

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the Gospel (Rm 10:17) - Jesus, the Son of God was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to bear our sins, was resurrected and is now Lord over all, and through His death and life man can be eternally saved through obedience of faith in Him.

Believe the Gospel (Jn 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Mk 16:16)
Trust in God's promise to save you through Jesus.

Repent (Acts 2:38,3:19,17:30;Titus 2:11-12)
Turn from a life of sin to living a life for God's glory.

Confess Jesus as Lord (Rm10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
An outward expression of your faith & submission.

Be Baptized [immersion] (1 Peter 3:21) - In baptism you are buried with Christ, and raised up with Him (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12). Your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). At this moment you're **added to the church** (Acts 2:41), which is the BODY OF CHRIST (Ephesians 1:22-23) - the SAVED (Acts 2:47).

Remain Faithful (Rev. 2:10; Hebrews 10:23)
Continue to be faithful at any cost and the promise of heaven is sure.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

	04-28-24 (AM)	05-05-24(AM)
Greeter	Jacob Sorensen	Roger Reuter
Song Leader	Phil Legate	Andy Kennedy
Prayer	Troy Wallis	Kim Sleege
Table	Andy Kennedy	Troy Wallis
	Dan Knaack	Jason Thompson
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Scripture Reading	Steve Haugsted	Tanner Wallis
Speaker	Matthew Brotherton	Matthew Brotherton
Closing Prayer	Jason Thompson	Art Wallis
Lord's Supper Prep	Abby Riggs	Joyce Haugsted
	04-28-24(PM)	05-05-24 (PM)
Speaker	Jacob Sorensen	TBD
Wed. Song Leader	(05/01) Jason T.	(05/08) Troy W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Potluck after services today with Men's business meeting to follow.

Ladies Bible Class tomorrow April 29 that 9:30 am and 7:00 pm

Donna Thompson is collecting prescription bottles, clean and with all labels removed.

VBS will be June 2-5th. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board if you are willing to help out.

Service Projects will also be going on during that time. June 1, 3, 4 and 5. See Troy if interested in helping with any of these projects.

Birthdays & Anniversaries April/May

04/28 Jessica Thompson
04/29 Abby Riggs
05/03 Kayla Wallis
05/08 Phil Legate
05/09 Coleen Long
05/10 Esse Wallis



05/16 Noah & Abby Riggs
05/26 Art & Nancy Wallis
05/27 Steve & Joyce Haugsted



APRIL 28, 2024



Center Point Road Church of Christ

WE ARE A FAMILY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD, LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST, MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS. ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN HIS WORD SO WE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY

9:30A.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALL AGES)

10:30A.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

6:00P.M. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
(AVAILABLE LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE BELOW OR ON YOU TUBE)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASS

(AVAILABLE LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE BELOW OR ON YOU TUBE)

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND
HOPE YOU WILL STAY AFTER
SERVICES SO WE CAN MEET YOU!!!

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Stephen and Cancel Culture

Mark Lindley

Stephen was a man of tremendous courage who preached God's Word with great boldness. On the occasion of Acts chapter 7, Stephen preached that he saw the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). In the audience that day were unbelieving Jews who rejected Christ. When they heard Stephen preach Christ, they were enraged and "stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him" (Acts 7:57-58). Notice from this text that the Jews "stopped their ears." They refused to listen to what Stephen preached. Rather than listening, they stoned to death an innocent, godly man.

We live in a time when some refuse to hear any opposing view. Rather than granting others freedom to express opposing views, the culture "cancels" them. "Canceling" often involves some type of punishment against those—mostly conservative—who attempt to express controversial views. One may lose business, be fired, or publicly shamed if one dares to share an opposing viewpoint. Much like the unbelieving Jews "stopped their ears," some "stop their ears today" and cancel all opposing views.

However, the unbelieving Jews who stoned God's faithful preacher, Stephen, did not change the truth about Jesus. They refused to listen, even stopping their ears, but their rejection of Stephen's message did not change the truthfulness of the message.

Likewise, refusing to listen to opposing views today will not change the truth. Refusing to listen to the pro-life position that abortion is taking innocent, human life, does not change the truth about abortion. Silencing the voices of those who oppose homosexuality, does not change the truth that homosexuality is a perversion of God's plan for human sexuality (Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). "Canceling" those who affirm that there are only two genders, male and female, does not change the truth that being transgender is a distortion of God's original plan (Genesis 1:26-27).

Christians must always speak with love and compassion for others (Ephesians 4:15). However, if ever there was a time when bold, brave, Christian voices were needed, that time is now! "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29).

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser - Gerry's health
- ◆ Marnetta Tillman - friend of the Haugsted's - health issues.
- ◆ Sharla Ashcraft - sister of Kayla Wallis - MS
- ◆ Patty Forkenbrock - sister of Angie Reuter - will be continuing with chemotherapy for a little while longer before undergoing stem cell transplant.
- ◆ Dakodah Long - grandson of Coleen Long - deployment to Middle East.
- ◆ Walker Kramme - grandson of Gerry and Kathy Moser - deployed to Kosovo for a year.
- ◆ Doug Phillips - prayers for general health
- ◆ Janene Oliphant - prayers for health
- ◆ Judy Parker - heart issues
- ◆ Curt Salow family (Jessica Thompson's uncle) on his recent passing.
- ◆ Dan Knaack - Carotid Artery surgery scheduled for May 10th

Sharpen Your Sword in 2024

Sunday, April 28th: 1 Chronicles 19-21

Monday, April 29th: 1 Chronicles 22-25

Tuesday, April 30th: 1 Chronicles 26-29

Wednesday, May 1st: 2 Chronicles 1-3

Thursday, May 2nd: 2 Chronicles 4-6

Friday, May 3rd: 2 Chronicles 7-9

Saturday, May 4th: 2 Chronicles 10-12