

## 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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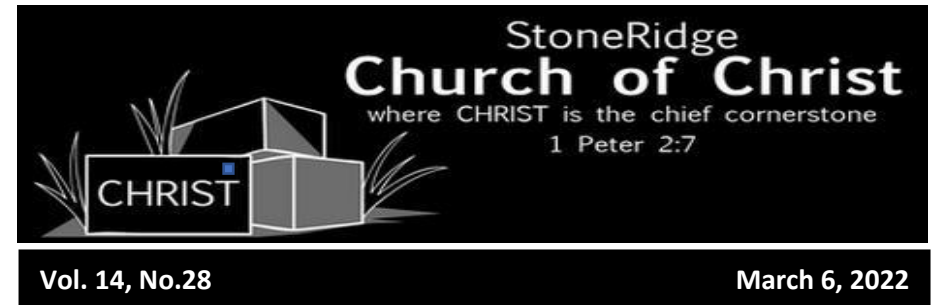
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## No Unwholesome Talk

Jesus Christ says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths" (Ephesians 4:29). What would unwholesome talk be? Obscenities, of course, but also railing, abusive language, the type you might hear between a husband and wife when arguing, each trying to do as much damage as possible with their words. Gossip is unwholesome speech. Closely related to slander, these are tales told to hurt people. But how can we avoid such?

The answer is a pure heart. Jesus says that from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34) and so if we are to improve our speech, it will come by first improving our hearts. God's word cleanses the heart (Psalm 119:9). Why not begin reading it today?



## 10 Suggestions for Improving the Public Assemblies of the Church

Have you ever heard someone say, “I just don't get much out of church”? Sometimes this is more commentary on the person than on the service. Here are some suggestions that may help all of us improve the quality of our worship when we gather with the saints.

1. Make church assemblies a priority. It is the most important commitment of each week. It is nothing less than a “meeting with God.”
2. Don't bring God left-overs. God has always demanded the “first fruits.” He cannot be satisfied with scrap. Get plenty of sleep on Saturday night and come to worship with an alert and refreshed mind.
3. Prepare your mind. Discipline begins in the mind. So does discipleship. Train your mind to concentrate on things of the Spirit.
4. Be on time. Rushing in late makes it difficult for you to settle in to meditation and disturbs other worshipers. Get up a little earlier if necessary.
5. Bring your Bible. Coming to worship without your Bible is like going out to drive without your keys.
6. Open your mouth and sing. Singing is not an option. It is a command. Those who violate this command are just as guilty as if they neglected the assembly in the first place.
7. Sit close to the front. Experience has shown that some marginal church members would rather switch congregations than change pews. Research indicates that the level of emotion and mental participation decreases as one moves closer to the back.
8. Before and after the service, be friendly. Worship is enhanced when

done as a family. Family members should know and love each other

9. Listen carefully to the sermon. Taking notes may help. Follow along in your Bible. Take the message seriously. It will help you. It will encourage the speaker. It will show non-Christians that we are serious.

10. Make your worship God-centered, not man-centered. Worship is primarily a giving situation.

Those who say, “I don't GET much out of worship,” are wrongly focused. It is in the GIVING of ourselves that we GET. NO GIVING – NO GETTING.

### *News/Notes/Quotes*

**THE SICK.** ...**Nathine Huskey** is now at St. Elizabeth Place, room 605 and would welcome visitors.... **Jae Cureton** is still sore from her fall. Fortunately, no bones were broken...**Konor Erickson** had all his wisdom teeth cut out and is recuperating at home... **Angel Stubblefield** had foot surgery on Friday and is now recuperating at home... **Madonna Vines** continues to recuperate at home from heart procedures... **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 care)...**Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home.

**GROUP MEETING.** Group 1 will meet on March 11 at the home of Jody and Susan Pickens, 6:30 p.m.

**TIME CHANGE!** Next weekend is the semi-annual time change. We spring forward an hour. That happens at 2 a.m. on March 13.

### **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

March 13-16 -Vanduser MO – Chuck Bartlett

**APRIL 3-8 – StoneRidge! – Dennis Carrow**