

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth  
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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### The Influence of Satan

- Renn Ferguson

One of the most striking proofs of the personal existence of Satan, which our times afford us, is found in the fact, that he has so influenced the minds of multitudes in reference to his existence and doings, as to make them believe that he does not exist..." – William Ramsey

When engaging in combat, one of the best ways to overcome your enemy is by surprise. If you announce your coming weeks in advance, give them your battle plan, and follow that plan exactly you will most likely lose the battle. Our enemy has done a wonderful job in disguising himself even to the point of convincing many he does not exist. This enables him to subvert and destroy untold multitudes of people without them even realizing it.

That is why God has given us His word. Ephesians 6:10-20 comes to mind. Verse 11 of that passage reads, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." God gives us a blueprint. He gives us all that we need to be able to overcome Satan. As you study through this passage you will notice most things that Paul mentions are defensive (breastplate, shield, helmet, etc.) Most of our battle with Satan should be spent in guarding ourselves against his attacks. You will notice that there is one tool mentioned that can be used offensively or defensively and that is the sword (v. 17). Paul informs us this sword is the word of God. Christ used the word defensively during His temptations (Matthew 4:1-11). We use His word offensively by using it to disprove any doctrine or teaching that is opposed to God's will (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Every day we are engaging in a spiritual battle that has eternal consequences. We must not be ignorant of our enemy's tactics. Let us equip ourselves with armor of God so that we may be victorious through Christ.



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August 24, 2024  
9:00 AM



LEADERSHIP  
&  
COMMUNICATION  
Seminar

2024 Theme:  
The Gospel Is for All

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## The Church

### Matthew 16:13-20

#### I. The Founder.

- A. Jesus' headship- Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22-23
- B. Jesus' desire for His church- Ephesians 4:4, John 17:20-21, 1 Corinthians 1:10
- C. Designations for His church- Acts 11:26, 1 Peter 4:16, Romans 16:16, 1 Timothy 3:15

#### II. The Organization.

- A. Why does it matter? Colossians 3:17
- B. Elders & deacons- Acts 14:23, 20:28, Titus 1:5-7, 1 Timothy 3:1-12, Philippians 1:1

#### III. The Worship.

- A. Not all worship is acceptable- Matthew 15:9, Colossians 2:23
- B. The Lord's Supper- Luke 22:19-20, Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, 16:1-2, Mark 16:1-8
- C. Acapella- Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 14:15, Hebrews 13:15

## Worship Service

### Announcements

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### Prayer

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? (vs. 1, 2)

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 761 Where He Leads Me, I'll Follow (vs. 1, 3)

Song: 400 Living by Faith (vs. 1, 3)

Song: 350 Jesus, Hold My Hand (vs. 1, 3)

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20

### Sermon

Song: 520 Only a Step

Song: 664 There Stands a Rock (vs. 1)

### Prayer

## Matthew 16:13-20

- <sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
- <sup>14</sup> So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- <sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
- <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- <sup>20</sup> Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Notes:

### Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*