

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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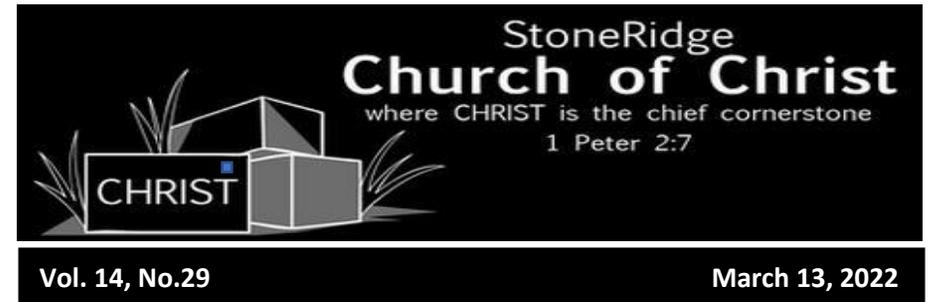
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THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.



If We Stop Walking We Become Unable To Walk

Up until a few months ago I walked several miles each week and my legs were strong. Then I was diagnosed with a life threatening illness and I stopped all walking. The time that I was not sitting at my computer I was reclining in my recliner. One day I discovered that I could stand no longer than a minute or so until my legs gave way and I had to sit down. This frightened me, and I was determined to begin walking again and to regain strength in my legs. My legs hurt something terrible, but I walked and made them hurt more. Now I can walk two miles at a rather rapid pace, and I can stand for hours. Praise the Lord! And it dawned on me that there is a spiritual lesson to be learned here.

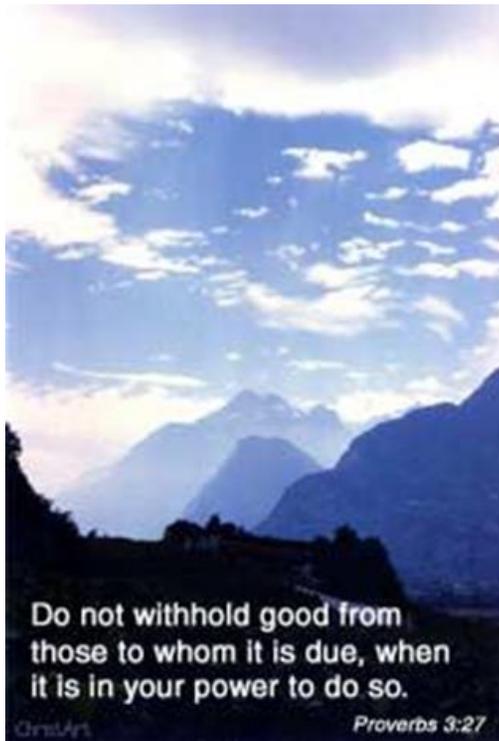
In a spiritual sense we are to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). We are to “walk by faith” (2 Cor. 5:7). We are to “walk carefully” (Eph. 5:15). We are to “walk properly” (1 Thess. 4:12). And we are to “walk in the light” (1 John 1:7). And if we cease to do these things we lose the spiritual strength to do them! If we stop walking “in newness of life” we lose the strength to “walk in newness of life!” If we stop walking “by faith” we lose the strength to “walk by faith.” If we stop walking “carefully” we lose the strength to “walk carefully.” If we stop walking “properly” we lose the strength to “walk properly.” And if we stop walking “in the light” we lose the strength to “walk in the light.”

Doing all of the above is essential for our present and eternal salvation. So if you find yourself spiritually where I was physically, then you are going to have to do something to get your spiritual strength back so that you can begin your spiritual walking again. I did not get my physical strength back without much pain and effort, and your spiritual strength won't return without much —→

effort and sacrifice on your part. But if you will do as Paul said in 1 Timothy 4:7 and “exercise yourself toward godliness” then you will regain your spiritual strength and rejoice in it. -*Cecil Jones*

“When we come to Christ, accepting His invitation, we come empty-handed, recognizing our own insufficiency and lack of power to procure our own salvation. But more than that, we come yielding to His decision as to our greatest need. Whatever other gifts our ‘wisdom’ might say are more needful, we are content to receive that for which He was crucified: the forgiveness of our sins.”

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling. -*Augustus Montague Toplady*
— *WordPoints, Gary Henry*



Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do so.

Proverbs 3:27

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. We are sorry to report that **Beth Cossey** fell and broke both of her legs. At this time of printing the bulletin she is at the hospital but the plan is to get her admitted to Encompass Rehab**Nathine Huskey** is back in the hospital at St. Bernard's. We should have more up-to-date info in today's announcements..... **Madonna Vines** continues to recuperate at home from heart procedures... **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer...Remember our shutins: **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice care)...**Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home.

GROUP MEETING. Group 1's meeting was postponed until March 18 at the home of Jody and Susan Pickens, 6:30 p.m.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

March 13-16 -Vanduser MO – Chuck Bartlett

APRIL 3-8 – StoneRidge! – Dennis Carrow



A wife is just the opposite of a fisherman; she brags about the ones that got away and complains about the one she caught.

He who related the faults of others to you, will relate yours to them.

I have seldom known anyone who deserted the truth in trifles who could be trusted in matters of importance.