

March 15, 2020

## The Lord's Supper

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff,  
Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*

*We offer Bible classes for all ages*

*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

In **Matthew 26**, Jesus and His disciples observed the Passover meal. Jesus used this time to institute the Lord's Supper.

He took two elements of the Passover meal - unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine - and assigned meaning to them that have significance to God's children under the new covenant.

Jesus first took the unleavened "**bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body'**" (verse 26).

Jesus next "**took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to [His disciples], saying, 'Drink ye all of it'**" (verse 27).

While the bread represents Christ's body, the cup ("**fruit of the vine**" - **verse 29**) represents Christ's blood, which was shed for us (**verse 28**).

"**The Lord's Supper**" (**1 Cor. 11:20**) is also sometimes called the "**breaking of bread**" (**Acts 2:42**) or "**communion**" (**1 Cor. 10:16**). Soon after the church was established, Christians steadfastly observed this memorial (**Acts 2:42**).

The disciples at Troas "**came together to break bread**" (**Acts 20:7**), a phrase which, in this context, refers to the Lord's Supper. Notice *who* partook of the Lord's Supper - "**the disciples**" at Troas. The Lord's Supper is a memorial for *all Christians* to observe.

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Christians are to observe this in remembrance of what Christ has done for us (**1 Cor. 11:24-25**).

The Lord's Supper is a reminder of the new covenant, which was sealed with Jesus' blood (**1 Cor. 11:25**).

The Lord's Supper is also a proclamation to the world of Christ's death. Notice **1 Corinthians 11:26**: ***For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.***

The Lord's Supper is a time of fellowship with Christ and with fellow brethren (cf. **1 Cor. 10:16-17**). Jesus promised to (spiritually) be with His disciples when we partake (**Matt. 26:29**).

Christians should observe this memorial as God instructs. For instance, the New Testament pattern shows the day the Lord's Supper is to be observed. Notice the phrase "***upon the first day of the week***" in **Acts 20:7**. This specifies *when* early Christians partook of the Lord's Supper.

The church at Corinth provided an example of *not* following God's pattern for this memorial (**1 Cor. 11:17**). Two key problems brought out in their observance of the Lord's Supper are (1) a divisive spirit (**verse 21**), and (2) turning the memorial into a common meal (**verse 22**). They were exhorted to have a spirit of unity (cf. **verse 33**), and they were told that the time

they assembled to carry out the work of the church was not the time to be eating a common meal (**verse 34**).

The Corinthians were told to *examine* how they partook of the Lord's Supper (**verse 28**). Christians today should do the same. If one does not partake correctly, he or she may be guilty of partaking "***unworthily***" (**verses 27, 29**).

Partaking unworthily leads one to "***be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord***" (**verse 27**), showing disrespect toward the One whose body and blood the emblems represent. Partaking unworthily also leads one to bring condemnation on him or herself (**verse 29**), causing spiritual weakness, spiritual sickness, and spiritual death (**verse 30**).

Partaking unworthily does *not* refer to one partaking who is not deserving of Christ's sacrifice. If this were the case, no one could partake worthily.

Rather, partaking unworthily refers to the *manner* in which we partake. We must not pervert Christ's design.

*If* we follow God's pattern for why, how, and when we partake, the Lord's Supper will be a great blessing to Christians.

May we take the Lord's Supper seriously, follow God's pattern, and never forget what this memorial is all about.

## Area Gospel Meetings

Mattoon Southside Church of Christ:  
March 9-15 (with Michael Hickox)  
*M-Sat: 7:00; Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00*

Walnut Chapel Church of Christ:  
March 15-20 (with J F Dancer)  
*Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00; M-F: 7:00*

Hazel Dell Church of Christ:  
March 22-27 (with Chuck Richardson)  
*Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00; M-F: 7:00*

Casey Westside church of Christ:  
March 29 - April 1 (with Eric McKee)  
*Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00; M-W: 7:00*

\*Our Gospel meeting will be **April 19-24**  
with J F Dancer\*

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## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Betty P  
Mabel H  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Allen S (Cancer)  
Raymond & Maxine  
Randy & Kim S  
Ken & Chris F  
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)  
Jeanette's Mother, Fontella  
Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)  
Larry S  
Mary S (Broken Hip)

## Daily Bible Reading

March 15 – Deut. 16-18; Mark 13:1-20  
March 16 – Deut. 19-21; Mark 13:21-37  
March 17 – Deut. 22-24; Mark 14:1-26  
March 18 – Deut. 25-27; Mark 14:27-53  
March 19 – Deut. 28-29; Mark 14:54-72  
March 20 – Deut. 30-31; Mark 15:1-25  
March 21 – Deut. 32-34; Mark 15:26-47

***"I will delight myself in your statutes. I will not forget your Word."* – Psalm 119:16**

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Bible Study: Jeff  
Worship: Mark  
Evening: Roger

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Mike

### **Clean Building**

Misty

### **Prepare Communion**

Misty

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**March 28: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.**

*Study: Women of the NT (Lessons 4-5)*

**April 19-24: Gospel Meeting with J F Dancer**

### **Assignments**

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Reading: Jim  
Announcements: Steve  
Table: Roger  
Serve: Dan D  
Travis  
Darrell  
Dan H

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Invitation: Travis

### **Anniversaries**

March 22 – Raymond & Maxine

March 28 – John & Cynde

### **Birthdays**

March 15 – Anna

March 23 – Patty