

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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Just Christians

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If you were asked what you are religiously, what would be your answer? Most, if they would be members of any “church”, would probably reply by giving the name of their denomination. This, however, would not have been so in the first-century church, for denominations were then non-existent. While, at first, the early converts to Christ were Jewish, the gospel soon was preached also to gentiles, but the idea of a “Jewish Church” and a “Gentile Church” would have been completely foreign to God’s plan for “one fold” (the church) and one Shepherd (Christ)” (John 10:16). Jesus, on the evening He was betrayed, prayed for believers: “That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be one in us,, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me” (John 17:21). While there were different terms used in relation to believers in Christ, such as “body of Christ,” “the Way,” and “disciples” of Christ, the one that would be most significant was the name “Christian,” designating those who were followers of Christ. As the church began to include gentiles in the fold, and the apostle Paul began fulfilling his calling to “bear (Christ’s) name among the gentiles” (Acts 9:15), Luke tells us that “the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). Peter would later admonish suffering believers, writing that if any would suffer as a Christian, he should not be ashamed, but rather, “glorify God in that name” (1 Pet. 4:16b, ESV). Denominational names are divisive and sectarian in nature, and are far from glorifying God. The name “Christian” in no way should divide true Christians from one another, but only to recognize the believer’s separation from a non-believing world.

In the New Testament, which is our authority for our faith and practice, all who believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God who died for their sins and was raised again, repented of their sins, unashamedly confessed Him, and were buried with Him in baptism were just Christians—neither more nor less. (cf. Acts 11:26; 28; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:35-39). Why should it be otherwise today? If you respond in faith and obedience to the gospel as they did, you would become what they were, Christians. If you would “in word and deed, do all in the name of (by the authority of) the Lord Jesus” (Colossians 3:17), continuing in His word, you will continue to simply be what they were—Christians. Jesus’ words to His followers then should yet be heeded today: “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed” (John 8:31), and as a disciple, bear the name “Christian” (Acts 11:26).

-<https://bulletingoldextra.blogspot.com/2026/09/just-christians.html>

9:00 AM

October 10, 2026

Grocery Giveaway



October 25

Shults Lewis Child

& Family Services

Commodity Donation Drive

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CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER

I. In Worship.

- A. It is through our worship that we approach God together- Hebrews 4:16, 10:19-22
- B. It is through our worship that we lift each other up- Hebrews 10:24, 1 Thessalonians 5:14

II. Work.

- A. We much work together to share the gospel- Acts 5:42, 8:4, 11:19-21, Philippians 4:15,17
- B. We must work together to take care of one another- Acts 2:44-45, 4:32-37, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

III. Live Together.

- A. We must spend time together- Acts 2:47, Jude 12, 1 Peter 4:9
- B. It is only through this relationship that we can be aware of one another's needs- Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:16, Hebrews 3:13

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 669 This Is My Father's World

Song: 247 Here We Are but Straying Pilgrims

Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Vs. 1, 3, 5)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 55 Beyond This Land of Parting

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25

Sermon

Song: 720 Watch and Pray (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 605 Take My Hand and Lead Me (Vs. 1)

Prayer**Hebrews 10:24-25****Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)**

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- ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
- ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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