

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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Plant Don't Pick Jason Wright

One of the concepts we try to practice in seed sowing is Plant Don't Pick. As Paul commanded in I Corinthians 3, we are to plant and water the seed and leave the rest to God.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, He shared His message with some interesting characters who tried to trick and test Him. He always planted instead of picking. Maybe you remember that awkward feeling when you were a kid waiting for captains to pick you to be on their team. They would look at you, make a judgement and then move on to someone else.

Do we pick and don't plant? Does Evangelistic Prejudice exist in the church? Sometimes Christians can be heard saying, *he will never convert. She will never become a Christian. He is not a good candidate for the gospel; lives on the wrong side of the tracks. Not scary Gary or mean Gene...nope, no way, no how. The decision has been made. That's it; it's a wrap.* In other words, do we pick people who we think will obey and cast aside those who won't? If so, for some, the seed goes unplanted. Unfortunately, we make these decisions based on our own negative thoughts about someone who may or may not be searching for something better.

A lesson I have learned over the years is I do not know who will or who will not obey the Gospel. What I do know is they won't obey what they haven't heard. That is where you and me come into play. Who needs the seed and how do we sow it in their hearts? We should PLANT and not PICK.

James 2 reminds us not to hold the Gospel with partiality. We are not to show attention to the rich man and then direct the poor man to sit at our footstool. Notice, *if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, you shall love your neighbor as yourself, you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin.*

We should not care more about man's outward appearance than the inner man (I Sam. 16:7). Jesus said in Matthew 11:5, *the poor have the Gospel preached to them.* We also know *it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven* (Matthew 19:23). Either way, rich or poor, family or friend or coworker, we should not withhold the Gospel based on our own judgements about them.

Thankfully, Jesus sees us all as souls worth saving. He sees you and me as valuable. In fact, so treasured that He left heaven, lived the perfect example, and died a horrible death so we can have forgiveness of sins. We should be thankful Jesus was not a respecter of persons, but a Savior for all mankind. Jesus lived a life modelling how we should plant and not pick!

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

9:00 AM

October 10, 2026

Grocery Giveaway



October 25

Shults Lewis Child

& Family Services

Commodity Donation Drive



FELLOWSHIP IN MARRIAGE

NOTES:

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 421 Love Lifted Me

Prayer

Song: 716 Walking Alone at Eve

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 687 'Ts So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 611 Take the Name of Jesus with You (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 532 Praise Him! Praise Him!

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:20-24**Sermon**

Song: 667 There Is Power in the Blood (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 783 Will You Not Tell It Today? (Vs. 1)

Prayer**Genesis 2:20-24**

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 B A R N D E F E E D E N I O J
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 A I L S J S E E L C S U G A T
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ADAM
 CATTLE
 BIRD
 BEAST
 HELPER
 LORD
 GOD
 SLEEP
 RIBS
 MAN
 WOMAN
 BROUGHT
 BONE
 FLESH
 TAKEN
 LEAVE
 FATHER
 MOTHER
 JOINED
 WIFE
 ONE

Genesis 2:20-24 (NKJV)

- ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.
- ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.
- ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.
- ²³ And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."
- ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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