

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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For All People

-Renn Ferguson

As I continue to think about the events that took place on September 10th, I am reminded of 1 Timothy 2:1-4 which reads, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings, be made for all people, (2) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (3) This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, (4) who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (ESV)

This is an incredibly important practice for Christians. Paul begins this passage by saying, "first of all". This phrase designates importance. This does not mean that it is the single most important thing in a Christian's life, but it should be incredibly important to us.

We ought to pray for all people. This is the first category that Paul mentions here. We must not be prejudice in our prayers. This is rooted in the conduct and character of God. As we see in Romans 2:11, "for God shows no partiality".

We ought to pray for those who hold positions of power. In our political climate it can be difficult to see the humanity of those on the other side of the aisle. Yet, this is contrary to the image we see here. It is hard to hate someone when you are praying for them. This thought builds on the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 5:43-48 where He too commands that we pray for our enemies.

We must do this so that we may live a quiet and peaceful life. This is the first of three motivations here given. We should pray for our ruling forces so that we may practice our faith without fear, or harassment so that His word may have free course (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

We must do this because it is pleasing to God. This is the second motivation given. This should really be our motivation for anything. If we love God, we should always strive to do the things pleasing to Him (John 8:29).

We must do this because God wants all people to be saved. This is the third motivation given. God's greatest desire is that men be saved no matter the sins they commit (Luke 23:34). This should become our desire as well.

As followers of God, we should offer prayers for all people, even the worst of our enemies so that they may come to know God and the salvation that is in His Son Jesus Christ.

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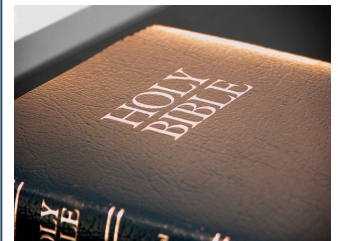
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Lads to Leaders

Bible Bowl 1 Peter 1

Oct 1, 5:30 PM



Our gospel meeting with
Westley Hazel
October 12-15, 2025

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

Let All That You Do Be Done In Love

1 Corinthians 16:14

- I. Love Defined- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- II. Love In Thought- Proverbs 23:7, Matthew 15:18-19, 5:27-30, Philippians 4:8, Romans 8:27
- III. Love In Speech- Ephesians 4:25,29, 1 Peter 3:15, Colossians 4:5-6, Proverbs 25:11, 15:1, Matthew 12:36-37
- IV. Love In Action- 1 John 3:17-18, James 2:1-13, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, Romans 13:8, John 13:34-35

NOTES

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 866 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Song: 975 Thank You, Lord!

Prayer

Song: 217 He Loves Me (Vs. 1, 3)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 805 I Come to the Garden Alone (Vs. 1, 3)

Song: 826 I'll Be List'ning

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Sermon

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

Song: 761 Where He Leads, I'll Follow (Vs. 2)

Prayer

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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LONG	4	Love suffers long <i>and</i> is kind; love
NOT		does not envy; love does not parade
OWN		itself, is not puffed up;
KIND	5	does not behave rudely, does not
ALL		seek its own, is not provoked, thinks
ITSELF		no evil;
REJOICE	6	does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices
ENDURES		in the truth;
EVIL	7	bears all things, believes all things,
THINKS		hopes all things, endures all things.
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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