

TRUMPET

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Seek the lost, equip the saints, send the sowers

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MONDAY MORNING MUSINGS (880)

Walk in His steps.

From Yesterday's message: What Holds us Together. Series: In Him, All Things Hold Together. Colossians 1.17, you can watch the worship and message on YouTube, and there is a link on Facebook.

The Point: A church is established in the name of Jesus to be a living example of his grace and peace.

The Question: What holds any congregation together?

What is Colossae, and who were the Colossians? Col 1.1-2: Colossae was once a thriving city and a layover spot on the trade route from Ephesus to the Euphrates River until Rome moved the highway 10 miles and built Laodicea. When Paul wrote to them, it was a small town of little importance. However, there is a body of believers there, and Paul writes to encourage them to grow and fellowship with the church in nearby Laodicea. You will find familiar names in his letter to Philemon. The church is only three to five years old in AD 60. The site of the former city is known but buildingless and deserted.

What is an authentic Christian church? Col 1.4-5: An authentic Christian Church has three characteristics; all three are attributed to the Colossian church in the first chapter. The first is faith in God, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The title God applies to all three and is used ten times. Father is used three times. Son, Christ, or Jesus ascribed to God's Son ten times and Spirit for the Holy spirit once. Paul documents their faith in verses 2 and 4. I get a sense of applause.

Second, an authentic church loves its fellow believers in all congregations, and this love is noticed by the world. God calls us to love our neighbors; Jesus calls us to love each other and to love our enemies. Lev 19.18 Matt 5.43-45, John 13.34-35. Don't think the world doesn't notice our behaviors—the camera is on and recording 24/7. Lastly, a church of Jesus Christ has a confident hope in an eternal home with God. Rom 8.23-25

What does an authentic Christian Church do? Col 1.10-12: Their first thought is to please God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in every way. We find what pleases God in the Scripture. We bear fruit through our good works. Through his word and conversations with seasoned saints, growth in knowledge of God provides strength for every trial, patience, and endurance in all circumstances. An authentic congregation knows how to celebrate victory in Jesus with all this in mind. Why?

Because the Father has transported us from the domain of darkness, a domain is a seat of authority. Satan has authority over that dark place. A domain is not a kingdom! Christians are members of the kingdom of God's Son. In him, all things hold together: churches, ministries, families, saints, and fellowship. The key is this—in Him. *And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. Col 1.17-18*

Preacher Bill

1 Peter 2.21

Church Servants

January 16, 2022

Serving the Table:

Meditation and Prayers: B Lott

Serving South Charleston: T Geake

Flowers for January:

Communion Preparation:

Worship Team: R Bennington/P Corbet/ W Lott/P Tidd

Musicians: L Burkholder/C Graf/J Dwyer/D Hays/
B Long/P Long/D Ritenour

Attendance

01/09/22

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Worship

25

Offering

\$836.00

Don't forget to pick up your Christmas cards



Up & Coming Activities In Our Family...

January 10 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7 pm
January 13 Zoom Bible Study, 7 pm
January 16 Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Adult Bible Study, 10 am
Morning Worship, 11 am

January 17 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

January 20 Zoom Bible Study, 7 pm

Serving the Table for January:

16 – B Lott

23 – J Kattine

30 – J Goodbar

Zoom Prayer Meeting is held every Monday at 7 pm. If you don't have a code and wish to participate, email the church for a code/invitation.

Zoom Bible Study has resumed. We will be studying Jack Cottrell's book, "Living the Sanctified Life, Studies in Ethics. Please read pages 13-26. If you are interested, please let Bill know,

The Kairos from January 8th is now available on YouTube. The next Kairos will be January 22nd.

Julie Broderick has been moved out of Brookdale. Please send card and letters to: Julie Broderick c/o 21 Elm St., Jamestown, OH 45335

January Birthdays:

01 – D Ritenour

06 – D Sprinkle

15 – D Shaneyfelt

16 – K Basinger

20 – M Grim

23 – J Fox

30 – John Evans

January Anniversaries:

01 – J & J Michael

02 – D & P Evans

06 – T & R A Geake