

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

**Mid-Week Study**

Wednesdays

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

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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 thru the teaching of the Word of God. The Church will eagerly embrace the opportunity to share the love of Christ thru 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*

**Serving in the Worship Assembly**

Sermon – Dan Farrington  
Song Leading – Dennis Hofshield  
Opening Prayer – Dennis Hofshield  
Announcements – Dennis Hofshield  
Scripture Reading – Wayne Perrault  
Communion – Duane Cefalu  
Offering – Dan Farrington  
Closing Prayer – Noah Ashton  
Adult Class – Jim Baldwin  
Mid-Week Bible Study – Bob Shaver



*Family News*

Troy Church of Christ  
April 1, 2018

**Be Patient**

There is a tree called the Chinese Bamboo Tree which does not demonstrate any appreciable growth for its first four years. Then, in the fifth year, it will shoot up some 50 to 90 feet into the air. This amazing illustration from the natural world shows the value of patience. Sometimes progress seems unbearably slow. We might be close to giving up. But, then, just as our hope is fading, our eyes are opened afresh to the wonderful power of God to keep His promises!

There were those about whom Peter wrote in his second epistle who were mocking God's word, saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 Pet. 3:3). They contended that all things continued as they had from the beginning—that God had never interjected Himself into the affairs of man. Peter reminded them of the cataclysmic events which occurred in the days of Noah when God destroyed the world of the ungodly by means of a world-wide flood. It is in that context that Peter describes the patience of God, saying, "But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:8–9). The patience of God is intended to lead us to repentance. Just because the present universe remains even after all these centuries is no indication of a lack of resolve on His part. God will keep His promise. The "day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10). Because He will come suddenly and without warning, we should "regard the patience of the Lord as salvation" (vs. 15).

God said, "My word which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it" (Is. 55:11). God never lies (Hb. 6:18). We can rest assured in the promise of Christ's return. James used the illustration of a farmer waiting for the produce of the soil as an example of our need to be patient, saying, "strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near" (Jas. 5:8). We should not expect that an infinite, eternal God should be constrained to operate on our time-table. While we eagerly await His return (Hb. 9:28), we join in the sentiments of the apostle John who prayed, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

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**Christian Fellowship,**  
**Upcoming Events and Needs**

Farewell & Best Wishes Potluck – Sunday April 22, 2018  
 immediately following services  
 @ TBD

Ladies Day – Saturday, May 5, 2018  
 @ the Bennington Congregation  
 Details to Follow

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
 the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
 2 Corinthians 13:14*



**Prayers & Thanksgiving**

Mike Quillinan – Still suffering from headaches but may  
 have found meds that will finally help.

Please pray for the changes that we are facing in the  
 Troy Church. Our faith and God’s love will make us  
 strong.

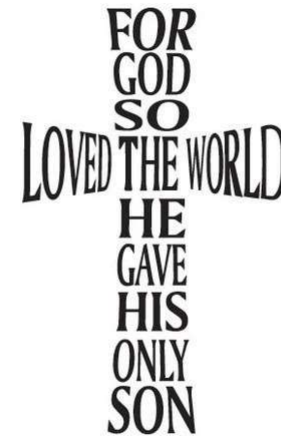
See our full list of prayer requests listed on the website.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
 Colossians 4:2*

***Welcome Visitors***

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

*“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who  
 welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.  
 Matthew 10:40*



***Weekly Bible Quiz***

Last week’s question:

In the New Jerusalem described in Revelation,  
 what are the twelve gates made from?

Answer:

Pearl