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Worship Opportunities  
Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	10/19	10/12
Bible Classes	25	34
Morning Worship	87	66
Contribution	\$2739	\$1756
Mid Week Bible Class—Wed.	28	27

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### What Do You Remember?

#### Ecclesiastes 12:1

*Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them".*

As I speak with young people, many of them say the opposite. Some young people feel they are going to wait until they get older to get serious about their relationship with God.

#### Psalms 71:5

*For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.*

We all need hope. Many times we know of friends who put their hope in the wrong things. I know young people who put their hope in other people; they get involved in relationships that move too fast. There are those who put their confidence within themselves, thinking that because they're "smarter than a 5th grader", they can handle themselves in an evil and corrupt world.

Young people, relationships are good and important, however, you need to continue growing and developing into the person God has prepared for you to become. When you start a relationship with someone while God is working on you, you will short change yourself. That is a terrible feeling! It's like a when a little child attempts to purchase some candy and hasn't enough money needed to cover the cost, and is asked to put it back. They want to blame the cashier, but it is **they** who has come up short and was not prepared!

In conclusion, what are you going to remember from the days of your youth? If as a young person you work on your relationship with the Lord now, He will provide you with true hope and real confidence.

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### We Must Know Him to become like Him

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead," (Philippians 3:10-11).

Paul's expressed desire to know Christ is one of the many motivating factors that helped him to overcome the challenges of this life and remain faithful in service to Christ to the end of his life.

We were called by God to be like Christ, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers," (Rom 8:29). Knowing Christ enables us to become more like Christ, to adopt the ways of Christ, to have the mind of Christ and to live out the life of Christ. Many of the Lord's followers today do not know Him; we have only a passing familiarity with Him. Familiarity and knowing are like the difference between an acquaintance and a true friend. It is past time that our relationship with Jesus transition from acquaintance to that of knowing Him. Jesus Himself gave the reason why we must come to know him, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent," (John 17:3-4). We will not experience the fullness of eternal life without intimate knowledge of Jesus and His Father in heaven.

Prophecy spotlighted knowing God as essential to the New Covenant of Christ, "No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," (Heb 8:11). When we get to know Christ, we pattern our lives after Him, we walk in His footsteps, we hear His voice and we follow Him. We can measure how much we know of Christ by comparing our ways with those of Christ. Here are some things about Christ that we should know and emulate every day.

**Jesus ALWAYS did the things that**

**pleased the Father.** "The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him," (John 8:29). Jesus here sets the bar very high for us, but it is not too high; we must strive to follow Jesus by consistently doing, the things that please our heavenly Father.

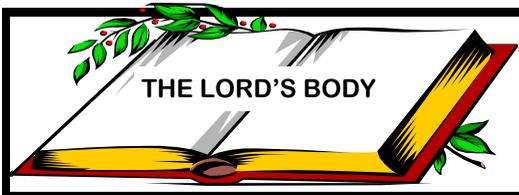
**There was no guile found in His mouth** (1 Peter 2:22). No deceit, no ugly retort to the mocking and criticism. The mouth expresses the sentiments of the heart. We must like Jesus have a pure heart, "blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God" (Matt. 5:8). "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver," (Prov. 25:11).

**He was perfect.** Jesus said in Matthew 5:48, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." The Greek word here is "*teleioi*" which means "complete" and not "perfect" in a sinless kind of way, although Jesus was sinless (2 Cor. 5:21). We are sinless to the extent that we are constantly being washed in the blood of Christ, (1 John 1:9; 2:2; Rev. 1:5). God gave us the inspired scriptures to make us complete/perfect, (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

**He was obedient.** Philippians 2:8 says of Christ, "being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." We too need to be obedient to the Father if we are going to be like His Son. The Hebrew writer said through His obedience, Jesus became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrews 5:8-9). Of necessity We must grow in our obedience to Christ Jesus.

**He was faithful.** Faithfulness is an attribute of the nature of Christ. Paul reminded Timothy of this, "If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself," (2 Tim. 2:13). We likewise must make faithfulness a part of our character, this guarantees our eternal inheritance, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life," (Rev 2:10).

