

## 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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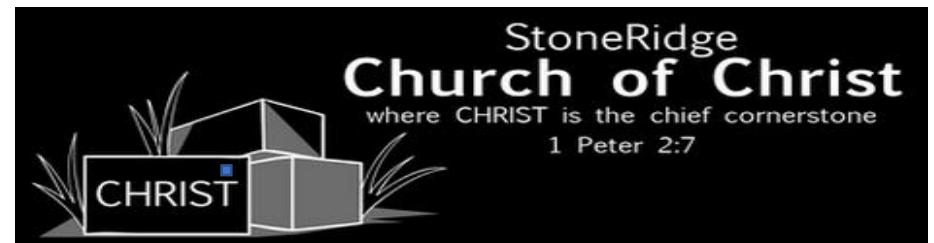
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## “Try A Little Kindness”

***“And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold” (Acts 20:2).***

Such was Paul’s experience when he was shipwrecked on the isle of Melita (Malta). It made a deep impression on him and apparently on the Holy Spirit. Perhaps to shame us, it is recorded for all the world to read for thousands of years till the end of time.

It shames us in that these were not Christians, but barbarians (foreigners, but obviously not savages). These people could have taken advantage of those “down on their luck” and had suffered the misfortune of a shipwreck during a harsh winter storm. They could have preyed upon them like vultures and taken their possessions like pirates. They could have enslaved these survivors.

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness. I was made keenly aware of *this* as I saw an outpouring of kindness to the Armenian people in Russia who survived the earthquake and I have heard prayers prayed on their behalf.

Kindness is an act of love (1Cor 13:4), and love is of God. *“For every good gift...is from above”* (Js 1:17). Jesus is not one who *“cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities”* (Heb 4:15). The kindness that is here is not because of atheism, but because of the influence of a loving Creator. There is nothing in atheism to invoke kindness. When an atheist acts kindly he is doing so in spite of atheism, for there is no *revelation* from the portals of atheism that atheists should practice the Golden Rule. That came from the God that they don’t believe

in )Lk 6:31). If there is no God then anything goes. Might makes right and only the fittest survive.

It is my fervent prayer that through the kindness shown to a atheistic nation in their time of sorrow, and through God's providential ways, that a way will be opened for the gospel to be freely preached and that minds will be opened to the knowledge that there is a better way.

Kind hearts are the garden  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers,  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer 8:20). Do you need to obey the gospel? The old year of 2024 is gone. Time is rapidly passing. Can we assist you in the study of God's word? Please feel free to call on us. -db (from *The LAMPLIGHTER*, Dec, 1988).

### **EXCUSES FOR MISSING CHURCH WILL COME OUT IN THE WASH** **Nine Reasons Why I Never Wash**

- 1) I wash made to wash as a child
- 2) People who wash are self-righteous. They reckon they are cleaner than everybody else
- 3) People who wash are hypocrites. They pretend they are cleaner than they really are
- 4) There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one is right
- 5) I used to wash but it got boring, so I quit
- 6) I still wash on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter
- 7) I'm still young. When I am older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing
- 8) None of my friends wash
- 9) People who make soap are only after your money  
If you have been using similar excuses for not going to worship, honestly, don't you think it's time to scrub those excuses and clean up your act? -*Unknown*

***People often call on God but seldom stay to visit.***

## *News/Notes/Quote*

**THE SICK.** As we go to press, **Courtney Harbin** is expected to deliver a new baby at any time...**Betty Ragsdale** has had RSV and pneumonia but is now home from the hospital and on oxygen...**Bill Cossey** has also had RSV and pneumonia and is now at home... **Jeff Ladyman** is to have triple bypass surgery at Methodist Hospital in Memphis...**Konor Erickson** had an ingrown toenail cut out...**Cherilyn McFarland** has been able to walk some but still has a ways to go... **Hunter Kortan** has been sick with fever, cough and sinus issues...**Madonna Vines** has been in Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis and is retaining fluid....**Kayla Moody's** grandfather has had pneumonia... A number of folks have had the "crud" with coughing and sinus problems... ..Shut-ins: **Shirley Coots** at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Rhea Vines** at Roger's home...**Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard's Village...**Ruby Vanhoozer** is at home under hospice care...**Karen Livesay** at home... **Virginia Bishop**, home.

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

**GROUP MEETINGS.** Group 1 will meet on 1/25 at Karleen Sheets' home; Group 2 will meet on 1/18 at the Pickens home. Both at 5:30.



