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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:	12/07	11/30
Bible Classes	33	35
Morning Worship	81	77
Contribution	\$2082	\$1870
Mid Week Bible Class—Wed.	29	31

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

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



What is good to God?

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 2:1-6 NIV)

Young people, these are questions everyone will ask themselves at some point, and will ask God. Praise God that He doesn't leave us without an answer. Unfortunately some people seek answers to these questions from 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!

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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Serve Him, He is King!

"If any man serve me let him follow me: and where I am there shall also my servant be...If any man serve me, him will my Father honor" (John 12:26). He was born King. *"Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star...and are to worship Him"* (Matt. 2:2). These Magi understood that God was now incarnate. God had become man. Jesus was born. He is the King to be served but in a way acceptable to Him. He is the King who took upon himself the "form of a servant". As a servant He taught and demonstrated the kind of service man must give to his fellowman and the kind of service God, our Father in heaven demands. *"For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me"* (Matt 25:35-36). Christ our King gave us the reason for our existence. We were created to serve. Serve man and serve God. That was how He lived. He served the outcast, the sick, the oppressed, the bereaved, the brokenhearted, the lonely, and all of us - the spiritually bankrupt. He served by giving. He gave us His knowledge of God the Father, He gave us His strength, His compassion, His mercy and finally He gave us His life. He took upon himself our sins, our burdens. He pardoned us, opened the way to our Father in heaven and then called us to Himself. That is Jesus the King. We must serve Him.

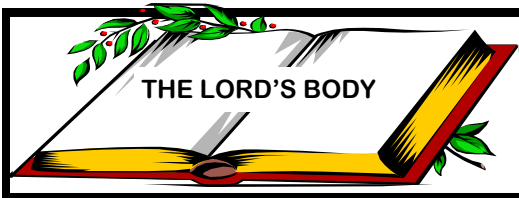
We serve Jesus by following Him all the way! This brings honor from the Father, and we give glory to the Son. The service we give to Jesus is indicative of our submission to His will and not

our own. Any unwillingness to serve Him, results in us serving idols the very thing that separate us from God. The Christians were commended because of their honesty to the gospel and their willingness to give up idols and serve Jesus Christ. *"... and how ye turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God,"* (1 Thess. 1:9). Turning to God means going to Jesus Christ, obeying His gospel, and living our lives as taught by the Apostles. Obeying the gospel reprograms us to become Christ centered and service oriented. We ignore the material and focus on the spiritual. Our hearts become filled with love -- love for God and love for our fellowman. We are conscious of what Jesus did for us and thus strongly motivated to do for Him.

The biggest hindrance to service is our own selves. Pride. We think too highly of ourselves. What will our friends say or think? In trying to preserve our reputation and life we are in fact losing it. "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." (Luke 9:24) Why serve Him?

We serve Him because He is God. He is our King. Kings rule. Jesus is our Ruler. His Word, the gospel is our law. We are citizens in His Kingdom, children in His family and saints in His church.

We serve Him because He served. And by serving as He did, meaning and purpose is given to our lives. It is in serving that we find ourselves, fulfill our destiny and develop the kind of character that makes us suitable to live in the presence of God forever.



The family by John Stallworth

Privileged to Serve 12/14/2014

Morning Service

Song leader Jason Harper
Welcome/Prayer 180 John Stallworth
Song #
Scripture -Psalm 27:1-6 Mike Salimbene
Song # 895
Song # 959
Second Prayer Jason Holfman
Song # 324
Lord's table and Collection:
Lead Jamal Colson
Assistant Ben Field
Assistant Steve Lynch
Assistant Jason Holfman
Song - Kids to class
Song # 957
Scripture - Acts 16:4-10 Ryan Costello
Sermon Lancelot Watson
Invitation # 934
Responses & prayer:
Jamal Colson
Mike Salimbene
Announcements &
Closing Prayer John Stallworth
Closing Song # 703

