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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:	6/07/15	5/30/15
Bible Classes	34	24
Worship Service	69	70
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Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



How do you spell relief?

When confronted with fear either internally or externally, how do you spell relief?

In this life we experience situations where we will have to deal with fear; whether our own, or others who may attempt to impose their fears upon us. It's like how at times your parents say, "I struggled with sleeping in the dark" so they think you might struggle with sleeping in the dark. In reality that's not the case, we may have different struggles.

Let's overcome F.E.A.R. together. How do you spell relief? For me I spell it this way as I learn to confront my fears:

- F= faith
- E= encourage
- A= attitude
- R= repent

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THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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The right way is God's way

"...and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. ...Which have forsaken the right way and are gone astray..." (2 Pet. 2: 9-15).

God declared, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 23). This declaration points to our rebellion against God which led us to "forsake the right way." Yes, contrary to popular thought there is a right way for everything.

The way of God is the right way and the way of man is the wrong way. "...let God be true, but every man a liar..." (Rom. 3: 4). Jesus describes the right way as the "straight and the narrow." "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it." (Matt. 7: 13-14).

Many of us continue to forsake the right way of God. The unfortunate thing is that having forsaken the right way, we expect God to accept our own way. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (Prov. 14: 12). The ways of men will not work, God has stated his position, they will be "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thess. 1: 9).

Numerous are the examples of persons who were punished by God because they forsook the right way. Adam and Eve were punished because they disobeyed the voice of God (Gen. 3: 16-19). Nadab and Abihu were punished because in their worship to God, they "offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, contrary to his command." (Lev. 10: 1-2).

It is important that we learn that the right way is the only way acceptable to God and it the only way by which we can find favor with God.

There is a Right way to be saved. A person is not saved until God through Christ pronounces such a person saved. Jesus has clearly told us who such persons will be. "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mk. 16: 15-16). "Repent, and be

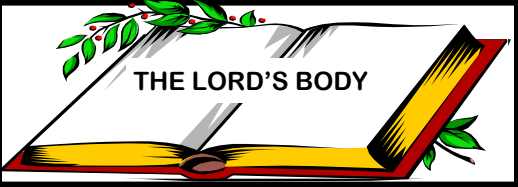
baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins" (Acts 2: 38). That is the right way of God. Repentance, belief and repeating the sinner's prayer is the way of man. That is the wrong way. That is not the right way!

There is a right way to worship God. This is the way commanded by God. Jesus said it must be "in spirit and in truth" (John 4: 24). Consequently, the New Testament Church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2: 42) True worship is not to make the worshipper "feel good." The purpose of worship is "to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 2: 5). There is no place in God's true worship for the innovations of men, such things make our worship vain, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men," (Matt. 15: 8-9). The worship authorized by God has simple elements that no mortal has the right to change by either adding extra items or subtracting existing items. Authorized by God are, praying, singing, preaching, communion and giving. These are the elements of worship in your new Testament and which the Church of Christ through the centuries have practiced. Subtracting or adding to them is the way of man, that is the wrong way, it is not the right way!

There is a right way to die. It is folly to think that we can live a non-Christian life and reap the Christian's reward. The Lord says, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," (Rev. 14: 13). To die in the Lord, we must first be living in the Lord. Life in the Lord begins with baptism into Christ, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3: 26). This is followed by faithfulness to Christ all the days of our lives, (Rev. 2: 10).

Let us seek out the right way and live by it. The right way is God's way and that is the only way that is right!

Lancelot W.




<b>Privileged to Serve 6/14/2015</b>	
<u><b>Morning Service</b></u>	
<b>Song leader</b>	<b>Brian Maddox</b>
<b>Call to worship</b>	
<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	<b>Jamal Colson</b>
<b>Song #</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>Scripture – Psalm 6:1-10</b>	<b>JJ Stallworth</b>
<b>Songs #</b>	<b>859</b>
<b>Song #</b>	<b>779</b>
<b>Second Prayer</b>	<b>Brian Maddox</b>
<b>Song #</b>	<b>337</b>
<b>Lord's table and Collection:</b>	
<b>Lead</b>	<b>Joe Cirnigliaro</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Barry Koeber</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Steve Lynch</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>John Sicignano</b>
<b>Song - Kids to class</b>	
<b>Song #</b>	<b>895</b>
<b>Scripture- Eph. 6:13-17</b>	<b>Ryan Costello</b>
<b>Sermon -</b>	<b>Lancelot Watson</b>
<b>Invitation #</b>	<b>904</b>
<b>Responses &amp; prayer:</b>	
<b>Mike Salimbene</b>	
<b>Jason Harper</b>	
<b>Announcements &amp;</b>	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Jamal Colson</b>
<b>Closing Song #</b>	<b>703</b>

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# The family by John Stallworth

**One of the 72**


Many will acknowledge Jesus' commission to the 12 to go, and preach. The Bible will even go as far as naming each of them. We are told in Mathew 10: Jesus equipped the 12 with authority to drive out demons and heal "every" disease / sickness. Consider the account in Luke.