Lets do all we can to get to KNOW Christ so that we can become like Him. {Lancelot w}



# The family by John Stallworth



LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
BENJAMIN FIELD



Ladies' Corner  
by  
Paulette Watron

Privileged to Serve 10/26/14

<b>Morning Service</b>	
Song Leader	Ben Field
Welcome/Prayer	Jason Harper
Song #	47
Scripture reading	John Stallworth
Song #	76
Song #	731
Second Prayer	Jamal Colson
Song #	448
<b>Lord's table and Collection:</b>	
Lead	Mike Salimbene
Assistant	James Guiffre
Assistant	C. Hendrickson
Assistant	Steve Lynch
Song # - kids to class	
Song #	470
Scripture Sermon	Kyle Watkins Lancelot Watson
Invitation Song	129
Responses & prayer:	
Jason Harper	
John Scignano	
Announcements & Closing Prayer	Jason Harper
Closing Song #	703

Are you part of "the church"? – HIS Bride  
This is 'your' answer

1 Tim. 3:8-11 *Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 11 In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.*

So we can spend a fair amount of energy describing the blessed role of a deacon or elder. We might list a few of the hurdles he must accomplish to be considered for such a position. Many bible students jump to the doctrinal aspects of qualification like a checklist. Though valid, perhaps we might consider more the substance of those items: "worthy of respect"; "sincere"; "honest"; "tested"; etc. Ok, so...not this time.

Ever hear the saying, "Behind every great man is – a surprised mother-in-law [Symbol]" Serious though: "Behind every great man is a GREAT women". Have we ever valued the role a women plays in the creation of someone qualified to be a deacon or elder? Without digging in too deep: if she's not behind him, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to be anything! The bible goes so far to give a challenge to his wife for his position.

So why is this important? Two answers: It helps us honor the wives among us for the blessing of enabling and exalting the men to serve! Additionally, if we consider our role as the bride of Christ. How will you and I EXALT our husband Jesus? If you're part of "the church" are you a good bride?

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**The Learning Christian - Part I**  
As Christians we should be **lifelong learners**. We don't have the right to learn something once and never revisit it again. If you have the same opinions as when you were first baptized there is something wrong. *Proverbs 1:5 "let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."* *Proverbs 26:12 "Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them."*

We must be rigid in truth, yet flexible in challenging the beliefs instilled in us; Strong in fundamental faith, yet flexible in evaluating the doctrine we take for granted. Sometimes that can involve changing your mind...**reserve that right**. It will free you to follow God.

*There are absolute truths and examples of these are the Gospel, salvation, etc.*

Consider salvation; we may see a human tragedy and wonder if God gave grace based on what we know about someone's life. Doubts can be amplified when we see verses in Exodus and Romans where God says "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion" or when Jesus uses Samaritans as examples of righteousness although the Jews considered them dirty apostates outside of God and the Law.

We may struggle with issues like this, but we are freed *when we trust the simultaneous existence of God's sovereign right to His own decisions and our subservient position. We have no right to preach anything other than biblical truth.* As slaves, we may only speak as commanded, but **ALSO** we have no right to declare what God has *done with a soul*. He may do *anything* He decides. He is the LORD. We may only speak His word, but GOD reserves exclusive right to final say.

In keeping truth, we must ensure we learn past the point absorbing another man's interpretations. This can be painful and uncomfortable.

One of the hardest things I ever had to do was to learn the difference between whether I was questioning God Himself, or people I loved. Am I questioning my God when I question those people? Sometimes, but not always...  
Ever feel this way?  
Next week - suggestions to know if you are learning or rebelling.

**Fall Colors**  
The changing colors around us are fascinating. We ladies try to change our home decor to these colors, and wear clothes in fall colors as well. Thinking about fall colors and their traditional meanings can help us remember some important Christian traits.

The most pervasive fall color for me is **brown**. This is the color of earth, and symbolizes being down-to-earth, and steady. Earth is ever-present; we are secure in its existence, its stability (at the present time). This reminds me of the steadfastness of God, and that he calls us to be steadfast also –rooted, and grounded: Paul prays that we would be "rooted and established in Love." Eph 3:17. The Christian life is the most down-to-earth, realistic, and practical lifestyle.

We seem to be bombarded with **orange**, which gets its name from the fruit. In a deeper shade, it is also the color of the pumpkin, the most prolific fruit of the season. This is reminiscent of the fruitfulness of God's creation. It is also a reminder that God calls us to be fruitful: Paul's prayer is that we "may please him [God] in every way: bearing fruit in every good work" (Col. 1:10).

**Red** is the color of fire and blood, and is associated with energy and passion. God wants us to be passionate about Him, our faith, and our Christian lives. Paul encourages us, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11).

Finally, **gold** is another fall color with gripping message. Gold is the color of success, triumph, and prosperity. The scriptures say much about gold, but the "crown of gold" and the "city of gold" (Rev. 21), are by far the most wonderful, promising us a fantastic future home with God.

So, for fall, let us think of **steadfastness, fruitfulness, passionate zeal, and our glorious future.**