

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Cole Meador

Song Leader

Jack Calvert

Lord’s Supper

Joseph Barry Randy Ellis

Bill Rinehart

Prayers

Bryan Garlock Rodney Ellis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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Mark Davis

Song Leader

Bryan Garlock

Prayers

Cole Meador Jack Calvert

Invitation

Joseph Barry

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham

Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.

Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear

the word of truth

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Romans 10:13-17

Believe

the truth.....

Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent

from all sins

Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess

the name of Christ ...

Matthew10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized

in His name

Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk

in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death

Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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Never Disappoint Who?

Terry Francis

A character one of the television shows I watch said the following line: “Disappoint anyone. Disappoint everyone. But never disappoint yourself.” Never disappoint yourself? Perhaps that line sums up one of the most glaring problems our society has with being true disciples of Christ—self is placed on the pedestal of highest priority.

One of Jesus’ most well-known teachings goes against the self-centered approach to life. He said, “And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:38–39). While people today seek to never disappoint themselves, Christ said you had to lose your life to save it. This mindset certainly is one of the “hard sayings” of the Bible (John 6:60).

The context of Jesus’ statement explains in even deeper detail how much

we must be willing to disappoint to be a disciple:

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. —Matthew 10:34-39

Jesus didn’t provide peace but a sword? How? Because in order to serve Christ we might have to choose Jesus over our family—even to the point of making the members of your house your enemy (v. 36). Jesus goes as far as saying

favorably (vv. 19–21). How will you be remembered?

The great news is we don’t have to wait until we are ninety to realize these three things we can change. We can start fulfilling these three desires right now. Will you risk more? Will you reflect more? Will you ensure you leave a positive legacy? Start living this kind of life today!

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come ...

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins/sometimes shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Maxine Burnham, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Pete & Beth Rowland,** and **Francine Davis.**

Bible Study: 9:30 AM (and Zoom)

Services: 10:15 AM (and Zoom)

Monday Class: 7:00 PM (Zoom)

Wednesday: 7:00 PM (and Zoom)

if you love anyone more than Him, you aren’t worthy.

And then Jesus instructs His audience to turn the sword on themselves. We must take up our cross—another instrument of death—in order to serve Jesus. Paul said it this way, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). We must be crucified if we want Christ to live in us.

Our mindset certainly should not be “never disappoint yourself.” Instead our outlook should be “Disappoint anyone. Disappoint everyone. Disappoint yourself. But never disappoint Christ.”

“The Church of Christ” or Christ?

Terry Francis

The other day I ran across the following quote:

We cannot strengthen the Church by focusing on the Church. We can only

strengthen the Church by focusing on Christ. If we are focused on knowing Christ and making Him known, everything changes. Imagine how different things would be in your community if the Body of Christ did what the Mind of Christ commanded.

Sadly, there are times we Christians forget where our focus should be. Many hours have been spent defending and promoting “the Church of Christ” rather than teaching Christ. Certainly some will respond, “Wait! If you teach Christ, then you are teaching the church of Christ.” I agree. After all, the church is the body of Christ. How can one preach and teach Christ and it not eventually result in promoting His body?

Consider the previous statement reworded for clarification: Many hours have been spent defending and promoting the denomination known as “the Church of Christ” rather than teaching Christ. When you speak to your friends, neighbors and relatives about your faith how often does the term “Church of Christ” come up? Do you ever talk similarly to the following statements?

- At the Church of Christ we...
- I’m Church of Christ!
- The Church of Christ believes...

Such statements speak to the problem—we are emphasizing a denominational concept more than the Lord and His Word. Paul said, “For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:22–24). Notice again: “we preach Christ crucified.” Later Paul describes Christ’s death, burial and

resurrection as being “of first importance” (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

Certainly we are all familiar with Philip teaching the Eunuch: “Philip opened his mouth... he told him the good news about Jesus” (Acts 8:35). When you defend your faith, focus on your faith in Christ. Tell your friends and loved ones about the Son of God and try to refrain from focusing on the denominational concept of “the Church of Christ.”

The question will arise, “How do we answer the questions about what we practice?” After all, most spiritual discussions will result with an inquiry of where you attend which is often followed by questions about music, baptism, heaven, etc. Answer with,” Well, the Bible says...” and provide scripture for your response. Let the hearer focus on God’s word rather than our practices.

What Would You Change?

Terry Francis

Dr. Tony Compola, a leading psychologist and head of a Sociology Department at a well-known university, conducted a survey among people over ninety years old. He asked the question, “If you had to do it all over again, what would you do differently?” There were three answers that appeared more frequently than any others:

1. I would risk more.
2. I would spend more time reflecting.
3. I would do more things that would live on after my death.

Consider for a moment how these three things could be applied spiritually:

- **I would risk more.** How many times do we shrink back from challenges or

responsibilities because we are afraid of losing something? Some refuse to obey the gospel because they might lose their families. Jesus said we must choose Him over family (Matthew 10:35–38). Some refuse to teach the truth to others because they might lose relationships. Paul asked the Galatian brethren if he was there enemy because he taught the truth (Galatians 4:16). He was willing to risk relationships for the Lord. The next time you are tempted to be paralyzed by fear, step out in true faith and risk more!

- **I would spend more time reflecting.** James uses the analogy of a mirror to describe what the word should do to us in James 1:22–25. He compares being a “doer of the word” to making necessary changes after evaluating your present condition in a mirror. In order to “do” the word, we must reflect on ourselves and then make the appropriate changes necessary. It is this type of reflection that leads to our repentance of sins. We need to reflect more!
- **I would do more things that would live on after my death.** Another way of saying this is, “Leave a legacy.” The reality is that you will live a legacy one way or another. So the big question is, “What do you want to be remembered for?” Think about the reputations of those individuals listed by Paul in 2 Timothy 4 as he prepares to leave this world. Demas forsook Paul (v. 10). Alexander harmed Paul (v. 14). In contrast, Prisca, Aquila, Erastus, Trophimus, Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, and Claudia all were spoken of