

## 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.

<b>Records you Made:</b>	10/12	10/5
<b>Bible Classes</b>	34	35
<b>Morning Worship</b>	66	83
<b>Contribution</b>	\$1756	\$1650
<b>Mid Week Bible Class—Wed.</b>	27	24

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

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### Are You Quick to Talk and Slow to Listen?

In current times, people are quick to share their opinions, ideas and thoughts on how things should work. Social media has helped promote the idea of a quick response, backtalk or the temptation to write something smart. Young people, do you find yourself in conflict with your parents, teachers, and those in authority? Communication is hard for everyone these days. One would think with the availability of social media that most people would be expert communicators. This has proven not to be the case.

The Bible has the cure for this poor communication. In James 1:19 it says:

*<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.* Notice--

• Quick to listen • Slow to speak • Slow to become angry

This is a basic formula for us to use in order to improve communication between each other. Improved communication leads to improved relationships. The stronger the relationship, the stronger the family, the church and ultimately, the community. Through your ability to apply this to your life, great things can be accomplished!

In Ecclesiastes 4:12 says: *“though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”*

If you are feeling broken it might be because you are in need of some Christian fellowship with one or two others (Acts 2:47). As you gather remember to be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry.

In conclusion, let us all follow these biblical principles and build strong relationships that will not be quickly broken.

Have a blessed day!

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### Confront your challenges

*David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty” (1 Samuel 17:45).*

Goliath’s nine foot frame could not fit in my office, as from floor to ceiling it is only eight feet. He really was a monster of a giant (1 Sam. 17:4). An entire army of valiant men trembled in their boots and cowered in fear at the thought of fighting him. Yet a lad, a teenage boy, stood before him, looked him in the eyes and said, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty.” (1 Samuel 17:45)

You and I, we have our own giants to do battle against. A marriage that doesn’t seem to be going anywhere; children that are bent on destroying their lives; a body that is being ravaged by disease and sickness; a bad financial situation; loneliness; uncertainty about the future; etc. etc. If your giant is not listed here, please, just add it to the list. Reality is that each of us has at least one giant that needs to be slain. Another reality, these giants will not go away until we kill them. How do we do that? The same way David did.

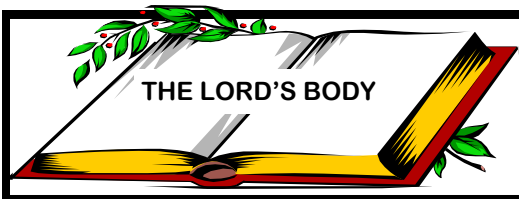
He had faith in God! This faith gave him courage and confidence; it did not remove his challenge; it gave him the willingness to confront it. David knew that no giant is too big for our God! The giants we face may be too big for us by ourselves, but they are not too big for our God. When we Look at our giants, our hearts may fail us, but “God is greater than our hearts” (1 John 3:20). He gave David victory over Goliath and I am confident He will give you victory over the giants you confront.

David had courage in his heart and he expressed faith in God “Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head” (1 Samuel 17:46). What happens next is of paramount importance. “David took out a stone, hurled it from his sling, and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and the man fell on his face to the ground” (1 Sam. 17:48).

To slay our giants, we must work with God. God uses the tools we have. Earlier in the story, David refused King Saul’s sword and armor. Those were King Saul’s to be used by him to slay his own giants (1 Sam. 17:38-39). David used his sling. The sling was *his* thing. We likewise must use our own resources. Our intelligence, our training, our experience, our finances, etc.; whatever it is that we have, let us commit them to God and allow Him to empower us to use them. This simple formula produces results that are truly amazing.

A multitude of over 5,000 men were fed because a young lad gave his lunch to Jesus. “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish” (Jn 6:9-10). A widow with just enough flour and oil for one meal, fed Elijah and her family through a period of severe famine (1 Kings 17:10-17). Amazing things happen when with faith and trust we allow God to use our skills and our resources.

