

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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Christianity on Autopilot

- Renn Ferguson

The advancements of technology are amazing. There are some vehicles, like the Tesla, that have an autopilot setting. You do not have to accelerate, brake, or even change lanes manually. The computer does all of that for you. Still, the car has safety features to make sure you are supervising the car. However, some people seem to think that they can turn the autopilot on and do whatever they want. In fact, I have seen a video of a man asleep behind the wheel of a Tesla. That is incredibly irresponsible and dangerous. No one in their right mind would ever condone those action.



Why is it then, that so many who profess Christianity will put the “autopilot” on and go to sleep? This is the type of Christian who comes to worship on Sunday as a matter of culture or tradition. Then, Monday-Saturday, they have very little regard for God. They just cruise through life without giving it a second thought.

Peter warns, “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8, ESV). The autopilot Christian is the devil’s favorite type of Christian. They are the easiest to mislead because they aren’t paying attention. These types of Christians will listen to anyone who stands in a pulpit because they are too lazy to study the scriptures for themselves. It is because of this, many people have been led into sin (Romans 16:17-18, 2 Peter 2:1-2).

It is alarming how many people fail to realize the seriousness of following God. This is not just a part of American culture. This is not just family tradition. This is a matter of life and death, heaven and hell. Don’t put the autopilot on. Be sober, be vigilant, be steadfast.

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Holiday Baskets
December 14



2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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The Power of Thankfulness

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

In Our Relationship with God

- Thankfulness helps us remember the source of our blessings- James 1:17, Ephesians 1:3, Daniel 4:28-33, Matthew 6:33, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18
- Remembering this helps us trust in God- Deuteronomy 7:17-18, Ephesians 3:20, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Philippians 4:11-13, 6-7

In Our Relationship with Others

- Many people struggle with feelings of inadequacy- Exodus 4:10, Judges 6:15, 1 Kings 19:4, 1 Corinthians 12:15-16
- Expressing gratitude for others allow us to show that we value them – Luke 17:11-19, Thessalonians 1:2-3

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 157 For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Vs. 1-3, 5)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 118 Count Your Blessings

Song: 9 A Wonderful Savior

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Sermon

Song: 179 God Is Calling the Prodigal

Song: 191 God Will Take Care of You (Vs. 1)

Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

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EVERYTHING
GIVE
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THANKS
WILL
JESUS
WITHOUT
YOU
CHRIST

¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (NKJV)

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