

# 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



## The Correspondent

Vol. 52 No. 46

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

November 17, 2024

### Written All Over

- David Bragg

**T**ara Berry of Topeka, Kansas, LOVES the pop singer Madonna. There is no mistaking her devotion. It is literally written all over her. Announced in May of this year, the superfan was recognized by Guinness World Records for setting a new world record for “the most tattoos of the same musician on the body” ([www.guinnessworldrecords.com](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com)). Madonna is inked into her skin with various portrayals of the singer 18 times (beating out the previous record holder by three), the first in 2016 and expending almost \$10,000 over nine years.



She has stated, “I’ve wanted this so bad and did whatever it took to get it.”

In the early days of the church, as Christians endured targeted persecution and deadly threats, the Jewish Sanhedrin debated how to address the peril they posed their political status. Those arrogant leaders looked down on Peter and John, denigrating their lack of education. But they had no answer for their courage! To them, one thing was evident: “they had been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

This makes me wonder. When outside observers, especially nonbelievers, look at my life, is it evident that I love Jesus? Is it debatable that I have “been with Jesus”? Do I love the Lord to such an extent that it is “written all over me,” by what I say, by what I do, by where I go?

I LOVE Jesus! He has not called me to spend my time, money, or to endure pain in a tattooist’s chair to prove my love for Him. He simply asks obedience. He wants our lights to shine for Him.

I LOVE Jesus! He has not called me to spend my time, money, or to endure pain in a tattooist’s chair to prove my love for Him. He simply asks obedience. He wants our lights to shine for Him.

- David Bragg is the co-editor of BulletinGold.  
- Article obtained from [www.bulletingold.com](http://www.bulletingold.com).

### Connections



[facebook.com/CTCofC](https://facebook.com/CTCofC)



[anchor.fm/renn-ferguson4](https://anchor.fm/renn-ferguson4)



[youtube.com/@CTCofC](https://youtube.com/@CTCofC)

[collinsville-troycoc.org](http://collinsville-troycoc.org)

Thanksgiving  
Gift Boxes



November  
23, 2024

2024 Theme:  
The Gospel Is for All

The Correspondent is a weekly publication of the  
COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST. The church  
meets at 1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

## The Church and Marriage... Both Designed by God

- I. A Growing Church
  - A. Our ever-changing times
  - B. God's Perspective on Evangelism
- II. A Thriving Marriage
  - A. His Needs, Her Needs
  - B. The top 5 complaints wives have against husbands and husbands have against wives

### *Worship Service*

**Announcements**

Song: 929 Glorify Your Name

**Prayer**

Song: 859 He Paid a Debt

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

Song: 977 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Song: 937 I Stand in Awe

Song: 839 When All of God's Singers Get Home

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 5:25-30

**Sermon**

Song: 798 Yield Not to Temptation

Song: 826 I'll Be List'ning (Vs. 1)

**Prayer**

## The Church and Marriage

B	T	L	D	I	F	N	O	D	S	E	N	O	B
W	A	T	E	R	L	R	O	C	H	R	I	S	T
E	D	D	N	V	E	S	R	E	B	M	E	M	I
M	W	I	V	E	S	S	D	N	A	B	S	U	H
A	A	S	S	R	H	T	E	S	M	N	L	S	R
S	G	L	O	R	I	O	U	S	A	W	O	R	D
B	S	H	O	I	E	W	A	S	H	I	N	G	R
O	P	H	O	V	E	I	E	C	S	A	H	T	E
D	R	C	W	L	E	C	L	O	I	R	O	S	L
Y	E	R	S	H	Y	E	L	H	H	P	E	O	K
N	S	U	S	D	A	O	R	E	S	I	T	S	N
T	E	H	F	N	R	I	V	D	D	D	S	L	I
H	N	C	S	D	I	A	D	O	L	W	U	A	R
I	T	E	N	E	G	H	B	E	H	R	J	O	W

WATER  
WRINKLE  
WASHING  
PRESENT  
CHRIST  
BODY  
MEMBERS  
LOVE  
LORD  
JUST  
CHURCH  
HIS  
ALSO  
HOLY  
BODIES  
GAVE  
WIVES  
HUSBANDS  
WORD  
FLESH  
CLEANSE  
GLORIOUS  
SPOT  
BONES

### Ephesians 5:25-30 (NKJV)

- 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
- 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
- 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.
- 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
- 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.
- 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

**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*