Moses, then to Jesus. Also **Matthew 2:16/Jeremiah**

**"But some prophecy doesn't seem "double bearing." Why?"**

1st- If you see fragmentation in flow, it is a good indicator it is (Matt 24). 2nd-most SPECIFIC prophecies are decrees. Nehemiah, Jonah (Jonah 3:4); Moses/Pharaoh (Exodus 9:1, etc.); Daniel/dreams (Daniel2:31-45). In this light, we see specifics, but if to Israel or to Church...it's different. There is a reason. And it guides our understanding of another reality; **The Goals of Satan**

**A Woman's Place IV**

In discussing a woman's place, we have observed so far that her place is in her husband's heart, in the management of her household, and in the discreet and practical way she opens her mouth to encourage and teach. We learned these lessons from the worthy woman of Proverbs 31, and today we look at yet another lesson she teaches women about their place in this world. We read in verse 20 that, "she opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy." We see here that **a woman's place is in compassion and generosity toward the poor.**

It is our place as women to be sensitive to the needs of the poor among and around us, to open our hands to them, and reach out to help them. In so doing we honor God, our maker and their maker: **"Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God"** Proverbs 19:17. We are all God's children, and if God has gifted us with more money and status than the poor, that is no reason for us to scorn them or shun them.

Some of us, unfortunately, are oblivious. **We may be so pampered and sheltered that we are ignorant of their need, or, we may be so caught up in our own problems that we don't have time for others.** Either way, God is not pleased if we ignore the poor: **"Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses"** Proverbs 28:27.

Let us not be among those who are blind to the plight of the poor. Let us open our eyes, and if the need is greater than we have to give, let us bring it to the attention of the church leaders, or others who are in a position to help. **Let us be open-handed rather than tight fisted** so we may hear the words, "Come, you who are blessed by my father" (Matthew 25:34).