

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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### Preservation

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**P**erseverance may be the most difficult aspect of the Christian life. Thus, Paul exhorted the church at Ephesus that along with God's armor, there was the need to be, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18). Interestingly, this is the only appearance of the English word "perseverance" in all of the King James Version of the Bible. However, the Greek root which bears out this meaning in the English can be found multiple times as a verb. Let us consider these Scriptural occasions in which we might receive exhortation to persevere.

**Worship and Fellowship.** "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). "Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done" (Acts 8:13).

**Evangelism and Fellowship.** "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:46-47).

**Prayer and Fellowship.** "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:14). "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4). "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" (Romans 12:12). "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2). "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

Beginning anything in life is often much easier than continuing it. The Christian life is much "easier" to begin than to continue; therefore, may the need to be together with church and serving the Lord be impressed upon us that we might persevere.

- Clifton Angel preaches for the Coldwater Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS.

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Holiday Gift Baskets

December 13, 9:00 AM



### Men's Business Meeting

December 14, 2:00 PM



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

**REVISITED: JONAH**

- We cannot run from God- 1:1-3, Psalm 139:7-12, Isaiah 6:8
- God's discipline- 1:4-2:10, Hebrews 12:3-11, Matthew 12:38-41
- God's word is powerful- 3:1-10, Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17, 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Romans 2:4
- The difference between God and man- 4:1-11

NOTES:

**Worship Service****Announcements**

Song: 929 Glorify Your Name

**Prayer**

Song: 726 We Saw Thee Not

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

Song: 755 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Song: 351 Jesus Is Coming Soon

Song: 717 Victory in Jesus

**Scripture Reading:** Jonah 1:15-17**Sermon**

Song: 754 When Jesus Comes (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 826 I'll Be List'ning (Chorus after 3rd verse)

**Prayer****Jonah 1:15-17**

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**Jonah 1:15-17 (NKJV)**

- <sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.
- <sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows.
- <sup>17</sup> Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**Why Worship?**

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*