



Birthdays

Keith Durden 10/18
Haley Crowe 10/20
Dylan Patterson 10/22
Nelda Cook 10/23

Anniversaries

Russell and Shannon Roberts 10/18
David and Iva Mathews 10/20

September Assignments

Welcome/Prayer: Justin Patterson

Song Leader: Jim Barnes

Scripture Reading: Ricky Patterson
Acts 20:5-7

Lord's Table:

Bread Prayer – Bob Reed
Fruit of the Vine Prayer – Luke Patterson
Contribution Prayer – Preston Patterson

Closing Prayer: Jack Beaver



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¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

TO:

Be sure to tune in to **"Let the Bible Speak"** Sundays 6:30 am on KTEN NBC 10 and 9:30 am KTEN ABC 9.

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TIME OF SERVICES

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday pm 7:00 pm

Before the Election (Part 3)

What do Christians do exactly? Looking at Christendom from the outside one might get the wrong idea of the intended focus. One could say that Christians are about championing political causes. They fight for right wing social reform or moral conservatism. One might say Christians are involved in acts of benevolence, helping the less fortunate or working in a soup kitchen. Some might get the idea that Christians try and make everyone think like them. They preach a doctrine and judge everyone who does not conform. Nothing could be further from the truth. While there are many people in Christendom focusing on these things, that is not where a true disciple of Christ should have their focus.

Look at Christ as an example. When He was asked about a political issue of the day concerning taxes, He replied, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" ([Mark 12:17](#)). When He was asked about doing more for the poor, He replied, "For you always have the poor with you" ([Matt. 26:11](#)). His focus was not ending the world of poverty. God is the only one who has the right to determine doctrine, and the words of Jesus are the ones that will judge in the last day ([John 12:48-50](#)).

So, what do we need to remember before the election? We need to remember to stay on task. Our primary mission concerns God. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" ([Matt. 6:33a](#)). "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you" ([1 Pet. 2:9](#)). The kingdom is our primary directive, and the gospel is our message to the world. "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation'" ([Mark 16:15](#)). "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" ([Matt. 28:19-20](#)). If this becomes our focus, suddenly we are left with a greater perspective. Eternity comes into focus. The worth of a soul is measured. The urgency of the message understood. The cost of sin grasped.

There will always be political "the sky is falling" moments. We will never be rid of an opportunity to serve. While we are an imperfect people preaching a perfect plan, we still are called to teach it. It is the only message that truly matters. Another's perception of us as Christians should not be that we are more politically concerned than Christ-centered. Let us stand together with a renewed focus on our Lord's calling.

~Josh Blackmer

Prayer List

Juvean Snell’s wound is not healing. She is scheduled to see a specialist on October 27th.
Eddie Baker continues his rehab and is becoming more mobile every day. Keep praying for him.
Jason Achimon is at home recovering.
Keith Welch is recovering on schedule. He is home and doing well.
James Jones is still in TMC. Prayers for James.
Casey Jones passed away on Wednesday September 16th. A memorial service will be held at the church building when Dorothy and James recover from COVID-19.
Dorothy Jones is now in The Legacy Willow Bend, 6101 Ohio Dr., Room 5305, Plano, TX 75024. Dorothy’s cell phone number is (972) 679-7847.
Logan Nielsen, Scott & Tammy’s son-in- law’s grandmother passed away. The funeral was Wednesday, October 14th in Wichita, Kansas. Pray for Logan and Trulie.

Those to continue to remember in Prayer:

Sylvia Goodman	Lila Beth Davis	Rebecca Denton
Linda Fry	Brandy Dominguez	Elizabeth Fry
Melba Welch	Alex Johnson	J.D. Pruitt
Rosina Magaña	Shelby Ansley	Derek Davis
Bobbie Caruthers	Bill Schindler	Chad Ettelbtick
Kristin Ettelbtick	Robbie Davis	Charlene King
Carter Rosard	Kelsey Rogers	Bob Rushing
Rajonia Carnley	Cavender Family	Linda Clark
Lainey Garner	Dallas Parker	Lois Petty
Alicia Tracy	Cody Higgins	Billy Don Smith
Wade Kennedy	Randall Butler	Ladonna Jones
Ricky and Penney Johnson		Marjory Grady
Todd Spencer	Ann Butler	Jason Achimon
Chase Reed	Lambert Family	Cindy Schindler
Dan Fallon	Tommy Blackburn	Cindy Price
Ann Beavert	Iris Davis	Tammy Sides
Chase Reed	Tiffany Brothers	John Wolf
Terry Butler		

