

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 Challenge Churches Don't Want to Address -Adam Faughn

Churches face a lot of challenges. Of course, there is no challenge so great that it cannot be overcome with God's help. If we follow Him, there is nothing that can hold a congregation back.

I have noticed that there are a lot of enemies and challenges that churches will regularly address, and will do so with great fervor. They will clearly address sins that are bearing down on society and that are in the regular news cycle. The whole array of LGBTQ issues comes to mind. Certainly, these need to be addressed and the truth of God's Word needs to be presented boldly.

It is also easy to talk about challenges that our local community might face that could stunt church growth. Maybe the congregation is willing to talk about how factories have moved out or other factors have played a role in the local community shrinking in size. Again, it would be foolish not to be realistic about the current setting.

But there is one challenge that many congregations do not want to address, and it becomes very clear why that is the case when it is named. What is it? Being comfortable.

Let me quickly say that there should be a certain level of comfort in the Church. After all, these are the best people on earth! And there should be some "normalcy" in how certain things are done. There is no reason to upend everything just to be relevant or just to try to make a point.

What I am talking about in this article is when a congregation is unwilling to evaluate anything simply because it might upset somebody. We cannot change Scripture; that is absolutely true. But are we willing to consider how we do things like Bible classes? Are we willing to change the emphasis of some events—or, perish the thought, even just stop them because they are not being effective?

Maybe the hardest question: are we willing to stop doing everything just "for us" and start really doing things to reach the lost, even if those things are harder and (sometimes) more frustrating? *Continues on page 2*

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*Honoring our high school
graduates*



*Parker Weaver
and*

*Chloe Nordmann
Potluck after Bible classes*

Waiting for God

- In times of trouble- Psalm 6:1-10, 90:10, Job 14:1
- When He feels distant- Psalm 13:1-6, 22:1-2, Acts 17:27, Romans 8:38-39
- When we are mistreated- Psalm 35:1-28, Matthew 5:43-48, Romans 12:18-21
- When His promises seem to fail- Psalm 89:1-52, Matthew 6:25-33, 1 Peter 3:12, Numbers 23:19
- When evil seems to win- Habakkuk 1:1-4, Jeremiah 12:1, Habakkuk 1:5-11, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
- Wait for the Lord! Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 20:7-8, Jeremiah 17:7

The Challenge... *from page 1*

We like what we like. And, over time, it becomes easier and easier to just do things and put things on the calendar to make us feel better. To be honest, that's comfortable.

But Scripture does not tell us to be comfortable until death. We are commanded to be faithful until death (Revelation 2:10). And faithfulness rarely equals constant comfort.

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

-Article obtained from bulletingold.com

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 419 Lord, We Come before Thee Now

Song: 500 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer

Song: 408 Low in the Grave He Lay

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 551 Rescue the Perishing (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 378 Just a Few More Days (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 523 Our God, He Is Alive (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:29-31

Sermon

Song: 382 Kneel at the Cross

Song: 572 Send the Light Vs. 1, 4)

Prayer

Isaiah 40:29-31

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LORD
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WALK

- 29 He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength.
- 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,
- 31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

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