*Lk. 10:1-3 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.*

What if the Bible gave the names of the 72? What if you were there? Would you be one of the 72? Would you be one of the few workers? Fascinating how just prior we read: *Lk. 9:57-61 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ...." 59He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family."*

We see here how, sometimes, our words are greater than our actual commitment. Additionally, we see Jesus call them to follow him and the excuses begin. Jesus is enlisting you and I to **follow him** and **preach** the Gospel into all the world. Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity participate in the proclamation of the Gospel in Patchogue. What will you do? Will there be 72 or just 71? Will you **"go and proclaim"**?



*LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
BY  
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**Baptism- "Baptism Counting" 1 Corinthians 3:6**


**Argument/Issue— "I view my baptisms as directly attributable to; evidence of God's favor/bearing fruit/that I am saved. God will cut off fruitless branches."**

**ANSWER** – It is great when someone decides to follow God in baptism as a transition to salvation. But both the virus and other faiths reproduce as well. The critical matter is how we view the event; as ours, or borne by God's foreknowledge. It is where we view the locus of control. It speaks to what we believe about works vs. salvation. This mindset has led to **toxic theologies**; striving toward impossibly virulent evangelism that is unnatural, chastisement, and neglect of faith. It has led to church leaders monitoring and demanding "productivity" from their members, and a hyper-focus on the event, while ignoring scripture. We can certainly view Gospel obedience as **A** fruit (or perhaps **the result** of fruit), but it is not defined as fruitfulness in the bible. Not at all.

**Problem 1 – Fruit is described explicitly in scripture.** Nowhere in scripture is "fruit" explicitly defined as baptism. Galatians 5:22-23, Matt. 3:8, Luke 3:8-9, Matt. 7:15-20, Matt. 12:33, John 15:16, Romans 7:4-5, Luke 8:15, James 3:17, Matt. 13:23, John 12:24, and Galatians 6:7, etc., *can* involve baptism in several ways, but are clearly not intended to create evangelistic paranoia. They state the need for inward fruit that leads to outward manifestation of fruitfulness.

**Problem 2 – Paul did not view his ministry by baptismal count...and was not a heretic...** 1 Corinthians 1:17 is powerful. Many misunderstand it to deny baptism as being needed. He states, without negating baptism, that he does not gauge his fruitfulness by baptisms. WHY? The decision to be baptized is under the free will of the individual *and out of his control!* His **ministry** was to speak truth and let God sort it out. He states why ministries are fruitful and why we chose the model we did recently at Patchogue.

**Problem 3 – Scripture says baptisms will decrease.** 1 Tim 4:1, Matt 24:12, 2 Peter 3:3, and other verses CLEARLY state the world will close off and reject us. 2 Tim 4:3 even implies those inside the church will reject the faith. Should we feel guilt that scripture is coming true today, and that we see less baptisms despite our best efforts? Should we gauge church quality by numbers, or instead by if we are part of the "remnant" that is faithful to sound doctrine? Do not combat prophecy. 2 Peter 1:20 demands it. Share, speak, strive; but don't count baptisms as evidence of your success or failure in the last days, or think the church is to blame for the world's decline. Do not find fault where God has sovereignly declared outcomes by Divine revelation and predestination. Rom 8:29



**ladies' Corner**  
by  
*Paulette Watson*

**Perseverance**

Without perseverance, it is unlikely that we will attain our goal of living a faithful Christian life until we die. According to Webster's dictionary, perseverance is "the quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult." Our enemy Satan ensures that it is not an easy life. He places temptations and trials before us that challenge our faith in God, because he wants us to give up. He also causes us to become "weary in doing good" (Gal. 6: 9) when he sees that we are trying and having some success in doing God's will.

God has not left us defense-less in the face of Satan's attacks. He encourages us in His word by showing that perseverance has benefits: We read in Romans 5:3-4 that suffering produces perseverance and perseverance produces character. James elaborates on this, saying that "the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:3-5).

Strong Christian character, maturity in the faith, and spiritual perfection are our goals, and it is through perseverance that we achieve them. God has also told us how to get perseverance in our testing and trials—the Hebrew writer encourages us to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12: 1-2). Like Peter when he walked on the water, our concentration must be on Jesus, but unwaveringly.

Two practical areas where perseverance in our lives is essential are in our determination to go to heaven, which is our over-all goal, and also in the completion of the projects or good works that we undertake to strengthen our souls and to strengthen the church.

When hindrances, temptations, stress, weaknesses and other ploys of the devil present themselves, let us look to Jesus in prayer, Bible study and fellowship for the perseverance that will keep us from giving up, and the strength to carry on to the finish line.