Military

J.R. Lance	Matt Frizzell	Zack Turpen
Chad Lorenz	Trea Baker	Matt Upton
Logan Nielsen	Seth Rodriguez	Brock Murray
Madalynn Baker	Garrett Brewer	Hunter Brewer

Continuation of Prayer list:

Michael and Michelle Troth, neighbors of J.D. and Runez Pruitt, have an infant daughter-Mia, born on July 1; she is finally home from the hospital but still needs our prayers.
Wade Kennedy had an extremely heavy dose of chemo this week. He still needs our prayers for recovery.
Jeff Thompson’s grandmother passed away. Please pray for their family.
Shirley Walker’s mother, Betty Burelsmith passed away September 29th. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers.
Jennifer Keene a member of our community is falling a lot and prayers have been requested for her.
Tom and Adell Thomson’s son, Michael has COVID-19 along with 3 other firefighters in Highland Village. Please pray for a quick recovery.

My family and I are extremely grateful for your prayers and expression of concern for my mother over the past several years. She now is at rest where she begged to be taken and we know that the Lord has granted her peace and joy.

We love you all,
Shirley, Curtis and the Walker Family

Collinsville Church of Christ, what a wonderful church family we have. We are so blessed to be members! We want to thank all of you for all the food, cards, visits and prayers we have received from you all during this tough time in our lives. Melba and I are so grateful for all the wonderful things that were done for us while I was gone. Melba had Maria a wonderful lady that is our house keeper stay with her during the week of surgery and a week after I came home. We love each and every one of you, Keith and Melba Welch

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the all the prayers and thoughts after my heart attack. The doctors have given me a good bill of health and all seems well. Again, thank you for your kindness as well as your prayers.

Brian Vannoy

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October18th 9:30AM Bible classes in the building. 10:30 AM Worship inside the building.
For those homebound or with weakened immune systems please go to: www.collinsvillecofc.org and click on “view live” or facebook.com/CollinsvilleChurchofChrist.
Sunday, October18th 6:00 PM Worship inside the building! We still plan to continue with our Facebook “live” for those who aren’t able to attend.

Tuesday, October 20th Ladies Bible Class at 10AM. The topic of study will be 1 Peter chapter 4. After class, we will go as a group to the Old Depot Park for picnic lunch. Bring a sack lunch and a drink as well as a lawn chair so we can enjoy some great fellowship.

Wednesday, October 21st Bible class 7:00 PM “The Story of the Bible in “Habakkuk” on Facebook. Children’s classes will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Our annual clothing exchange has been cancelled. Due to limited space, we are asking those who brought clothes to the church to please pick them up. Shirley Walker is asking for help for friends who live in Oregon and lost everything in the fires. If you have women’s clothes size 5-6 please call Shirley at 702-376-2087.

Vital Statistics

Sunday Bible Class	86
Sunday Morning Assembly.....	115
Online viewership	180
Sunday Evening Assembly	32
Ladies Bible Class	17
Wednesday Evening online viewership	66
Weekly Budget.....	\$4,643
Contribution Last Sunday.....	\$4394.30

The Food Pantry is open to our community bi-weekly, open from 7:30 am-11:00, Monday, October 19th and Monday November 2nd.
If you know of anyone in our community who is in need during the meantime, please have them contact the church at 903-429-6313.

Sunday Sermon Titles

Sunday AM: “A Look at John Series”
Lesson 4
“Stuck In A Holding Pattern”
John 5:1-15

Sunday PM: “Jesus, The Stone”
1 Peter 2:4-8

Bible Class Opportunities


**Classes have resumed in the building Sundays and Wednesdays.

Sunday classes:

Class	Location	Teacher
Adult classes -	Auditorium -	Harold Achimon
Middle to_High	- Fellowship Hall -	Dak Jones
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th grade-	Fellowship Hall -	Sherry Hodges
Preschool – 2 nd grade -	Old Fellowship Hall-	Kathy Patterson

Wednesday classes – Adults in auditorium and children will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Millie Scott Sides, new granddaughter of Scott & Tammy, was born Tuesday, September 15th! She weighed in at 6.8 lbs and was 18 inches long.



Harlee Sue Smith, new granddaughter of Jim & Linda Barnes, was born Tuesday, September 29th! She weighed 7 lbs 12 oz. and 19.5 inches long.