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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
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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:	11/2	10/26
Bible Classes	45	23
Morning Worship	175	78
Contribution	2449	\$2009
Mid Week Bible Class—Wed.	27	31

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

Youth Corner
By
Jamal Colson



Were does your help come from?
Years ago superman was a television show. During the show when Superman was needed someone would say "look up in the sky it's a bird, no it's a plane, finally they would say no it's Superman. So it would appear that our help came from the sky.
Young people I say we need to look higher than the sky for our help. I think sometimes that we limit ourselves by looking to the sky, we need to look to the maker of heaven and earth. In psalm 121 God reminds us of where our help comes from.
Psalm 121:1-8
1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.
In conclusion,
Once we recognize that we need help which is a big hurdle. Next we can learn how to ask for help. Lastly acknowledge that our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

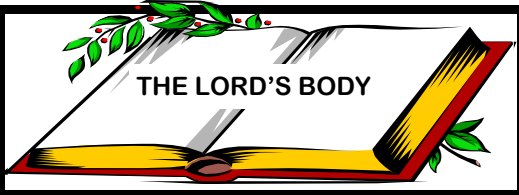
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He still calm storms
Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" (Matt 8:23-27)
The storms of life are everyday occurrences. Job stated, "Man born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble." (Job 14:1) The troubles we encounter are our "storms of life." A wise person stated, "You are either heading into a storm, in the midst of a storm or coming out of a storm." The question is, do we have what it takes to weather these storms successfully?
Most people do not handle storms well. Suicide, depression, listlessness, broken families, broken relationships, alcohol, drugs, pornography, these are just a few of the indications that show how badly they are doing with their storm. What can we do to successfully deal with the storms of our lives? Let us learn from the disciples of Jesus Christ.
In the captioned text the disciples were in the midst of a "furious storm." They knew they needed help, immediately and urgently. They cried to Jesus, "**Lord, save us! We're going to drown!**" These disciples had it made. Jesus was with them. They were in the *same* boat with Jesus. One of the reasons we do not fare well with our storms, is that we face them alone. Jesus is not in our boat and we are not in His. Who then can we turn to for help? You and I know, that real, long-lasting help comes only from God. Any other kind of help, will not fix the problem. It may give temporary relief, but the problem will still be there. "Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm." (Mark 4:39)
When our storm comes, if it is not stilled by Jesus, it will not go away. The Psalmist said, "*My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*" (Psalm 121:2-3). The disciples clearly understood this. They cried out to Jesus, and He answered. At first with a rebuke, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"
We suffer from little faith and in many instances, no faith. That is the problem. Faith in God is lacking. We do not trust God; we trust ourselves. We do not believe God; we believe in ourselves or in our country. We tend to believe that the greatness of our country guarantees that all will be well with us. Wake up friends. The activities of Osama Bin Laden and the terrorist events of Sept. 11, 2001 are all the proofs needed to show that God cannot be discounted or replaced. If we do not get God into our lives and get our lives in sync, that is in fellowship with God, we will perish, (Matthew 7:26-27)
The fact is, our life is too great a responsibility for us on our own, to handle successfully, (Jeremiah 10:23). We have been trying, but we have failed and in most instances miserably. We have made shipwreck of our lives. Many of us are unhappy - we feel unloved - our life is going nowhere and fast. Nothing positive is happening for us. We feel like an empty shell. We are not coping. What can we do? This is what we should do, turn to God. Call upon Jesus. He will bring calm out of our storm. Be a true believer in Jesus Christ with faith dedication and commitment. Things will change and for the better. Jesus gives us this guarantee, (John 10:10).

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth

Privileged to Serve 11/9/14	
<u>Morning Service</u>	
Song leader	Jason Harper
Welcome/Prayer	Jason Holfman
Song	567
Scripture	<u>Matt. 7:21-27</u> Mike Salimbene
Song #	745
Song	“Hard Fighting Soldier”
Second Prayer	John Sicignano
Song #	313
Lord’s table and Collection:	
Lead	Ben Field
Assistant	JJ Stallworth
Assistant	Ryan Costello
Assistant	Jason Holfman
Song - Kids to class	
Song #	712
Scripture -	<u>Job 3:25-26</u> Tom Meehan
Sermon	Lancelot Watson
Invitation #	934
Responses & prayer:	
Jason Holfman	
Derek Petersen	
Announcements &	Jason Holfman
Closing Prayer	
Closing Song #	703

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Are you part of “the church”? – Get your life in order!

