

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

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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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Three Words for Growth in 2025

- Jason Wright

A church that is growing is alive. A church that is not, well you know the answer. Christ left us with everything we need to be a growing church. He left us His example and His message and His mission. He showed Zacchaeus by His example; He shared His message, and taught His mission.

In Luke 19, Jesus made it very clear that His place was with sinners. *Zacchaeus make hast and come down, for today I must stay at your house.* Who's house... a short, compassionate, rich, chief, tax collector; a sinner. The complaining people of Jericho took notice that Jesus was the guest of a sinner.

There are three words that remind me of church growth in 2025. They are compassion, imitation, and gospel. Without these three, the Lord's church cannot grow. In my next few articles, I will explain further about these three terms.

Compassion is sympathy, pity, or concern for the suffering or misfortunes of others. Jesus was the model for compassion. He didn't just see people; He actually SAW them. Consider Matthew 9:36-38. *But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

He saw (was aware, to perceive, to understand) them. *He was moved* (felt sympathy in His bowels). *They were weary and scattered.* They were in sin and needed a Savior.

This compassion as well as His love for all, was the basis for His mission; they went hand-in-hand. In order to seek and to save the lost, we must have compassion and love for our neighbor; we must see them as people who need a Savior.

This compassion is quite clear in the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. Three men saw another man in need. One man saw with pity and compassion. He saw so clearly that he did something about it. One man acted upon his concern for the well-being of another.

It can be easy to pass on by just as the priest and the Levite did. The lawyer knew just as we know that the one who showed mercy was a neighbor to the one who fell among the thieves. What was Jesus' advice, "*Go and do likewise.*"

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Apron Brigade

January 28, 9:00 AM



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

The Importance of Leaders

National

- Moses and Aaron- Exodus 32:1-35
- Hoshea and Hezekiah- 2 Kings 17:1-6, 18:1-19-37

Familial

- Noah and the world- Genesis 6:5-10, 18, 1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 2:5
- Abraham and Lot- Genesis 13:1-18, 18:17-21, 19:1-38

Personal

- The young and old prophet- 1 Kings 13
- Paul and Peter- Galatians 2:11-1

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 867 Humble Yourselves (2x)

Song: 419 Lord, We Come before Thee Now (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 301 I will Sing the Wondrous Story (Vs. 1, 3, 5)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 340 Into Our Hands (Vs. 1, 2, 3 chorus at end)

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2:6-11

Sermon

Song: 337 Is Thy Heart Right with God? (Vs. 1, 2, 3)

Song: 321 If Jesus Goes with Me (Vs. 4)

Prayer

Joshua 2:6-11

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EGYPT
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DRIED
PERSUED
GATE
GIVEN
GOD
ROOF
TERROR
TWO
MEN

Joshua 2:6-11 (NKJV)

⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them in the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof.

⁷ So the men pursued them on the road to the Jordan to the fords; and as soon as those who were pursuing them had gone out, they shut the gate.

⁸ Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

⁹ and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you.

¹⁰ "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

¹¹ "When we heard *it*, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

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