

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 – Bob Shaver

Song Leading – Dennis Hofschild

Opening Prayer – Duane Cefalu

Announcements – Duane Cefalu

Scripture Reading – Wayne Perrault

Communion – Dan Farrington

Offering – Noah Ashton

Closing Prayer – Bob Shaver

Adult Class – Dan Farrington

Mid-Week Bible Study – Duane Cefalu



*Family News*

Troy Church of Christ

April 29, 2018

Is Faith a Gift of God?

God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. In the gifts He bestows, there is amazing consistency and generosity (Jas. 1:17). In the physical realm, He is the One who "causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Mt. 5:45).

The consistent and generous nature of God's spiritual gifts is even more profound in that "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence" (2 Pet. 1:3). Indeed, He has "blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ..." (Eph. 1:3).

But, amazing as are the gifts of God; they are often conditional in nature. The "free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rm. 6:23). Salvation is free—without cost. It cannot be earned nor can it be achieved through personal goodness or merit. It is undeserved and is given to us as an act of divine favor. Paul explains it this way: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). Salvation is the gift of God. Faith is the condition upon which the gift of salvation is received. Faith is the gift of God only in the sense that He has given us the capacity to receive His message into our hearts. Faith, itself, comes through the word of Christ (Rm. 10:17).

Faith is the gift of God in the same way that repentance is the gift of God. Following the baptisms of the first Gentile converts at the house of Cornelius, the Jews at Jerusalem discussed the matter and concluded: "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). What did God give the Gentiles? He gave them the ability and opportunity to repent of their sins. This was brought about because the preaching of God's word produced godly sorrow in their hearts (2 Cor. 7:10).

The idea that God mysteriously gives faith independent of our reception of His word places Him in a precarious position. For if God imparts faith to one person by some means other than through the word of Christ, then He is obligated to do the same for everyone. Otherwise, He becomes guilty of showing favoritism (Acts 10:34-35). If God gives faith to all without exposure to the message of truth, then universalism prevails in that faith is the condition upon which grace is received and salvation subsequently enjoyed (Eph. 2:8). As a result, the message of Christ becomes meaningless; His sacrifice unnecessary; and human beings heartless robots without choice but to call upon the name of the Lord.



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

Ladies Day – Saturday, May 5, 2018  
@ the Bennington Congregation  
Details to Follow  
Potluck – Sunday May 6, 2018 after services

*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**

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 our website.

[Prayer List](#)

*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: "What was the source of Samson's strength?" [Judges 13:5](#)

This Week's Question: "How Old is God?"