

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the Gospel (Rm 10:17) - Jesus, the Son of God was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to bear our sins, was resurrected and is now Lord over all, and through His death and life man can be eternally saved through obedience of faith in Him.

Believe the Gospel (Jn 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Mk 16:16)
Trust in God's promise to save you through Jesus.

Repent (Acts 2:38,3:19,17:30;Titus 2:11-12)
Turn from a life of sin to living a life for God's glory.

Confess Jesus as Lord (Rm10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
An outward expression of your faith & submission.

Be Baptized [immersion] (1 Peter 3:21) - In baptism you are buried with Christ, and raised up with Him (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12). Your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). At this moment you're **added to the church** (Acts 2:41), which is the BODY OF CHRIST (Ephesians 1:22-23) - the SAVED (Acts 2:47).

Remain Faithful (Rev. 2:10; Hebrews 10:23)
Continue to be faithful at any cost and the promise of heaven is sure.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

	<u>03-13-22 (AM)</u>	<u>03-20-22(AM)</u>
Greeter	Lori McGowan	Kim Sleege
Song Leader	Phil Legate	Jason Thompson
Prayer Table	Steve Haugsted	Sam Yager
	Phil Legate	Noah Riggs
	Kim Sleege	Jacob Sorensen
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Scripture Reading	Doug Phillips	Brad McGowan
Speaker	Art Wallis	Art Wallis
Closing Prayer	Troy Wallis	Jason Thompson
Lord's Supper Prep	Jen Knaack	Jen Knaack
	<u>03-13-22(PM)</u>	<u>03-20-22 (PM)</u>
Speaker	Art Wallis	Art Wallis
Wed. Song Leader	(03/16)- Noah R.	(03/23) - Jason T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Ladies bible class 3/15 @ 7 pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries March

- 3/5 Jason Thompson
- 3/6 Matthew Brotherton
- 3/7 Elianna Sorensen
- 3/9 Georgie Brotherton
- 3/13 Joyra Thomson
- 3/20 Jacob Sorensen
- 3/27 Ella Wallis
- 3/27 Trevor Wallis



- 3/6 Matthew & Georgie Brotherton
- 3/17 Robert & Alyssa Thompson



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Center Point Road Church of Christ

WE ARE A FAMILY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD, LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST, MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS. ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN HIS WORD SO WE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY

- 9:30A.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALL AGES)
- 10:30A.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP
- 6:00P.M. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE (ALL AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALSO AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE)

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND HOPE YOU WILL STAY AFTER SERVICES SO WE CAN MEET YOU!!!

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Interim Preacher

How The Church Can Prosper Today

Brian Mitchell

To answer these questions, we must go back to the book of Acts. It is there in Acts 2 that we read of the establishment of the Church on the Day of Pentecost, just as had been prophesied by the Old Testament prophets. While there are many things that we could say about the beginning of the church, two things in particular stand out as being especially relevant to the topic of how the church can prosper today. First, the church was established through the preaching of the gospel. Second, the church grew because people with honest hearts, who were seeking the truth, obeyed the gospel. When it comes to the growth of the church today, these are two factors which can easily be duplicated by faithful Christians and those seeking the truth.

As has been said before “sometimes to get to where we want to be, we need to remember where we came from.” This, I think, is especially true in striving to be the kind of church that God wants us to be. To figure out what God expects of us as His people, and how we can be successful at meeting God’s expectations it can be very beneficial for us to go back to the beginning of the church. So that we can find out: what kind of people the early Christians were, what kind of activities they busied themselves with and how they were successful at meeting the challenges of Christianity.

With the combination of these two factors, the church experienced an explosive beginning and tremendous early growth. Wayne Jackson reports in his commentary on Acts “that by the close of the first century there were approximately 100,000 Christians in the city of Rome alone.” This is a staggering statistic, but it leads me to a conclusion that I have long held.

If we will be as faithful in fulfilling our duties, as the first century Christians were in theirs, then we will once again begin to see the kind of growth that they did.

Is the church as prosperous today, as she clearly was in the beginning? How do we know? Material things cannot be the standard by which we measure the progress of the church (Rev. 3:15-17). Neither can success be measured by the opinions of humans, for they are unreliable at best (Rev. 3:1). So how do we know if we are striving or dying? We can measure ourselves against the successes and failures of the early church.

To do that we need simply to go back to the book of Acts and examine the early disciples of Christ, and how being Christians changed their lives, and as a result of living their faith, changed the world in which they lived. While we certainly have a large cultural gap between Jerusalem in the first century and the world in which we live today, I am convinced that if we will strive to reproduce some of the essential factors critical for a growing and thriving church to exist, then we can be every bit as successful today in winning this world to Christ, as they were nearly 2,000 years ago.

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser - Gerry’s health struggles
- ◆ Leonard Weber, Chris Johnson, Jeff Abrams, — Cancer treatment
- ◆ Jason Grannum - cousin of Jessica Thompson - is currently on the heart/lung transplant list at UCLA in California.
- ◆ Emma Jean Phillips - mother of Doug Phillips - recovery from recent brain surgery.
- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shellie Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer’s
- ◆ Jennifer Parr - sister of Jan Knaack - Leukemia
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer
- ◆ Mark and Steve- friends of Todd McWherter
- ◆ Dan Knaack - recent stroke