

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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Are You Hungry?

- Ron Bartanen

Have you thought of hunger as a blessing? We are privileged in America to be blessed with food and consider hunger for any length of time to be unbearable. We usually think of hunger in terms of food, but there is another hunger that is even more needful—a spiritual hunger. Jesus said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for shall be filled” (Luke 6:21).

Following are some things the Bible teaches that we should hunger for—

Hunger for God, our Creator. Proverbs 42:1 reads, “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.” There is within all a need and hunger for our Creator which often goes unrecognized. We fill our lives with other things to try to satisfy that hunger and find ourselves empty.

Hunger for truth. We are admonished, “Buy the truth, and sell it not” (Proverbs 23:23). No commodity should be valued as highly as truth. Jesus taught that truth has the power to free man from the bondage of sin, saying to his disciples, ‘Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free’ (John 8:32). Truth is not found in human dogmas, but Jesus prayed in behalf of the disciples, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17). Do you feed upon Bible-truth?

Hunger for Heaven. None will live in this world forever. The apostle Paul spoke of believers who “by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and eternal life” (Romans 2:7). Earthly gain pales into insignificance to that of God’s heavenly promise to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

For what do you hunger the most? Heed Jesus’ promise: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

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2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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Why Are You a Christians?

- I. Were You Born into It?
 - A. Many simply go along with tradition and family- Mark 7:1-5, Luke 14:26
 - B. We will be accountable for our own choices and faith- Ezekiel 18:20, 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:15
- II. Were You Pressured into It?
 - A. Persuasion has a valid place in conversion- Acts 17:2, 18:4, Isaiah 1:18
 - B. True obedience requires sincerity- Luke 18:9-14, Colossians 3:22, Romans 6:17
- III. Were You Genuinely Converted?
 - A. Being convinced of the truth- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 1:1,14, Acts 2:23-32
 - B. Being convicted of sin- Romans 3:23, Matthew 26:28, Acts 4:12
 - C. Being changed in heart and action- Acts 17:30, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 10:22

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 542 Purer in Heart, O God

Prayer

Song: 622 Tell Me the Story of Jesus (REF. last)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 637 The Last Mile of the Way (1, 2, 4)

Song: 572 Send the Light (1, 2, 4)

Song: 523 Our God, He Is Alive (1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5

Sermon

Song: 655 There's a Fountain Free (1, 2, 4)

Song: 583 Sing to Me of Heaven (1, 3)

Prayer

2 Corinthians 13:5

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2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV)

- ⁵ Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? --- unless indeed you are disqualified.

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