

# Troy Church of Christ

## Sunday Worship

### **Bible classes:**

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### **Worship Service:**

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## **Wednesday Bible Study**

6:30 p.m. - at the  
building.

## **Meeting Place**

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## **In essential beliefs — we have unity.**

“There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called--one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV)

## **In non-essential beliefs — we have liberty.**

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.”

Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22 (NIV)

## **In all our beliefs — we show charity.**

“If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”

1st Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)



# Family News

Troy church of Christ  
December 4th, 2016

## **The Hard Choices?**

When people have suspicious physical symptoms, they often ignore them and let the problem grow instead of treating it. They fear the uncertainties of the treatment. They dread the sorrow for their family. In the same way, people also ignore spiritual needs. We know we should find some way to fulfill those needs, but we fear the process. We fear humility and submission because they are traits that have picked up negative connotations. We are not certain that those around us would approve of overt spirituality; they may accuse us of being fanatic. So, rather than address our spiritual needs, we focus on earthly pastimes and goals. What we forget is: dealing with a problem always makes a situation better in the end!

- Young people who give in to peer pressure end up regretting it,  
- but those who persevere in purity are rewarded with joy
- Confession may bring painful memories and guilt to mind at first,  
- but it results in cleansing and freedom from the previous stress of that guilt
- Approaching an estranged family member is often awkward,  
- but renewing a previously wonderful relationship that had gone sour brings a happiness now blessed with greater understanding
- Acknowledging one’s weakness may seem demeaning,  
- but actually, it’s the way to find the Spirit’s power in our lives.

When we look at spirituality through worldly eyes, we will always see reasons to avoid it. Because we realize that godly living is work, we tend to look for shortcuts. We must realize that greater rewards come from the efforts and trials; then we will be ready to follow the Lord’s guidance.

This is true for churches as well as individual Christians. Earthly goals, such as attendance numbers or conforming to other congregations’ expectations, can easily take the place of striving for a spiritual atmosphere. We allow this to happen because spirituality requires more effort and thoughtfulness than these worldly goals. We would rather that our congregational choices revolve around programs that can run on “automatic pilot” instead of involving ourselves in the pain of broken lives and the sacrificial love required helping them. (Remember what Jesus said about the Pharisees: they worried so much about physically measurable things that they would even measure out the ounces of herbs coming from their gardens for tithing. But they left undone “the weightier matters...judgment, mercy and faith” ([Matthew 23:23](#).) These are natural, “everybody has them” desires. However, the Christian has been touched by the love from above that doesn’t allow him to be happy with natural, fleshly decisions.

We all feel the need to honor Christ in our lives by making the harder choices. Rather than suppress those urges, let’s support one another in the process of making those commitments. In so doing, we will build a congregation, a temple for God’s Spirit ([1Corinthians 3:16-17](#)), that will truly live above worldly ways.



## *Prayers & Thanksgiving*

► **Mary Jean** (Diane's friend) – Prayers for difficulties with raising her grandson.

► **Tia** – Prayers for encouragement.

► **Sandy** (Erin's friend) – Needing prayers.

**Diane Quillinan** – Recovering well from her hip surgery.

**Sal** (Duane's uncle) – Passed away. Prayers for the family and for Duane's safe travels to the funeral in NJ.

**Gail** (Diane's sister) – Passed away in September.

**Diane** (her sister's friend) – Passed away.

**Ann Terry** – Prayers for her health.

**Ann Scheiding** – Ann has not been feeling well lately. She remains at the Van Rensselaer Manor, in room 110.

**Kykliak family** – Praying for the family to reunite with their daughters.

**Shavers** (Eleanor) – Prayers for her health, as she is not doing well and for their travels and her move to NC.

**Tia's father** – Is back at the Teresian House and doing better.

**John Hayes** (Grandfather) – Recently had stint.

**Markovitch family** – We continue our prayers for them as they adjust to their new life in Brazil with school and work.

**Mary Jean Chandler** – Prayers for her family.

**Nina** (Ellie's mother-in-law) – In poor health and suffering from diabetes.

**LuVilla** (Dennis's mother) – Has had congestive heart failure and having back pain. She is 93 yrs. old, residing at a nursing home in WI.

**Cleta Jackson** (Mother of Lia's friend) – Had a stroke.

**Mark Driscoll** (Baldwin's neighbor) – His cancer has returned.

**Shawn Simmons** – Suffering from blood clots.

**Erin** (family friend) – Fell and hurt head and broke knee.

**Kim & Eric** (Dennis's daughter & son-in-law) – Moved to CA where he will be working with the church there.

**Scott** (friend of Duane's in NJ) – Doing well after cancer surgery.

**Sandy Dunham** (Erin's Friend) Is in ICU.

**Kim Rattigan** – Cancer

**Oswego Church of Christ** – In need of minister.

**Latremore family** (Dawn's co-worker) – Tumor on lung.



# **WELCOME**

## *To Our VISITORS*

*We are so happy to have you with us and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon!*

### ***December Birthdays***

1st – Christine Beberwyk

2nd – Laura Lougee

### ***December 3<sup>d</sup> – Planning Session***

We will meet at the church building, from 1:00-4:00pm, to discuss the plans for the year. Pizza will be provided.

### ***December 8<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Bible Class***

The ladies will meet at Gail's house, 6:30pm on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Dawn will lead the devotional.

### ***December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Caroling***

We will meet at the church building at 6:00pm, to go Christmas caroling. After caroling, we will meet back at the building for snacks.

### **Serving in the Worship Assembly**

Sermon – Jim Baldwin

Song Leading – Adam Lougee

Opening Prayer – Jim Baldwin

Announcements – Jim Baldwin

Scripture Reading – Wayne Perreault

Communion – Bob Shaver

Offering – Mike Quillinan

Closing Prayer – Dan Farrington

Adult Class – Jim Baldwin

Children Bible Time – Duane Cefalu