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Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Patchogue Church of Christ  
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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:	10/11/15	10/4/15
Bible Classes	28	16
Worship Service	80	79
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$2137.00 \$356.00	\$2254.00
Wed Bible Class	32	28
Baptisms / YTD	-	10

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

Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



What pleases God our Savior?

I urge you, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:1-3NIV)

Young people, what “pleases God our Savior?” are questions everyone will ask themselves at some point, and will even ask God. Praise God that He doesn't leave us without an answer. Unfortunately some people seek answers to these questions from people, idols, statues, and the list goes on. We seek the scripture and it says. “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people”. Scripture goes on to say. “For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”.

In conclusion, Young people we need to be in prayer for ourselves and our leaders, friends and extended families. Scripture additional teach us that He desires for all people to be saved, "God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth". Salvation and the knowledge of the truth for the ones we care about are only a prayer away! These are things that are good and please God our Savior!

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God is watching

A young boy was told that the eye of God is always watching us. He thought for a moment and then he said, “I’d like to know what kind of watching it is. Tim Brown watches me in school so he can tell Teacher if I whisper and get me bad marks. But Father watches me in a different way. When I am on the beach, he keeps watch so I won’t get in too deep. I like that kind of watching!”

What kind of watching do you believe God is doing in your life? Do you feel that He is waiting for you to make a mistake so He can straighten you out? Or do you believe He is watching to protect you from harm, to keep you from getting into a situation that is over your head?

The perspective we have of God will affect the way we live in every area of our lives. Think about it. Do we dress modestly as a protection against lustful looks or because we seek God’s approval? Do we avoid certain kinds of entertainment because God has shown us that keeping our minds clean is for our protection? Or do we stay away because He doesn’t want His children associating with sinners? Unless we can relax in the presence of God, we will always feel as if He is checking up on us.

In 2 Chronicles 16:9, we read: “*For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*”

Does that statement sound as if God is looking for someone to punish or harass? No, of course not! God Himself is saying, “I want

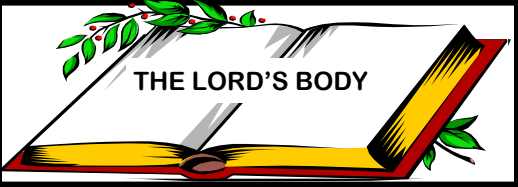
to support you. I want to keep you out of the deep parts of the ocean of life where you will find yourself in over your head. I want to prevent and or to rescue you from drowning.”

If we will take notice of God’s dealings with the people He used to bring about His purpose, we will see that He didn’t hover over them, waiting to catch them in some foul deed. That’s not the way of God. Consider Abraham, the friend of God, and David, the man after God’s own heart - men who lived as men on this earth, but who, in all their humanity, knew that God was in control of their lives. These fathers of our faith made mistakes. They wandered into deep waters. But God pulled them out and gave them another chance to become the leaders He intended them to be. In similar fashion God watches us and is ready and waiting to rescue us from harm when we call upon Him with our obedient faith.

God loves us and longs to find in us hearts that are completely His. Hearts that long to love Him completely and at all times.

Hearts that are attuned to God, are willing to submit to His will and desire to conform to His ways; such hearts open the door for God to fully support us. If we will trust God, we will experience the joy of knowing that He is watching us with the eyes of a loving, kind and benevolent friend. “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24).

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth



LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD



ladies' Corner  
by  
Paulette Watson

Privileged to Serve 10/18/2015	
<u>Morning Service</u>	
Song leader	Ben Field
Call to worship	
Welcome/Prayer	James Guiffre
Song #1	351
Scripture – Psalm 25:8-15	Joe Cirnigliaro
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Second Prayer	Steve Lynch
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Lord's table and Collection:	
Lead	Derek Peterson
Assistant	Chris McGue
Assistant	Ryan Costello
Assistant	C. Hendrickson
Song - Kids to class	
Song #5	973
Scripture-Joshua 1:1-9	John Sicignano
Sermon -	Lancelot Watson
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Responses & prayer:	
Derek Peterson	
Jamal Colson	
Announcements &	
Closing Prayer	James Guiffre
Closing Song #7	703

