

Village News

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Schedule of Weekly Services

Sunday

Bible class @ 9:30 am

***Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30
am on ZOOM until further notice!***

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study

4th Wed -Song & Prayer Service

***In light of the COVID 19 pandemic
our Bible Classes will be held via
Zoom Video Conferencing. (Call or
email for log in information).***

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***Focusing on a Climate of
Change and Moving On In
2021***

Philippians 3:14-21

Courtney's Corner

Membership Commitment

(I Corinthians 12:14-21)

Dependency, dedication, and drive are adjectives to describe a healthy member of the body. It should be understood that when there is an addition to the body the worth of that addition is recognizable by how active the addition to the body is. It should also be understood that to be a part of something depends on the **strength of the participation**.

For even the word participate means a participant that takes his or her place in something that requires an **attentive action**. Therefore it is incumbent upon every individual member to realize what their relationship with God is all about and to adhere to the system of its glorifying qualities. This idea is taken from (**Ephesians 4:7**), *"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ"*. The purpose of this text in its simplest form is to point out that the exact proportion of enabling grace on the part of God is linked with the exact proportion of enacting faith on the part of each believer, and God is the source of both. The sum of this is that God gives both the grace and the faith to energize whatever gift He gives to the full intent of His purpose.

Therefore by us realizing what are the **gifts of grace** that God has endowed each individual with and a person appreciating their ability to serve in the Kingdom of God, then that is when we will see more commitment from each other because everyone realizes that there is no particular gift or ministry more important than the other. Why? Because God has orchestrated dependency on each part for the body of believers to be developed in a way that signifies our strength through support, our ability through association, and carrying out our responsibility through relationship.

In other words, the Church of Christ cannot maneuver in

ministry without membership management. For the Bible says in Romans 12:3-12 – (NLT) *"As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function. So it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of His one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others"*.

God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well (Ephesians 2:10). So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you. If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others do it gladly. Don't just pretend you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy in your work, but serve enthusiastically. **BE GLAD FOR ALL GOD IS PLANNING FOR YOU. BE PATIENT IN TROUBLE, AND ALWAYS BE PRAYERFUL.**

When we as the Body of Christ take these tools and use them according to plan, then we will see immediate growth in these areas:

1. Spiritual.
2. Numerical.
3. Sacrificing support.

The other point that we are to take from the previous verses is that we must always be careful to avoid two extreme positions in ministry. One extreme is to assume all responsibilities for the growth of the Church. The other extreme is to abdicate all responsibility for it. By way of sorting out the issue of responsibility and faithfulness in ministry we must under-

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stand the two major issues that have hinder responsibility and faithfulness and these two major issues are as follows:

A. Avoiding the physical assumptions of human management for Church growth: Often time we make the mistake of thinking that all it takes to grow a church is an organization, management, and marketing. The Church is not just a business! "It is our business." All too often we spend time trying to figure out who we could put over a ministry and trying to figure out the objectives for operating a ministry when we should be asking, where is the Holy Spirit in all of this? Unfortunately, many churches can be explained away in terms of a standard Sunday school, an efficient organization, and a balanced budget. Churches and few lives are genuinely changed if God is not in control. All of our plans, programs, and procedures are worthless without God's anointing. Psalms 127:1 says, "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builder's labor in vain.

B. We must avoid the error that there is nothing we can do to help a church to grow. The only reasons why churches are not growing are because some churches have failed to realize that Church growth is a partnership between God and man. Churches grow by the power of God through the skilled effort of people. Elements, God's power, and man's skilled effort must be present. We cannot do it without God but he has decided not to do it without us! God uses people to accomplish His purposes (I Corinthians 3:6, 9).

Secret Pal Prayer Partners 2021 Virtual Ladies Fellowship

Prayer in Times Like These

Speaker - Sis. Ponda Florence, Harvey Church of Christ

Saturday, January 23, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

Zoom ID: 881 2118 5564 Password: Prayer

Call in: 312-626-6799 ID# 881 2118 5564 Passcode: 806901

For more information and to register for the program and virtual fashion show, email secretpalpp@gmail.com or call 708-207-6849

Monthly Calendar of Events

Weekly Schedule of Events

**ZOOM Sunday Service- 9:30 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship Service**

Food Pantry

Mondays @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

4th Wednesday Prayer and Song Service

Men's Huddle

1st & 3rd Saturday @ 11:00 am at the building

Brother's Meeting

1st Thursday @ 6:00 pm

Bible classes are via Zoom. Please contact us for log in information

Upcoming Events/Meetings

1/10/21 @ 2:00 pm Edification Retention Mtg

1/16/21 @ 11:00 am Men's Huddle

National Churches of Christ Prayer Hour

January 18, 2021 @ 7:00 pm CST

Hosted by Colonial Village Church of Christ

Zoom ID: 732 514 1351 Password: Prayer



everyone for the Love. Laughter, Gifts and Encouragement given. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Church Secretary. I thank God for allowing me to serve Him in this capacity. Looking forward to continual work and growth in His Kingdom. Love you all!

Sis. Vanessa D. Newsome

Mission

It is the mission of the Church to save souls and keep souls saved. Matthew 28: 19-10.

Vision

We are called, we are chosen to change so that we might serve and preserve the teachings of Jesus Christ the Son of GOD. Matthew 22:14.



Donations

Giving is now available online through PayPal on our website.

You can also mail your donation to Colonial Village Church of Christ

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Attn. Finance Department

With either option, please be sure to indicate how your donation is to be allocated. (general contribution, building fund, youth, etc.)

Please note the following changes in the Secretary's Office Hours

(Changes are effective October 5, 2020)

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am –1:00pm

Wednesday 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Please note that the Secretary does not have scheduled Weekend hours. Any requests should be made by Wednesday afternoon if it is needed for the weekend.

(NOTE: HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



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