

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 (Rm 10:9-10; 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

10-02-22 (AM) 10-09-22(AM)

Greeter		
Song Leader	Phil Legate	Troy Wallis
Prayer Table	Kim Sleege	Doug Phillips
	Steve Haugsted	Noah Riggs
	Jacob Sorensen	Kim Sleege
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Scripture Reading	Terry Tull	Ben McGowan
Speaker	Matthew Brotherton	Matthew Brotherton
Closing Prayer	Art Wallis	Jacob Sorensen
Lord's Supper Prep	Nancy Wallis	Nancy Wallis
	10-02-22(PM)	10-09-22 (PM)
Speaker	Matthew Brotherton	Matthew Brotherton
Wed. Song Leader	(10/05) Phil L.	(10/12) Jason T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Communion (bread & juice) available on the foyer table for personal use at home or worship.

Ladies Bible Class Monday, October 3rd at 7 pm here at the building.

Ladies sewing day Thursday, October 13th at 9 am here at the building.

The Central Church of Christ youth group has invited out young people to go bowling together. Tentative date is December 10th at 6 pm at Spare Time Bowling in Cedar Rapids.

Birthdays & Anniversaries October

- 10/7 Abby Wallis
- 10/12 Andrew Sleege
- 10/19 Brittany Phillips
- 10/19 Audrey Phillips
- 10/19 Gideon Phillips
- 10/20 Jon Rathje
- 10/27 Jen Knaack

- 10/17 Wayne and June McGowan



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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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Preacher

The Voice of the Empty Pew

Allen Jones

Each day when I leave my home, I don't get too far down the road before I start missing my wife and children. As we age, we all are going our separate ways, but each time I leave my family, I can't wait to see them again! Upon departure, I anxiously want to see their faces and hear their voices because of the love we have for one another and the support we enjoy. I transfer these feelings to the church and when we are in each other's presence for worship, class, or work we are doing together. When Sundays are over, I'm ready to see everyone again. When Wednesday is complete, I can finish the week strong because of feeding on God's Word and the comfort I have in knowing I have brothers and sisters in Christ that I can lean on because of our fellowship.

"Church attendance" is one of those topics that can stir emotion and create challenging conversations. The good news is, scripture has much to say about the "assembling of the saints." When this topic comes up, we as Bible students turn to Hebrews 10:24-25. This text says, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Wayne Jackson in his article "Is Church Attendance Required?" reminds us of the motivation of the book of Hebrews. Brother Jackson says, "This inspired document was a warning to Jewish Christians.

Some of these saints were being encouraged by Hebrew false teachers to abandon Christianity and revert to Judaism. The sacred writer thus seeks to inoculate against this danger. The disciples were cautioned against drifting from the truth (Heb. 2:1) and developing 'an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God' (Heb. 3:12). They were admonished to throw off their 'dullness of hearing' (Heb. 5:11) and to hold on to their boldness and patience to the very end (Heb. 10:35-36)."

The point is this: When we talk about the importance of "attending," and we point to Hebrews 10:24-25, we must understand what we are to "take away" from the Scripture and why it is so important for us stay "plugged in." If we slowly develop the mindset that we do not have to attend worship services or even engage in Bible classes or participate in the works of the church, we are not only displeasing God, but we are in danger—in danger of drifting away from God which eventually leads to disconnect, and developing a dullness of hearing which equates a refusal to have a right relationship with Jesus.

When I desire to be in my family's presence, my motivation is not because "I have to," but because "I want to." We must seek every opportunity to worship, study, and fellowship with God and each other. The Day is approaching. May we seek to be committed to Christ and the church. When someone looks at our pew, what message will they hear?

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser
- ◆ Leonard Weber, Chris Johnson, Jeff Abrams, — Cancer treatment
- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shelley Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer's
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer
- ◆ Marnetta Tillman - friend of the Haugsted's - health issues.
- ◆ Dave Samuelson - former member here - long term health struggles.
- ◆ Donnie Faber - Fiance of Shelley LeGates niece has bone cancer in his lower back.