We have our individual giants that we must overcome. Let us confront them with courage in our hearts and faith in God Almighty. Our victory is guaranteed, “for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.” (1 Jn 5:4-5) Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth



*LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD*



**ladies' Corner**  
By  
*Paulette*

<b>Privileged to Serve 10/12/14</b>	
<b>Morning Service</b>	
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Brian Maddox</b>
<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	<b>Mike Salimbene</b>
<b>Song #</b>	
<b>Scripture reading</b>	<b>Mike Salimbene</b>
<b>Song #</b>	
<b>Song #</b>	
<b>Second Prayer</b>	<b>Jason Harper</b>
<b>Song #</b>	
<b>Lord's table and Collection:</b>	
<b>Lead</b>	<b>Jason Hofman</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Ryan Costello</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>John Sicignano</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>C. Hendrickson</b>
<b>Song # - kids to class</b>	
<b>Song #</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Jason Hofman</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Lancelot Watson</b>
<b>Invitation Song</b>	
<b>Responses &amp; prayer:</b>	
<b>Jason Harper</b>	
<b>John Sicignano</b>	
<b>Announcements &amp;</b>	<b>Mike Salimbene</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	
<b>Closing Song # 703</b>	

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Are you part of "the church" – the Family?  
This is 'your' answer.  
The answer to the question above can be considered as life or death? The church in the bible is described by the Apostle Paul as the "family of God." "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." Eph. 2:19. Ever considered the members of a household in this context?  
\* Parents:  
One Father – God himself  
One Mother – the entire church his bride.  
No not Mary.  
\* Children (younger and older siblings):  
Brothers, Sisters. So, what about you and me?  
\* What might you expect of older sibling?  
• Take responsibility for the household.  
• Take on chores.  
• Look out for younger siblings. Help and teach them.  
• Practice things they learned.  
\* What might you expect of younger sibling?  
• Humbly learn and mature.  
• Learn from older sibling.  
• Stay near the family.  
\* What might you expect from every member?  
• Total commitment to the family!  
Have you ever considered if you are a member of God's family? Really, spend some time thinking what you offer as a part of God's royal family.

**We look like God... Let it sink in.**  
*No other creature is given that designation.* Not the angels of heaven, nor the creatures of Earth are said to have the honor of looking like the great I AM. Too amazing to understand. We even possess portions of the nature of God to a limited degree. In Genesis 11:6 God said "nothing will be impossible for them." Lancelot clarified this recently.  
**What does God see?**  
Portions of Himself - small versions of Himself; similar to when you and I observe our children and see our own likenesses; Children are "sons of man" that possess our images.  
**What does Satan see?**  
He sees "little Gods," if you will. He sees billions of creatures that look like the God he *hates* roaming the Earth. Although we are lower than angelic beings, we have greater honor in our very appearance. You had better believe that makes him jealous, *and nothing brings Satan greater pleasure than watching one image of God act in evil against another image of God, or to watch that image scorn the very God he looks like.*  
**Does this matter?**  
Every command and rule of the Bible can be traced back to the principal of "image." You can take the Greatest Command of Jesus and the old commandments, and apply this principle to them. After all – "all the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Consider these examples:  
• One image of God must love another image of God.  
• One image of God must help another image of God.  
• One image of God must not lie to another image of God.  
• One image of God must not steal from another image of God.  
• One image of God must not kill another image of God.  
• One image of God must not worship the enemy of God.  
The positives are *always* absolute moralities, and the negatives are *always* incompatible. It makes sense now why Jesus said if we call someone "worthless" he threatened eternal burning. He died for every image of Himself...

**Beauty and Death**  
At this time of year we see the beauty of the leaves as they change color before they fall. Then we watch them fall, wither, and die. Many of us like to primp so we look as beautiful as autumn leaves, but we do also want to avoid falling, withering and dying. The Bible has much to say about falling.  
First, there are warnings about what makes us fall: **"People who want to get rich fall** into temptation," (1Tim. 6:9). It is possible to **"become conceited and fall** under the same judgment as the devil, (1 Tim. 3:6). Peter warns, "Be on your guard so you may not be **carried away by the error of lawless men and fall away** from your secure position," (2Pet. 3:17). In Romans 14:21 we are warned about making others fall: "It is better not to eat meat, or drink wine, or **do anything else that will cause your brother [sister] to fall.** We are also warned to make every effort so that "no one will **fall by following... example[s] of disobedience,**" Heb. 4:11.  
Advice is given about what to do to avoid falling: "...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love... 10 **For if you do these things, you will never fall,**" (2 Pet. 1: 5-10).  
Further, just as fall brings beauty and harvest, the Bible also has pleasant thoughts about falling. We can, "fall down and worship God," (1 Cor. 14:25). This encourages us to humble ourselves and submit to God. We are also encouraged to **fall in love with heavenly things:** "Set your hearts on things above," (Col. 3:1).  
As we look around and see the destruction and also the beauty of fall, let us reflect on these things. Ladies, please send articles for this column to paulet-wat@hotmail.com.