

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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:	11/22/15	11/15/15
<b>Bible Classes</b>	22	37
<b>Worship Service</b>	77	100
<b>General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg</b>	\$2072.00	\$2634.00
<b>Wed Bible Class</b>	28	26
<b>Baptisms / YTD</b>	-	10

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

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### Is God tempting Me?

Young people, is this a reasonable question? It is actually an incorrect assumption about God. According to scripture NO one should say, "God is tempting me", for God cannot be tempted by evil. The scripture goes on to say: "... nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed." James 1:13-14 NIV

Young people, we cannot blame God or others for our sin. God tells us that it is OUR OWN evil desires that are able to drag us away from Him. God, mercifully provides us with a way to fight these temptations. We will be wise to fight with God's strength. The alternative is disastrous!

"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." James 1:14-15 NIV

Another example of this is in 1 Cor. 10.

"Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." 1 Cor. 10:6-13 NIV

Young people God is faithful! Our struggle is real but His victory over our temptations is even greater! Go forward and share with someone some of Jesus' victories in your life!!!

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### The Wisdom from heaven

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness," (James 3:17-18).

Knowledge, understanding, and wisdom are three bedfellows that are absolutely necessary for living out the Christian life. Knowledge is learning from Christ what to do and wisdom is doing what we have learned. James the brother of our Lord tells us about the acquisition of wisdom, the internal evidence of wisdom and the external manifestation of wisdom.

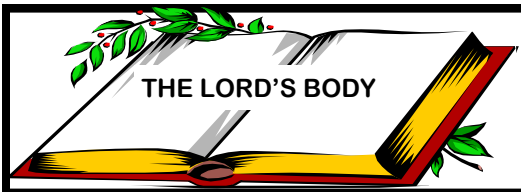
**The acquisition of Wisdom** – For James it is a gift from God to those of His followers who love Him, submit and live their lives according to Christ's will. It is a gift to the followers of Christ who ask in faith for wisdom, believing that God answers prayers and rewards His followers with the desire of their hearts. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened, (Matt 7:7-8). "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him," (James 1:5). "But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does, (James 1:6-8). "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it," (John 14:12-14).

**The internal evidence of Wisdom** - Wisdom

is needed to facilitate human behavior that conforms to the command of our Lord to "love our neighbors as ourselves" (Mark 12:3). Behavior is preceded by internal attitudes that build character that will practice right behavior to both God and man. If good character is absent unwholesome attitude - "bitter envy and selfish ambition" will develop leading to unwholesome behavior - "disorder and every evil practice," (James 3:14-16). Wisdom is one of three bedfellows necessary for character building. The others are knowledge and understanding, attributes which according to the apostle Paul all Christians should have, "We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding," (Col 1:9-10). Possession of divine wisdom is evident "the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere," (James 3:17).

**The external manifestation of Wisdom** - For James, Christians are to live righteous lives, but this can only be accomplished with divine wisdom. Divine wisdom is different from the wisdom of the world which is carnal and non-spiritual. Both wisdoms manifest themselves, "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere," (Jas 3:13-18).

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth



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PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
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**ladies' Corner**  
by  
*Paulette Watson*

**Privileged to Serve 11/29/2015**

**Morning Service**

Song leader	Greg Watkins
Call to worship	
Welcome/Prayer	James Guiffre
Song #1	448
Scripture – <b>Psa. 32:1-11</b>	Garrett Watkins
Songs #2	480
Song #3	528
Second Prayer	Tom Meehan
Song #4	903
Lord's table and Collection:	
Lead	Derek Peterson
Assistant	Mike Costello
Assistant	Steve Lynch
Assistant	C. Hendrickson
Song - Kids to class	
Song #5	23
Scripture- <b>Rev. 7:9-17</b>	John Scignano
Sermon -	Lancelot Watson
Invitation #6	382
Responses & prayer:	
Jamal Colson	
Mike Salimbene	
Announcements &	
Closing Prayer	James Guiffre
Closing Song #7	703

**The Gospel Truth**

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**Do you care how God feels? – Haughty Eyes**

Ever consider what makes the Lord happy or sad? What things he loves or hates? Do you care about how the Lord feels? When you love someone, you care about how things affect them. In fact, if your actions really discourage or hurt your love one, you are willing to change. Below are seven actions which really impact the Lord in a very negative way.

*Prov. 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.*

*Haughty (def.) - arrogantly superior and disdainful.*

Can you imagine what “haughty eyes” might look like? I bet you’ve seen them. Do you have arrogant prideful eyes that look above those around you? Sometimes it is hard to see yourself clearly. James tells us that there are times when we can look in the mirror, walk away and immediately forget what we look like.

