

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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Church of Christ
where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone
1 Peter 2:7

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Faith Is...

Faith is reasonable because trust, which is the heart of biblical faith, is reasonable. Faith does not require that every question be resolved before it can proceed, for that would not be considered trust. A child does not wait for parents to answer every question about difficult matters before trusting them. The child simply trusts that parents know what they are doing, and the child takes comfort in that. Yet how much greater is the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God? We act like we cannot show faith unless God first answers every difficulty to our satisfaction. This is not faith. It is, instead, an attempt to bring all of reality under our own finite reason, and that is itself unreasonable.

This does not mean that faith is naive or without evidence to back it up. Yet there is only so far we will go in understanding overarching reality and having the knowledge and wisdom to discern all matters of ultimate concern. If we cannot be humble enough to admit our own frailties, limitations of knowledge, and need for greater wisdom than we can offer, then our hubris will have destroyed us. Sometimes I fear it already has.

We all trust something or someone to provide a greater perspective on reality, moral authority, and wisdom. Choosing self or other people with the same limitations is self-defeating and unsustainable. Even more self-defeating is relying on an ultimate nothing, for then we are trusting mindless, purposeless, accidental processes to give us a solid grounding for →

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our own ability to think and reason. Yet how can that be considered reasonable? And what about denying that we have faith at all? That is unrealistic at best and dishonest at worst. We all place our trust in something.

In what, or in whom, do you place your trust? That's where your faith rests. Is it reasonable? That depends on whether what or whom you trust is truly in the position for which such trust is warranted.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
They collapse and fall,
but we rise and stand upright. (Psa 20:7)

Things you can control:

1. Your beliefs
2. Your attitude
3. Your thoughts
4. Your perspective
5. How honest you are
6. Who your friends are
7. What books you read
8. How often you exercise
9. The type of food you eat
10. How many risks you take
11. How you interpret situations
12. How kind you are to others
13. How kind you are to yourself
14. How often you say "I love you"
15. How often you say "thank you"
16. How you express your feelings
17. Whether or not you ask for help
18. How often you practice gratitude
19. How many times you smile today
20. The amount of effort you put forth
21. How you spend/invest your money
22. How much time you spend worrying
23. How often you think about your past
24. Whether or not you judge other people
25. Whether or not you try again after a setback
26. How much you appreciate the things you have

BY RUBEN CHAVEZ // THINKGROWPROSPER

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK**Leon Morgan** is in ICU and is slowly improving, but it is best if he does not have visitors at this time...**Virginia Bishop** is still trying to get over pneumonia. **Nelly Vanhooser** was released from the hospital and is recuperating at the Ledgerwoods. Continue to remember all of these in your prayers. **Beth Cossey** is shut in at home but would love to have visits and calls... Remember **Lynissa Davis** and he friend **Sharon** who have been facing some health challenges lately...**Madonna Vines** continues to recuperate at home ... **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 2 will meeting on Saturday, April 23, at the home of the Christenberrys.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

APRIL 17-21- Northside – Don Wright



Giving free advice is not always a sign of generosity.

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.

A man of words and not of deeds, is like a garden full of weeds.

Little Things

It's not the great things in this world
That make our lives worthwhile,
It's the little things like a tiny flower,
Or perhaps a baby's smile.

A little word, sincerely spoken,
Can lift our spirits high;
Like a tiny bird perched on a limb
Sends his message to the sky

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A little dewdrop on a rose
And tiny blades of grass,
All sparkle in the sunlight,
To cheer us as we pass.

**The Bible, and the Bible only, makes Christians, and
Christians only. The Church Of Christ is composed of
Christians who have not joined a denomination.**

The lovely johnny jump-ups,
The smallest flower that grows,
Delight the heart of youngsters,
Peeping up around their toes.

A friendly gesture or a smile
Mean more to me than gold.
They help us feel that someone cares
When we are growing old.

Money cannot buy the things
That mean so much to me.
They are part of God's creation,
And all of them are free.

-Laina Owen

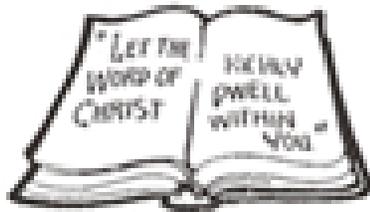
Some people feel dog
tired at night because
they growled all day.

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**Prejudice is the closing of the
mind to further investigation
on a given subject.**

The world has forgotten, in its preoccupation with Left and Right, that there is an Above and Below.

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The Church of the Lord is:

The fulfillment of prophecy – Isaiah 2:2,3.

The object of Christ's promise – Matthew 16:18.

The institution of all the saved people – Acts 2:47.

Purchased by the blood of Christ – Acts 20:28.

The body of Christ – Colossians 1:18; 1:24.

The family of God – Ephesians 3:14-15.

The kingdom of God – Matthew 16:18-19.

The custodian of God's wisdom – Ephesians 3:10-11.

The pillar and ground of the truth – 1 Timothy 3:15.

The house of God – 1 Timothy 3:15.

The group whom Christ will save – Ephesians 5:23-27.

The body of which Christ is the head – Ephesians 5:23; Col. 1:18.

The bride of Christ – Romans 7:4.

Those for whom Christ gave Himself – Ephesians 5:25.

Some say that the church is not important, but considering the above Scriptures, we may learn the great value of that institution in the mind of God!

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The hardest guy in the world to love is the one who need your love the most.

We'll never stop crime until we get over the idea that we can elect or hire people to stop it.

We are defined not just by the opportunities that we make, but by what we make of the opportunities.

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