The Gospel Truth

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Not Too Close

How can we break down the walls? As we grow as the church of Christ; the family of God. How do we grow together? How do we live out: "...love one another deeply from the heart"? (1 Pet. 1:22) Let's be honest. There are some walls that have to come down. Many of us have been beaten down and heartbroken so much we live in an igloo; thick walls, cold in and outside. We hide inside with a thousand reasons why we don't let people in. I don't have an answer other than: I can relate. However, I will encourage you like I challenge myself: fight everything within you to resist reclusion and 'click'-ing (always talking to the safe person). If we are going to be a strong building in which God live (Eph. 2:22), we bricks have to bound by more than just an air kiss. We have to learn to open our lives, our wallets (yes I said it), our homes, etc. Few things to consider:
 When was the last time you had someone new in your home?
 Challenge:

Every time we meet: try to get a little closer to someone: talk a bit deeper than the weather. Suggestions: Ask about their family? Sibling? Work? Ok, a hard one: "What do you struggle with in Christ?"
 Over the next week, set a plan/date to have someone visit you in your home.
 Read 1 Cor. 12:12ff – think about how close the "parts of the body" might be. If we don't get this right, how will the world know we are the children of God? (Jn. 17:19-26)



LIVING IT OUT—
 PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
 BY
 BENJAMIN FIELD



Thank You!
 by
 Kathleen Crossen

The Greatest of All Moments

The Magi - Astrologers and astronomers. They practiced forbidden spiritual arts (without idolatry), and were heavily influenced by Daniel and his relation to them. They believed Stars were given as signs just as God said they were during creation. When they saw **IT** they knew a new ruler was coming... knew that this was no ordinary ruler but the "stone cut out without hands" (Daniel 2:34) and they knew precisely when He arrived.

The Romans – Rulers of the world. Constantine, wrote that an "occultation of Jupiter in Aries" was a sign of the birth of a divine king. Augustus and the Romans believed it was either a blessing on their current King OR more likely *the birth of his replacement*. Herod knew this, and sent the Magi for information. Babies were ripped from their mothers and murdered in the streets by his soldiers... Something similar happened in 63BC. They took it VERY seriously.

What did they SEE?

A brilliant dance. Events no one could orchestrate; Awe inspiring mathematical and symbolic timing of a Master watchmaker *who planned it all from the beginning*. The pinnacle of celestial pageantry displayed by the creation - fitting for THE King.

They saw what would look like "star" that pointed straight at Judah(Gen.49).

The brightest ever. A wondrous sign and vision of the future and past (Rev. 12:15)
 - In September of 3BC, coinciding with a the formation of a New moon and Jewish new year, King Jupiter and the Virgin Virgo aligned in the sky. The King and the Virgin came together in a tripartite superimposed conversion with the new moon at her feet. All knew it was a sign Kingship. The bible describes there was a time when the Spirit came upon Mary...

9 Months later, In June 2BC, King Jupiter rose in the east and joined the Mother Venus. It appeared as a star. It was the brightest event in the sky in human history. On December 25th of 2BC retrograde motion caused Jupiter to stop in the sky and would be viewed to be a "star" above Jerusalem. The Magi found the child and obeyed the dream.

A king was born and a child was there waiting.

Interpret it for yourself. It gives me chills...

"Thank you!" Two words that roll off of the tongue when expressing appreciation or gratitude. It's the response said after being paid a compliment. It's the response said after a service has been rendered. "Thank you!" It's what we say because we are grateful.

In everything we do, let us do it with a grateful heart: "Give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). What a great habit to have, giving thanks throughout the day to our Lord and Savior for his overflowing blessings! Our Father in Heaven has been and is so gracious. With that thought in mind say, "Thank you, Father!" Just knowing that our Father loves us so much, by the sacrifice of his "only begotten Son" so that we may have the gift of eternal life (John 3:16), deserves our immeasurable gratitude often— throughout each day.

Giving thanks is the best way to begin each day. Give thanks for how God is blessing you in your life every single day: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm118:29). Speak it in prayer to him. Write it. Adopt a habit of journaling one or more things that you are thankful for that have taken place. This also includes answered prayer. Taking the time to jot down what you are thankful for is soul satisfying and so powerful because it pushes out the negative thinking that sneaks in to derail the day before it gets started. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

So when you find the negative thoughts encroaching, stop and think about your blessings. Review what you have recorded in your journal. Keep the sunshine in your heart, mind and soul by practicing being grateful throughout the day, every day.