

### Weekly Services

Sunday	Bible Class	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
Wednesday	Mid-Week Study	6:30pm

### Happening Soon

Guest Speaker	Peter Archibald (Albany Congregation) October 28, 2018
Troy C of C Movie Night - <i>I Can Only Imagine</i>	November 2, 2018 6:30pm @ the building, all are welcome, bring a friend
Study @ Tia's	Wednesday, October 10 6:30pm

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Troy Church of Christ is to exhibit growth and development in the faith, love, and devotion of our members to Christ our Lord thru the recognition and utilization of the talents and skills of each member and through the teaching of the Word of God. The Church will eagerly embrace the opportunity to share the love of Christ through acts of service to those in need in the surrounding community via partnerships with community organizations and relationships of the congregation's members, all for the purpose of winning souls to Christ himself.

"27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world"

James 1:27

"19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20



# Welcome

October 7, 2018

## Today's Service:

Sermon: Dan Farrington  
Songs: Bob Shaver  
Communion: Noah Ashton

## Inspiration:

"Always, everywhere God is present, and always He seeks to discover Himself to each one"

~ A.W. Tozer

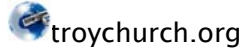
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How can we pray for you?

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*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## Let's Invest In People!

After being warned by the prophet Daniel about his sinful pride (Proverbs 6:16-17; Psalm 101:5; Proverbs 16:18), the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar was struck with insanity. The Lord restored his mind, but only after he spent a long period of time in a field thinking he was a wild animal (Daniel 4:28-37).

Nebuchadnezzar went from boasting, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for .... the glory of my majesty?" (Daniel 4:30 ESV), to a humble prayer: "I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven" (Daniel 4:37). He had repented of prideful empire building.

There should be concern about empire building in the church today. Instead of focusing on large church buildings, one Christian evangelist encourages Christians to "build into the lives of people" and leave the results to God (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

When a congregation devotes undue energy to statistics, buildings, and programs, pride can enter in and the spiritual needs of God's people can be forgotten (Hosea 4:6).

Jesus never forgot the value of people. He invested His time in 12 appointed men (Mark 3:14 ESV). Paul taught Timothy who in turn taught others (2 Timothy 1:13 2 Timothy 2:2).

Brethren, God's kingdom grows **when we invest in people!** (Acts 2:37-47; Acts 4:1-4; Acts 6:7; Acts 12:24; Acts 19:20; Colossians 1:5-6).

Sermon Notes:

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