

## TIME OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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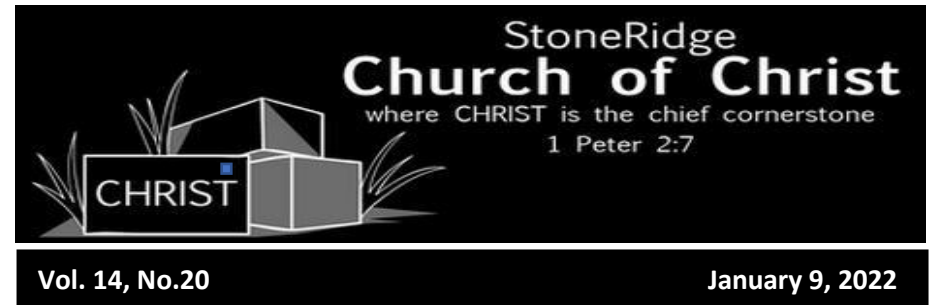
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## The Power To Make A Difference

**AN INNOVATOR** is one who does something new or different. We may not think of ourselves in that way but we do have the ability to do things that are considered to be outside the norm. We have the capacity to make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others. Very recently we have seen an outpouring of generosity that has impacted a great many people in our area. It has been shown to us firsthand the kindness and concern of numerous people during this natural disaster.

The apostle Paul was quite an innovator himself. He traveled around many places in his day telling people how they could be transformed by following after Jesus Christ. As so many were caught up in tradition, idolatry, and following the path of the world, Paul had a different message. To the Christians in Rome Paul wrote, "And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Rom 12:2). He wanted them to live holy lives, fully devoted to God (v.1). In a selfish, greedy and evil world Paul taught and encouraged them in how to live a life focused on Christ.

Jesus contrasted his disciples to those of the world. The rulers of the Gentiles might exercise great authority upon those they are over. They do so however by "lording it over them: (Mt 20:25). That is not how Jesus conducted himself. If you wish to be the greatest it isn't because you force your will on someone else, but because you serve (vs 26,27). Jesus is the ultimate example. He didn't come to be waited upon as a ruler but rather to give his life as a ransom ( v. 28, 2 Cor 8:9).

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Many things in the world have changed since Jesus and Paul's time. However, the needs of people remain the same: love, forgiveness and the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ, Remember the gospel is the power of God to salvation (Rom 1:16). We each have the ability and opportunity to make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Obey the gospel and be a blessing to those around you! -*Shane Williams preaches for the Sutton Lane Church Of Christ in Mayfield, KY. This was one of the hardest hit areas by the recent tornadoes.*

**The Scriptural Plan of Salvation**

- The world presents many plans ... the Bible only one!
  - It is better to accept the plan of God rather than the plans of men!
  - God's Word will judge us (John 12:48) ... and God's plan is a part of that judgment!

A person must **HEAR** the Gospel  
"And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? ... So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:14, 17

A person must **OBEY** the Gospel  
"He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Hebrews 5:9

A person must **BELIEVE** the Gospel  
"But without faith it is impossible to please him" Hebrews 11:6

A person must **REPENT** of their sins  
"But now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30

A person must **CONFESS** Christ  
"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10

A person must be **BAPTIZED** into Christ  
"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16

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*Courtesy is said to be contagious. And what we need is a good epidemic.*

*Love that doesn't understand the language of sacrifice is not love.*

## *News/Notes/Quotes*

**THE SICK** Some of our newly sick include **Judy Johnson**, who has been in ICU at NEA Hospital...**Ashley Ladyman** has been sick. So have **Catharine Sullivan, Angel Stubblefield, Mike and Cherilynn McFarland, Jerry and Virginia Bishop, and Elizabeth Kennedy**.... There may be others that haven't been reported to the editor. Be sure to get updated in today's announcements... Continue to remember **Joyce Riley** in her ongoing health challenges. She is still in St. Bernard Hospital at this time... **Madonna Vines** continues to recuperate at home from heart procedures... **Herb Starr** also continues wrestle with health issues. We are thankful that he has been able to attend worship recently... The **editor** should be able to begin riding in a car this week and will have a follow-up visit with his surgeon on Jan 21. He will probably have to have therapy...  
...**Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shutins: **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice car)...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home.

**GUEST SPEAKER TODAY.** We are happy to have brother **Don Patton** to speak at all three services today. At 10 a.m. he will speak about the Dead Sea Scrolls and at 11 am and 6 pm he will speak on Bible Archeology.

*If a sermon pricks your conscience, it has some good points.*

*Christians praised God more the world would doubt Him less.*

*Two people can't hate each other if both love God.*

*Experience may not be worth what it costs, but we can't seem to get it for less.*

*Rumor is one thing that gets thicker as you spread it.*