

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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The Most Influential Person

- Ron Bartanen

Through the course of history there have been many who have affected civilization both for the good and the bad. But, without question, the One who has had the greatest positive influence has been Jesus Christ. A few years ago a poll was taken by the cable TV network, A&E, of numerous politicians, scholars and theologians, asking them to name the 100 most influential people. As reported, Johann Gutenberg was deemed the most influential person of the past 1000 years. Society was changed forever by his invention of the moveable-type printing press in the fifteenth century. Others who have dramatically impacted history would have to credit Gutenberg for enabling them to do so.

It is interesting to note Gutenberg's primary motivation in producing this revolutionary invention. While others have used it for other purposes, his main objective was to be able to make the word of God and the gospel of Christ available to all. Note the following quotations from Gutenberg:

"God suffers in the multitude of souls whom His holy word cannot reach. Religious truth is imprisoned in a small number of manuscript books, which confine, instead of spreading, the public treasure. Let us break the seal which seals up holy things, and give wings to truth, in order that she may go and win every soul that comes into this world, by her word, no longer written at great expense by a hand easily translated but multiplied like the wind by an untiring machine."

"Yes, it is a press, certainly, but a press from which shall soon flow in inexhaustible streams, the most abundant and most marvelous liquor that has ever flowed to relieve the thirst of men! Through it, God will spread His word. A spring of pure truth shall flow from it; like a new star it shall scatter the darkness of ignorance, and cause a light heretofore unknown to shine amongst men."

The first book to come off his printing press was a three-volume Latin version of the Bible, completed in 1455. What a debt of gratitude we owe to the Lord for using this humble man in Mainz, Germany in this manner.

- Ronald Bartanen is a retired minister who for many years served the Lord's church in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee. - Article obtained from www.bulletingold.com.

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Apron Brigade

January 29, 9:00 AM



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

Imitating Jesus' Righteousness

Romans 6:16-19

In Word

- Jesus never sinned in His speech- 1 Peter 2:22, James 3:1-12
- We are held to a high standard- Ephesians 4:29, 5:4, Romans 1:29-30, Matthew 12:33-37, 1 Peter 3:10

In Action

- All that Jesus did was in obedience to God- John 5:19, 8:28-29
- Our conduct must be upright- 1 John 3:7, Romans 6:16-23, Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

In Heart

- Jesus' heart was pure in every way- Hebrews 4:15
- We must purify our hearts- Matthew 6:1-18, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Philippians 4:8, 1 Corinthians 4:5, Matthew 5:8

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 702 Trials Dark on Every Hand

Song: 24 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Prayer

Song: 736 What Is He Worth to Your Soul? (Vs. 1, 2 chorus after Vs. 2)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 920 God Will Make a Way

Song: 660 There Is a Habitation

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:16-19

Sermon

Song: 542 Purer in Heart, O God

Song: 829 Mansion Over the Hilltop (Vs. 3)

Prayer

Romans 6:16-19

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SOMEONE
DEATH
SLAVES
YOURSELVES
RESULTING
OBEDIENCE
HEART
FREED
RESULTING
GOD
COMMITTED
WEAKNESS
LAWLESSNESS
MEMBERS
FLESH
SANTIFICATION
KNOW
SIN
TEACHING
THANKS
FORM
HUMAN
TERMS

Romans 6:16-19 (NKJV)

- ¹⁶ Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
- ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
- ¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

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