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**Excuse #2 – WORK**  
*Lk. 14:16-18 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 "But they all alike began to make excuses...19 "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'*  
Again: "Excuse me" meaning "Excuses for me". Here the second poor excuse. According to this excuser, these oxen could not wait; they had to be 'tried out' during the banquet. One fatal flaw in this excuse is: oxen don't expire. Let's categorize this type of excuse as 'work or responsibilities'. This kind responsibility can be in different forms. For this person it looks like working with oxen. For you and me, it might look like our jobs, cooking, cleaning, going to the bank, laundry, etc. In the hyperactive world we live in, we could make a list of a thousand things to add to the list; each of which are vying for our time. Usually, getting them done is not an option. However, the question to be answered here is: "When?" We face the same challenge as the excuser above. We can always make the time of responsibilities override the time for the Lord. When the choice to neglect the Lord's time comes we must question ourselves:  
Do I need to do it during services?  
When I'm late: was it just poor planning? Could I plan better to be on time?  
If I received a \$1000 for attending 3 service I normally say "I can't", would I make it?  
Am I willing to change or sacrifice something for my commitment to the Lord?  
Am I missing service, because it's inconvenient?  
Am I only willing to help someone when it's convenient? Am I willing to go out of my way for the Lord?  
Do I have time to serve or am I too busy filled with my own responsibilities?  
If the Lord were trying to use you, would you actually have time? Or are you TOO BUSY.  
Rom. 12 calls us to be 'living sacrifices'. A sacrifice is not convenient? If all you have to offer is convenient: it is NOT a sacrifice. Jesus' sacrifice was NOT convenient.  
*Mt. 6:33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**The Perils and Perks of Prophecy – Part II**  
**Question** - Can Christians Study, Consider, and Speak on Prophecy without being in a state of apostasy?  
**Short Answer** – Yes, We don't need a full picture, and should get used to not having all answers on prophecy if the Disciples, Apostles, Prophets, and Mary are good examples. Thousands of years passed by with prophets, priests, and followers of God wondering what was to come- having choppy information. Jesus' best students often held personal, inaccurate, or erroneous ideas concerning Messiah - ideas that **only believers would consider**. This didn't make them evil, it made them seekers of God. **2 Peter 1 – "For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive..... We also have the prophetic message....and you will do well to pay attention to it... until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."** This **amazing** passage ties prophecies of the past with those of the future. They point to the second coming! Read the whole chapter with open eyes and heart. Continuity of Prophecy in the N.T.  
**Believers Engaged with Prophecy Despite Struggle and Info.**  
**MARY - Luke – 2:19** "But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." Mary knew she birthed Christ, but didn't understand what she just saw - nor everything prophesied for His life. It is **HIGHLY likely she held the same view of a militant Messiah as His disciples**. She took time to process. Her flaws and errant view also came out when she rebuked Him in youth.  
**PAUL - Eph. 5:32** – "This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church." **1 Cor. 13:12** "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror.... now I know in part; then I shall know fully.. In this amazing passage Paul speaks of things he doesn't fully understand under the Spirit, and doesn't hinder his comment as he commanded with tongues (1Cor.14:28). Keep this in mind with prophecy– we only have snippets of info, and can engage intellect.  
**PETER - Matthew 16:22** - Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!..."This shall never happen to you!" Peter had a very errant view of prophecy and Christ – this didn't make him an apostate, it made him a believer seeking Christ and desiring a Messiah. Satan used Peter's "absolutes" to tempt Christ.  
**JESUS - Matthew 13:17** "For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see...and to hear what you hear..." *Permission for the righteous to ponder is granted.* Jesus also spoke on the "last days" while at the same time saying he didn't even know when it was coming. He still offered information though.  
Think on this. We are at least given permission to talk about prophecy and what the bible says of the future ...Carefully.

**The Joy of the Lord in the Midst of Sorrow**  
Joyful Christians are not immune to life's events that cause sorrow. We do experience the suffering of pain, loss, hardship, and grief. Peter acknowledges this when he says in 1 Peter 1:6 that salvation "brings you great joy, although you may have to suffer for a short time in various trials." So do we lose our joy in these times of sorrow? Absolutely not!  
We may be tempted to sink into discouragement, or a sad, unhappy frame of mind, but James encourages us to "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds" (James 1:2). He tells us that this suffering is a test of our faith and we should be joyful knowing that this test will cause us to grow in endurance and be stronger Christians because of it. As Christians we practice to be joyful at times like these because of our love and trust in Christ. Let us not be weak and turn away from God in times of sorrow. We must take courage in the fact that God knows best and has our best interest at heart, so in the midst of our sorrow we praise Him as the matchless God.  
Our greatest example of the proper reaction to suffering is Jesus himself. He endured agony and shame without a negative word. We are told in Hebrews 12:2-3 that Jesus, "For the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame." We should, therefore, consider his endurance and follow his example so that we "will not grow weary and lose heart" when we are faced with suffering. Jesus himself encouraged his disciples, "you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."  
When we are faced with or experiencing sorrow, let us meet the challenge to "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4); let us not allow the devil to use sorrow to steal our joy.