

# THE WAY THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

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...the churches of Christ salute you (Romans 16:16)

## The church of Christ

In Ramona

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am  
Morning Services 10:30am  
Evening Services 6:00pm

#### Third Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am  
Morning Services 10:30am  
Evening Services 1:00pm

#### Wednesday Worship

Bible Class 7:00pm

## Motivation Inspection

Jacob Evans

If you are a Christian, probe the deep recesses of your heart and determine what's motivating you to follow Jesus. What's driving you? Is it fear? Fear has undoubtedly turned many people from their sinful ways. The thought of "the wrath to come" (1 Thess. 1:10) has a way of humbling the proudest of people (cf. Rom. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:10-11). Nevertheless, while we should maintain a healthy reverence for God throughout our lives (1 Pet. 1:17), I don't believe that fear should remain our primary motivation. I contend there is something that is more powerful than fear.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples more than one time. On the third occasion, we find Jesus having breakfast with them (John 21:12-14). After they had stuffed themselves, Jesus took the opportunity to ask Peter a series of important questions. Interestingly enough, the questions were essentially all the same: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (John 21:15-17). Following each question, Peter responded in the affirmative: "You know that I love you." Jesus followed his responses with a variation of commands, all of which expressed the same thing: "Tend my sheep." Among other things, this passage highlights what should drive us as Christians. Besides facilitating reconciliation with Peter, Jesus was seeking to inspect Peter's inmost purpose in following Him. In Jesus' mind, only a complete love for Him would be sufficient to carry Peter and his fellow disciples through the careers that awaited them in the near future.

As it was with Peter, so it is with us. Love is the highest motivation, and it is the only one that holds the power and the lasting influence to carry us through to the end. Indeed, the sentiment expressed in John 21:15-17 is basically an echo of the two great commandments. We are to love God with everything inside of us, and we are to love everyone around us (Matt. 22:37-39). Paul put it this way: "For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Although a love for God is commanded, we find in these verses that Jesus has provided us a potent reason to love Him, a reason that will continue to stand the test of time.

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## Those Whom We Have The Privilege To Pray For

1. Scott Pease, Nancy (Howarth), Griffin Turley, Carla Cavin, Riley Croffut, Pat Vinson, Blacks, Claude Eberle, Kenny Terry, Trent Barnett, Margie French, & Vernon Lakey. Also, Dale Bennett, Ruby Bradd, Danny Lee, Jennie Wright & Dallas Beam have cancer.
2. Please keep Elizabeth's (Gleason) daughter in your prayers.
3. Brother Bell's brother, Richard Bell, had back surgery.
4. Kayne McNeely (Bell's nephew) is 17 and had major surgery.
5. Brother Black is recovering from pneumonia.
6. Vivian Beavers leg is hurting & she was at the emergency room last night.
7. Elaine Blackburn (Betty's cousin) has passed.
8. Ruby Bradd's recent cancer report shows no cancer, update at the back.



### Announcements

1. Next week's sermons are "Blessed Are Those Whose Strength Is In God (Psalm 84:5); El Shaddai (Genesis 17:1)
2. Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & we encourage everyone to join us after morning services for lunch. We then will meet at 1pm for our afternoon service.

### God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear/Study *Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:15*
  - Faith in Jesus *He 11:6; Jn 3:16; 14:15*
  - Repent *Ac 17:30; 2 Pt 3:9*
  - Confess *Mt 10:32; Ro 10:9-10*
  - Obey The Gospel *2 Th 1:8; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5*
  - Live a Faithful Life *1 Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8-14*
- If you have any questions or would like to study this or any other biblical matter, please let us know.

### Upcoming Events

- Game Night will be January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. The menu is soup.
- Super Bowl party at Landon's house February 2<sup>nd</sup> after evening services. Menu is finger foods.
- Bible Way Media is a great way to be edified with sound teaching throughout your day. You can listen at [www.biblewaymedia.org](http://www.biblewaymedia.org) or the new app.

### Bible Trivia

1. Who ate a little book and got indigestion?
2. Who walked around naked & without shoes for three years?
3. Who was killed by having a nail driven through his head?
4. What one physical thing do Samson, David, & Benaiah have in common?