

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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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Truancy (Chronic Absenteeism)

- Joe Slater

You aren't supposed to call it truancy anymore. It's "chronic absenteeism." Most schools don't have truant officers anymore. Now they're "Professional Student Advocates." The new title supposedly helps parents to be less defensive when approached about their children's non-attendance at classes. I feel better already!

I read that in Connecticut a student who misses 18 or more days out of 180 (ten percent or more) is considered chronically absent. Hmmm. What if we used that kind of standard for church attendance?



A typical year has 52 Sundays. How many of us miss fewer than five of them? I shouldn't have to re-state the obvious, but to prevent any hurt feelings let me make it clear: this has nothing to do with absences due to health or other legitimate reasons.

Absence by choice has been problematic for as long as I can remember and has only grown worse post-pandemic. In far too many cases absenteeism far exceeds ten percent, and that's if we count only the Sunday morning assembly. Add the Sunday evening service and Bible classes (as we should) and the picture is even more dismal.

"Professional student advocates" are focusing less on enforcement and more on determining why children are skipping school and then remedying the issues. I can only imagine the reasons they're hearing: Johnny doesn't like his teacher; Susie doesn't enjoy Biology; the cafeteria doesn't serve what my children like. Truth be told, they probably don't understand the importance of education. Maybe their parents don't either.

Why are some Christians chronically absent? I've heard a freight car load of excuses with abundant finger-pointing and blaming. But the bottom line remains the same: failure (or refusal) to see the importance of it. What about you?

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- Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com

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Night with Paul

Rebooted

January 11, 5:00 PM



Imitating Jesus' Love

Unconditional

- He loved when we hated- 1 John 4:9-10, Luke 23:34, Romans 8:31-39
- We cannot love conditionally- Job 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 13:5, Romans 12:19-20

Serving

- He served constantly- Matthew 20:28, 5:43-48, John 13:1-17, Luke 22:15, Philippians 2:14
- The greatest life is one of service- Matthew 20:20-28, Acts 20:35

Sacrificial

- The pinnacle of love- Philippians 2:3-11, Romans 5:6-11
- What are we willing to sacrifice? 1 John 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 8:3, 2 Timothy 2:10

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 37 Angry Words

Prayer

Song: 217 He Love Me

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 287 I Love the Lord

Song: 568 Savior, Teach Me

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:9-11

Sermon

Song: 389 Let Him Have His Way with Thee

Song: 647 The Love of God (Vs. 3-4)

Prayer

1 John 4:9-11

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ALSO

1 John 4:9-11 (NKJV)

- ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
- ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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