This is ‘your’ answer

Our father went through so much trouble to establish this thing called “the church”. Let’s not confuse this term with a worldly view. We are talking about “the church”: Singular. He planned it for thousands of year and purchased it with the blood of his son! He made his son the head.

Matt. 6:31-34 so do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

So when you read this what do you see. If you study the topic of the “Kingdom of God”, you’ll discover the members of this kingdom is the Church and Jesus is the King. The words “seek first” also have meaning. “First” has very definite implications: Not second, Not third, Not etc.

Ask yourself: in what order you’re seeking the Kingdom/Church? If you’re like me sometimes you find yourself questioning how and/or where your life may be going. We tend to complain that God is not clear sometimes when we need direction. God’s promise is you’ll have little to nothing to worry about when you get your seeking right!

Don’t let the phase “Get your life in order” only apply when you’re dying and it no longer matters. Let’s spend some time getting our life in order now.



LIVING IT OUT—
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD



ladies’ Corner
by
Paulette Watron

The Learning Christian PII – Learning...or rebelling?
We have a belief system. Learning “Christianity” was likely challenging for you. Once we learn the “Christian Lifestyle” we solidify those principles into a rigid belief system - a **theological worldview**. Be aware that whoever taught you instilled their beliefs into your worldview. It filters and colors everything you see, and may be double edged;
Healthy – It is beautiful to live out Psalm 119:11...if everything you have learned is God-breathed. Truths of God hidden permanently in a heart allow you to carry the Word anywhere.
Unhealthy - it is horrible if your worldview assumes that it is wrong to continue to learn, that your mentor always speaks on behalf of God, that there is no other way than how you were taught, that it is wrong to change your mind, and that it’s wrong to question what you have learned. If you view the opinions of your teacher as equivalent with the scriptures...watch out!!! Proverbs 26:12.

Why you may question your beliefs;

- New information – Finding a passage that calls your opinion into question.
- Life Event – huge change positive/negative shakes up your worldview.
- You’re stumped – a moral/spiritual argument that you have no answer for bothers you.
- Personal incident 1 – Someone who taught you falls and your foundation is shaken.
- Personal incident 2 – Someone inside the faith challenges your “immovable assumptions,” and by default questions everything you know. How you respond can be dangerous to you.
- Personal incident 3 – Someone instilled **their modern day interpretation of scripture as equivalent with scripture**, and that very meaning is now defied/challenged. Even more dicey. (Example – what exactly is “decent and orderly manner”? One church will say it means you cannot laugh in church, another something else...)

Suggested questions– **note their order;**

1. Is this biblical matter a salvation issue?
2. Is it related to scripture, or to traditions of the modern/ancient church?
3. What is my motive?
 - a. Am I trying using scripture to defend my worldview?
 - b. Am I using scripture to justify myself? Note Matthew 23
 - c. Am I using scripture as a weapon of argument by collecting presenting unrelated scriptures in a sequence just to make my case?

Next week – Why these questions matter.

Ladies’ Group Ministry

There is no doubt that women played an important role in Jesus’ life and work and that he gave them honor and recognition. He asserted women’s intelligence when he informed Martha that her sister Mary had chosen the better way when she “sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said” (Luke 10:39). He recognized the potential in the woman at the well by singling her out and teaching her the gospel, because she in turn practiced evangelism by going into the town and encouraging the people to "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did (“John 4:29).

A ladies’ group ministry is a worthy endeavor through which ladies can serve Christ by strengthening, encouraging, and edifying each other, as well as evangelizing in various ways.

A Ladies’ Group ministry is, in fact, an evangelistic ministry. In fellowshiping together, the support we give each other helps us to grow, and mature in Christ. As Christian women we share common beliefs and goals, and reinforce these when we get together. This helps us separate ourselves from the world and solidify our sense of identity as Christians. Paul emphasizes this in his question, “what fellowship can light have with darkness?” (2 Cor. 6:14). Lunches, suppers, coffees, prayer meetings, Bible studies, work groups, and just about any activity where two or more Christians get together comprise fellowship.

In addition to fellowship, a Ladies’ Group ministry helps us provide a structured approach to planning and organizing the ways that women can serve through hospitality, outreach, providing for the needy, mentoring, counseling, teaching, giving, and other forms of service, which help to either strengthen or win souls. With a Ladies’ Group ministry, we can help each other “serve wholeheartedly, as if ... serving the Lord, not men, because [we] know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good [s]he does (Eph. 6:7-8).