

## TIME OF SERVICES

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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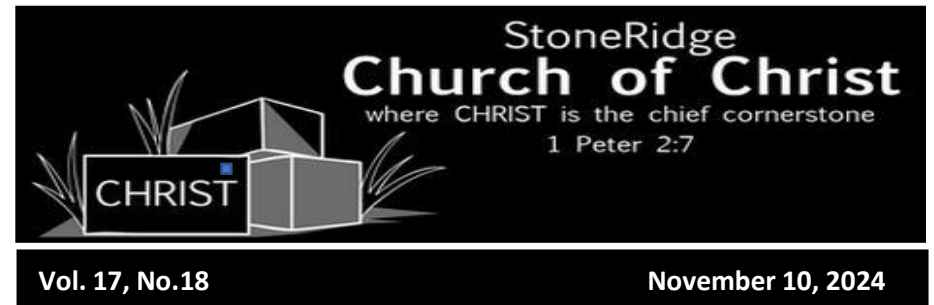
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## Part-Time Christianity

**We all know of people** who claim to be Christians, yet do not regularly attend services. Some may show up on Easter or Christmas at some “church” and think that is enough. It’s the whole mindset that Christianity is NOT a way of life but instead a part-time plan.

We must be especially careful that we do not engage in [art-time Christianity. We do that when we pick the time and place to practice our faith instead of being consistent every moment of every day we become part time .

When we choose to sin, neglect our relationship with Christ or let the world squeeze us into its mold, we become part-time Christians. Jesus told us to take up our cross **daily** and follow Him (Lk 9:23). He didn’t suffer an agonizingly cruel death on the cross so that we could pick and choose when we want to follow Him.

Why do some turn their back on our Savior and in effect tell Him to step out for a little while? Usually it’s because they are thinking only of themselves. Yet a Christian is one who has died to self. He is no longer a slave to sin but to righteousness (Rom 6:6,7; 17,18). As Paul said, *“It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...”* (Gal 2:20).

There is nothing part-time about following Jesus. We must not fall into the trap of thinking we can put on or take off Christ like a piece of clothing. When difficulties come, the Christian can’t call “time-out” or put Jesus on hold. Christianity is a way of life, Colossians 3:17 – *“And whatever you do in word or*

deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” **Shane Williams**

## Are You Tired of Manna?

**Have you ever** been on vacation to the mountains or beach, etc., and thought, “Wow, wouldn’t it be great to live here?” We think that if we were to live in paradise, it would be just like it is when we are on vacation there. Yet, what would happen if you were to talk to the “locals?” They most likely think it’s great, BUT they don’t have much time to enjoy it. They’re trying to make a living, their kids through school, trying to get ahead, saving for retirement, etc. The beauty that surrounds them either becomes so familiar that it doesn’t excite them anymore OR they are too busy to enjoy what they have.

Not too long after the Israelites left from Egypt into the wilderness, they ran of food. God heard their cry and fed them miraculously with a daily supply of manna. At first they must have been awed by God’s incredible provision but after a while they grew tired of the same food day in and day out. They said in Numbers 11:6, “*There is nothing at all to look at except this manna.*” The familiar had lost its appeal.

Do you ever find yourself becoming apathetic with all the blessings God showers upon you each day? We must not take them for granted. Remember to thank God for His daily provision of life and strength, and for the countless good things He gives each day. If you’re ever feeling down and want to increase your joy, just count your blessings.

Psalms 40:5, “*Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which thou hast done, and they thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with Thee; If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count.*”

*Be content with your surroundings but not with yourself till you have made the most of them.*

*None but God can satisfy the longing of the immortal soul; as the heart was made for him, he only can fill it.*

## News/Notes/Quotes

**THE SICK.** **Gauri Guha** is still at Encompass and **Debbie** is able to spend the nights with him. Try to check on them..... **Pat McGregor** (J.D.’s mother) is having back pain from several broken bones. They are unable to do a procedure to repair her fractures. Pray for her and her caregivers... **Nola Christenberry** is still dealing with a sinus infection and cough... **Beverly Allen** has moved to a care facility in Walnut Ridge. See below. ... **Debbie Spencer** is still awaiting test results for possible back surgery... **Corder Bouffard** (3 year old great nephew of the Kerns) had heart surgery last week and is recovering in CVICU... Remember our **SHUT-INS.** **Beverly Allen** at Green House Cottages, Walnut Ridge... **Shirley Coots** at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home... **Ray Vines** at Roger’s home... **Ruby Vanhoozer** is at home under hospice care... **Karen Livesay** at home...

**PODCAST.** John Mundy – Monday-Friday. 8 am on Facebook & YouTube.

