

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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The Hardest Drive

-Adam Faughn

It's the most difficult drive I regularly make and, sometimes, I force myself to make it.

It's the drive near—or through—a neighborhood that I used to get invited to, but haven't in a long time. It's the drive near-of by—a house that I used to frequent, but haven't in a long while.

And I have no idea why.

But it's the same kind of drive that many Christians make in various neighborhoods in every location every day, so this is not really about me or about any particular house.

So many Christians work and pray and visit and try to help a brother or sister in Christ who is struggling, only to see that Christian fall away and not worship or be involved any longer. Sometimes there is an explanation given, but, more often, there is none—or not much of one. All those Christians are left shaking their heads and asking what they could have done differently. Should I have said something sooner? Did I do something wrong? Did I forget something important? Did I try too hard to win them back? Was I pushy or not pushy enough?

And now, on a daily commute or a regular trip through town, they drive by the house or the neighborhood. Each time, they wonder if they should stop, or if doing so would do more harm than good. Many times, they shed a tear, or at least feel emotions deep within. They think about texting or calling when they get near the neighborhood, but question themselves each time, wondering if it will help or if it will push that person even further away.

And it hurts. It hurts deeply.

It hurts for one reason: that's a brother or sister in Christ, and you love them more than maybe even they realize. You'd do anything to help them get to heaven, and you have no idea what to do. Every time your wheels turn even within a block or two of the house, you wonder if today should be the day you try again...or if they even care any longer.

And it makes it the hardest drive of your day. *Continues on page 2*

Connections



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June 8, 2025

*Honoring our high school
graduates*



*Parker Weaver
and*

*Chloe Nordmann
Potluck after Bible classes*

Reasons to Believe

- I. Reasons to Believe in God
 - A. Cosmological Argument ("Science Argument")
 - B. Teleological Argument
 - C. Moral Argument
- II. Reasons to Believe in God's Word
 - A. H- Historical Accuracy
 - B. I
 - C. C- No Contradictions
 - D. C
 - E. U- Unity
 - F. P- Prophecies Fulfilled
 - G. S- Scientific Foreknowledge
- III. Reasons to Believe in God's Son
 - A. Prophecies
 - B. Witnesses
 - C. Writings

NOTES:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 242 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Song: 618 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer

Song: 880 O How He Loves You and Me

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 884 Teach Me to Wait

Song: 583 Sing to Me of Heaven

Scripture Reading: ??

Sermon

Song: 215 Hear Me When I Call (Vs. 2-4)

Song: 273 I Know the Lord Will Find a Way (Vs. 1, 3)

Prayer

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV)

- ¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- ² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.
- ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

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Brother or sister in Christ, don't ever make someone else have to feel that way. Stay connected to your church family. Be involved. Show love and care. Return those texts or calls, even if it takes a few minutes of your time that you aren't sure you have. That Christian loves you and just wants you to go to heaven. Realize you would do the same if the roles were reversed.

Oh...and have them over sometime, even if just for a glass of lemonade or to watch a game. That drive is sweeter than can be imagined because the bonding of Christian family is like no other relationship on earth.

-Adam Faughn preaches for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY.

-Article obtained from bulletingold.com

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