

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



## The Correspondent

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth  
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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### God's Benefit Package

- Joe Slater

While salary is obviously important, job hunters know that benefits can be equally or more important. Health insurance, paid vacation, retirement, sick days, and other considerations may tip the scale as to whether one accepts an employer's offer.

Becoming a Christian isn't a perfect parallel to being employed, so don't make more of this illustration than you should. God doesn't "owe" us anything for working for Him! Nevertheless, by His grace He provides valuable benefits to His willing servants. That was true even under the Law of Moses. David exclaimed, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:2). Psalm 116:12 rhetorically asks, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"

Do we recognize and appreciate the benefits of being a Christian? Let's start with the most obvious one: forgiveness of sins. God washed us completely clean in the blood of the Lamb. Our debt is paid in full!

That naturally results in eternal life. We have a new life in Christ now, and we know that when our physical life ends, we will continue to live with the Lord.

In the meanwhile, we enjoy the privilege of prayer. Through our mediator, Jesus Christ, we can approach the Father's throne of grace boldly, knowing that He will hear and answer in whatever way is best according to His infinite wisdom and love.

These benefits are but the beginning of a virtually endless list of advantages Christians have. And remember, we earned none of them. Our loving Father provides them by His grace.

What other benefits can you list?

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#### Reflecting on 2024?

How was Jesus included?

Making plans for 2025?

How will Jesus be included?

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began... (Romans 16:25-27).

2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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## The Monetary Collection of the Saints

Terry Mabery

- It is a matter of worship — Phil. 4:17-18
- It is to support those in need. — Acts 11:29-30; 1 Cor. 16:1-3; Rom. 15:26; Gal. 6:10.
- It is to support the spreading of the Gospel — Acts 13:3; Phil 1:3-5 & 4:14-15
  - ◊ Included would be all who labor in the word and teach.
    - The church at Philippi sent support to Paul — Phil. 4:14ff
    - Paul could have asked for support at Corinth, but did not — 1 Cor. 9:6-14
  - ◊ Jesus himself remarked — Lk. 10:7
  - ◊ This would include elders who labor in the word and teach — 1 Tim. 5:17-18.
- It is to support the use of facilities.
  - ◊ A matter of expediency.
    - We are commanded to assemble — Heb. 10:25
    - N. T. Churches met in homes, e.g., Aquila & Priscilla — Rom 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19

## *Worship Service*

### Announcements

Song: 888 Thank You, Lord

Song: 971 Restore My Soul

### Prayer

Song: 299 I Stand Amazed (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 456 No Tears in Heaven

Song: 282 I That Know My Redeemer Lives (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

### Eldership Presentation

Song: 382 Kneel at the Cross (Vs. 1, 3)

Song: 851 Blue Skies and Rainbows (vs. 1, 3)

### Prayer

## What is an Evangelist?

Jason Wright

### I. What Is an Evangelist?

- a. A proclaimer of good news.
- b. Equips the saints in evangelism.
- c. Acts 6, 8:4-8, 8:26-40, 21:8, Ephesians 4:11-12 II Timothy 4:2-5

### II. How Has the Church Been Equipped

- a. A plan is in place
- b. House to House/Heart to Heart School of Evangelism
- c. American Mission Campaign (Covington, TN, Cary, NC, Collinsville)
- d. 14 Coordinators
  - i. Teams
- a. Surveys
- b. Continued Training
- c. Servants of Souls

### III. Accomplishments

- a. God is glorified
- b. Church Growth/Spiritual Growth
- c. 6 baptisms since late September
- d. Over 3,500 CC since July
- e. Approx. 100 people have been visited
- f. Dozens of NM baskets have been delivered
- g. 25 Thanksgiving and 67 Holiday baskets have been given
- h. Several visitor's bags have been handed out
- i. Food Giveaways
- j. Clothing Closet
- k. Benevolence/Food Pantry
- l. Bible Studies
- m. Servants of Souls
- n. New Christian's Class
- o. Community Service
  - i. Acts 10:38/Galatians 6:10

What has your role been in being a part of the greatest mission? Luke 19:10

### *Why Worship?*

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*