

## TIME OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Worship Service	6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.
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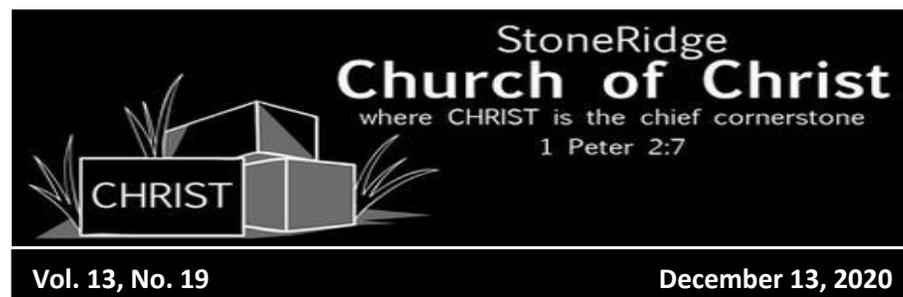
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## A VISITOR'S GUIDE

Visiting a new church can be intimidating. When you're our guest at the StoneRidge church of Christ, you will never be asked to stand up and introduce yourself, or do any other activity that makes you feel uncomfortable. We'd just love to have you!

We want you to feel comfortable when you visit us for worship services, so here is a brief summary of what you can expect from a typical service with us:

### WORSHIP

When you visit one of our Sunday services, you can expect to find a simple worship service that adheres to the teachings of the New Testament. When we assemble on every Lord's Day (Acts 20:7, Revelation 1:10), which is Sunday, we will worship God by . . .

Praying: We are led by different men in our congregation (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Singing: The whole congregation joins together in praising God in song without the use of musical instruments (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16). In case anyone is unfamiliar with one of the songs, the words are available in our songbooks and also on a screen in front of the auditorium. Many of our guests choose to join us in singing, while others prefer simply to listen as we worship.

Taking Communion: Every Sunday, our members remember Christ's death by eating unleavened bread and drinking fruit of the vine (Acts 20:7). We sit quietly for a few minutes and reflect on how wonderful it is that God loved us enough to give his own Son for us!



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**Preaching:** We will enjoy a Bible lesson that lasts about 30 minutes (Acts 2:42; Romans 10:14). On most Sundays, Dick Blackford or Travis Moody present these lessons, though occasionally a guest speaker will guide our thoughts. Each lesson will be taken from the Bible and explained as to what it means and to how it applies to us.

**Giving:** Each member of this congregation contributes weekly to the work of the church (1 Corinthians 16:2). We do not ask or expect our guests to give anything in the offering.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday night has been set aside for mid-week Bible classes and a brief devotional for the whole church and guests. You can expect the following schedule:

Bible classes are available for all ages. This time is used to study God's Word, and to encourage each other in our daily walk with God. This normally lasts about 40 minutes.

As a group, we then meet in the auditorium for the devotional, which consists of singing praises to God, a brief thought from Scripture and an invitation. Our meeting closes with a prayer together.

We think there is tremendous value in gathering for Bible study and praise in the middle of our week; it gives a "spiritual boost" to our souls, and we think it will to yours too as you participate with us.

In all of our classes, you can expect to open the Bible so we can all study and grow in our faith. During these times we also encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25) and help one another maintain that Christian light (Matthew 5:16) to shine for others during our work week.

**Word of God.** You can expect us to have a wholesome respect for the inspired word of God, the sole, complete and final authority. Because we accept the Word of God as the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, we reject all human creeds (Galatians 1:8-9; Revelation 22:18-19). 

### News/Notes/Quotes

**THE SICK.** We are happy to report that **Debbie Spencer** was able to return home from the hospital... Pray for **Nathine Huskey, Dean and Pat Markle, Angela Johns**... Remember **Alice Stevens** as she continues to deal with cancer... **Shut-ins:** **Beverly Allen** is confined at home... **Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Gail Brooks** has been unable to be out... **Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home... **Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home.

**BEREAVED.** We grieve with Pat and all the family of **Dean Markle** who passed away Friday night. It's also a great loss to the StoneRidge congregation. Catch the announcements today for up-to-date information.

→ **Becoming a Christian.** If you're interested in becoming a Christian, we would love to have an opportunity to share what the Bible says to you about your relationship to God. The Bible teaches that we are saved by God's grace, not earning it through our own efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9). We are saved by what Jesus did for us at the cross.

In order to accept God's offer of salvation, we believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (John 8:24). God convicts us of our sinfulness and leads us to commit our lives to him, which involves our repenting of and turning away from our past lives of sin (Luke 13:3). We confess our faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10) and accept the free gift of salvation as we are baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5).

As Christians, we try to live for Christ, though we falter periodically. We draw encouragement from our relationship to local Christians in the church, and we worship God regularly. We really are "family" (1 Timothy 3:15). As we study the Bible, we grow in our knowledge and understanding, and God shapes us into the person He created us to be.

If you have any questions about spiritual matters, or would like to have a personal Bible study at your convenience, please contact us. We would be thrilled to have an opportunity to get to know you better and to talk to you about God's plans for your life. Feel free to surf our web site for more information about this congregation!