Haughty eyes stem from something a bit more ‘dark’. Usually a bitter, arrogance heart. Distain for anyone who you do not see as fitting and/or meeting your expectations. These type of eyes filter people based on an impure heart. Sometimes those filters can be as shallow as skin color, gender or financial status. However, sometimes the filters are based on the concept of your own excellence or maturity. The attitude that is “above reproach”. No one can tell or make you do anything.

Are you willing to test yourself? Ask someone about your eyes. Maybe they are not as nice as you think.

**The Perils and Perks of Prophecy – Part VIII**

**The Goals of Satan – Luke 10:18**

**Why do we see prophecy regarding the Second coming, Messiah, and Israel often unclear, fragmented, and obscured? Why not just “say it” outright if God is God?** We are so occupied with fighting (Eph6:12) and being targeted by (1 Pet5:8) Lucifer that we fall into a dreamy self-centered view. We act as if we are his only goal. We forget why he is active. Satan wants two things –

- 1- He wants to exert power over God by causing events contrary to His promises (Job2:1-7, Gen.3:1-5, John8:44, Matt2:16, Matt16:18)
- 2 - He wants to be worshipped – more than anything (Luke 4:7, Matt4:9, Ezekiel 28).

**1. HE WANTS TO SHOW HIS POWER BY MAKING GOD A LIAR** We forget that Satan fights for his own ends with God, and we are pawns in the struggle of the longest standing prophecy (Gen3:15). Satan is supernatural (Job 2:1, Job1:12) but **not** All Knowing. He must operate in real time, with limited information, within the free will of men and the permissions of God (Luke22:31). He tempted Eve with what tempted him (Gen3:5/Ezekiel28). He tried to taint the human line with angelic inbreeding that would pollute Eve’s seed (Gen 6:9-13, 2 Pet 2:4, Jude, also reference Enoch). He used Pharaoh to kill males of Israel (Ex1:22). He used Herod to assassinate Jesus (Jer. /Matt2:16-18). He made attempts at Jesus directly (Matt4). He tried to stop the crucifixion through Jesus’ friends (Matt16:22, John18:10). He killed Jesus through Judas and Pilot (Mark15:24). **THINK- Why does Satan try if he believes he can’t win?** He is deluded and seeks to stop God’s final plan (Rom11, Rev, Genesis, Thess.). He has always tried to destroy the Jews - Abrahams seed; Egypt, Haman/Mordecai, Assyria, Babylon, Rome, Ottomans, Crusades, Hitler, Stalin, and I believe to this day with Islam. The result is a frustrated Satan, and restored Israel. God ALWAYS used Satan’s best plans including a fulfillment in 1948 (Am. 9/Ez37, Zec8, Isa.43) despite currently apostate Jews.

**Partial information, and multiple bearings MAKE SENSE**

*In light of this, it makes sense that God doesn’t announce the dates, people, and times of prophecies, but waits for the “right time” (Rom5:6). He conceals details of Israel, Messiah, and Second Coming giving pieces of info. **Revealing them to us would reveal them to the devil.** In our guessing, God keeps Satan guessing in subordination. We could say withholding the details of future events protects us as much as it confounds the devil. If Satan knew dates, people, places, and times he would destroy and harm us all. Look how good he was at it in Egypt and Rome. THEREFORE, we see scriptural imminence and promised fulfillments coexisting perfectly.*

**A Woman’s Place V**

If there is one place where you are yourself, the real you, it’s at your home, with your family. Your children and your husband are daily eyewitnesses of your whole conduct – good and bad, both your strengths and weaknesses. It’s quite a tribute when your grown children call you “blessed.” From Proverbs 31:28, which states, “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her,” we learn that **a woman’s place is in esteem and blessing from her children and her husband.**

When your children call you blessed, they know because they have seen in your life over the years the following biblical descriptions of people who are blessed. You – “put your trust in God (Psalm 2:12); “your strength is in God” (Psalm 84:5); you “walk in the law of the LORD, and... you seek him with your whole heart” (Psalm 119:1-2). This is what you have taught them to do in words and by example all of their lives, and now that they are grown they respect and love you for it and are not shy in their praise both to you and to others. This woman does not only enjoy the esteem and blessing of her children, but also of her husband who “praises her.” Like her children, he praises her personally to her face, and also to others. He has been the recipient of her love and care, and has seen her love and care for her children, and so he has a lot to praise her about.

The word “blessed” also means happy. The woman who is blessed by her husband and children, enjoys happiness. She has the wonderful joy of a mother who sees her children grow up respecting her teaching in their godly lives. She has the wonderful joy of a wife who knows her husband is satisfied with her and praises her for it. Certainly a woman’s place is in the happiness she derives from the praise and blessing of her children and her husband. Let us pray to so live as to earn this type of commendation.