

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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



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Three Words for Growth in 2025

-Jason Wright

Do you remember the previous two? That's right, compassion and imitation. Can you think of anyone who had more compassion than our Lord? We looked at how Paul said to imitate him as He imitated Christ. Paul would dedicate his life to sharing the good news of Christ with the lost.

The third word for church growth is Gospel. This word in the Greek is *euaggelion* and is defined as a good message; the good news. It comes from the word *euaggelizo* which means to announce or declare or bring glad tidings. It is where we get the word *evangelize*. When one evangelizes, they are simply sharing the Gospel; declaring the good news of Christ.

The Gospel defined by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 is the *death, burial and resurrection of our Lord; by which you are saved (vs. 2).*

The Gospel is powerful. Paul declares in Romans 1:16, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Jesus preached the good news in Mark 1:14-15 saying, *The time is fulfilled (everything is ready), and the kingdom of God is at hand, Repent, and believe in the Gospel. (Matthew 4:23)*

The apostles preached the Gospel. We read of this in Acts 2:14-39. *This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Repent and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Vs. 32/38/47*

Peter and John preached Jesus and the resurrection and in Acts 4 and more than 5,000 believed.

New Testament Christians preached the Gospel. In Acts 8:4, we find that when persecuted Christians scattered, they preached the Word. Along for the ride, would have been Phillip, a deacon, who preached Christ in Samaria, and eventually to a eunuch from Ethiopia.

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Eldership

Presentation:

Edification

WHAT IS IT?
WHY?
WHEN?
FOR WHOM?
PURPOSE?
BENEFITS?

What Makes a Good Leader?

- Willing- Isaiah 6:8, 1 Timothy 3:1
- Selfless- Philippians 2:3-4, Numbers 14:11-20, 2 Timothy 2:10
- Convicted- Deuteronomy 5:32, Psalm 119:104, 1 Corinthians 9:27
- Confident- Judges 6-8, Exodus 3-12
- Patient- 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 2 Timothy 4:2, Numbers 12:1-13
- Humble- Galatians 2:11-14, 2 Samuel 12:1-15, Jonah 3:6-10

Three Words...

What about you and me? The Gospel is everlasting (Rev. 14:6) so nothing has changed. We are Christians; once lost in sin now washed by the cleansing blood of Jesus to become a new creation (II Cor. 5:17). We are still commanded by God through His word to share the Gospel message (Matthew 28:18-20). We have been entrusted with the Gospel just as early saints were (I Thess. 2:4). What has changed is the way in which we can declare the good news. Social media, internet, television, mail, and the old school way that is most effective—verbal communication.

Christ was a compassionate evangelist. He loved people; He shared with them the good news. Paul and the early church imitated Christ in the spreading of the Gospel. In order for the Lord's church to grow, we must urgently do nothing less.

PsalM 78:70-72

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EWES
PEOPLE

⁷⁰ He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds;
⁷¹ From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.
⁷² So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

PsalM 78:70-72 (NKJV)

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 949 I Will Enter His Gates

Song: 977 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Prayer

Song: 343 Ivory Palaces (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 55 Beyond This Land of Parting

Scripture Reading: Psalm 78:70-72

Sermon

Song: 356 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 299 I Stand Amazed (Vs. 5)

Prayer

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