COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth 1 Thessalonians 1:8

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Just Sundays?

-Renn Ferguson

couple of weeks ago we looked at why we come together on Sundays. We noticed a few reasons. First, we know that is what the early Christians did (Acts 20:7). Second, that is the day the church was established (Acts 2). Third, that is the day Christ rose from the dead (Matthew 28). Now let us look at another part of this discussion. Are Sundays the only time we should come together as Christians? Let us look at what we can learn about Christian gatherings from the New Testament.

SATURDAY
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THURSDAY
FRIDAY

One of the first things we notice is the frequent nature of Christians gatherings. Once the church was established, we read, "and they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42). Later we notice, "and every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus." (Acts 5:47). What would the church look like if we spent more time together.

These gatherings and assemblies were needed and cherished by the early Christians. One of the most notable verses about our assemblies is Hebrews 10:25 but we always need to remember verse 24 as well, "and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." It was through their gatherings whether on Sunday or not that they could encourage one another. The truth is, we need our gatherings for the same reason. Earlier in Hebrews we read, "But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:13). We need to come together as often as possible to encourage and be encouraged.

We need to view every opportunity to come together with our fellow Christians as a blessing.

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What Is Love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-5a

I. Love is Patient and Kind.

- A. Loving patience displayed in God- Genesis 15:16, 2 Peter 3:9, Ephesians 4:32
- B. Loving kindness shown by God- Matthew 5:43-48, Romans 12:18-20

II. Love Does Not Envy or Boast.

- A. Envy is self-seeking- 1 Corinthians 12:26, James 3:14-16
- B. Boasting is self-promoting- Luke 14:7-11, Galatians 6:14

III. Love Is Not Arrogant or Rude.

- A. Arrogance is a condition of the heart- Philippians 2:3-11, 1 Corinthians 8:1
- B. Love is not rude either in word or action- Ephesians 4:29, Romans 12:17

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 193 Guide Me, O Thou Great

Jehovah

Prayer

Song: 644 'Tis Set, The Feast Divine

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Song: 48 (v. 1, 2, 4) Anywhere with

Jesus

Song: 216 (v. 1, 2, 4) He Leadeth

Me

Song: 350 Jesus, Hold My Hand

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians

13:4-5

Sermon: What Is Love?

Song: 513 (v. 1, 2, 4) One Step at a

Time

Song: 717 (v. 1, 3) Victory in Jesus

Prayer

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SUFFERS PARADE **PROVOKED** PUFFED RUDELY LONG **ITSELF ENVY** OWN LOVE DOESN'T SEEK KIND **BEHAVE EVIL THINKS**

1 Corinthians 13: 4-5

- Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
- does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10