

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may . . . glorify your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16

# *The Coastal Light*

Church of Christ

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Evangelize

"Go therefore and, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mt. 28:19-20  
ESV

***"The churches of Christ salute you"***

Romans 16:16

## **Sunday Services**

*10:00am service*

*11:00am Worship*

*6:00pm Worship*

## **Wednesday Service**

7:00pm

## **Welcome Visitors**

**You are our honored guest.  
Thank you for coming to visit with us.**

**Please complete a Visitor's Card and put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men and please sign the register in the foyer so we can have a permanent record.**

**You are encouraged to take any DVDs or tracts you find in the foyer and enjoy some Visitors Bread in the basket beside the door as you exit.**

**Past sermons can be found on our website at:  
[www.churchofchriststm.org](http://www.churchofchriststm.org).**

**If you have any questions about anything you have heard or seen, please feel free to ask.**

**In respect of the worship service, please turn off or place your cell phone on silent during worship.**



**THANK YOU**

**PRAYER REQUEST  
FRIENDS & FAMILY**

Henry Horne- Had surgery (Luke's co-worker)

Wanda Russell – Passing of sister and brother-in-law.

Ray Wade – Had eye surgery

Maggie Gascey – Had surgery

**Today's Sermon**

**AM: You Reap What You Sow (Gal. 6:7)**

**PM: Paul's Cloak (2 Tim. 4:13)**

*Art Wilson*

**Announcements**

Cards are available in the fellowship hall. For the card ministry.

Live streaming of the **10 AM & 11 AM Sunday morning** service and **Wednesday's 7 PM** bible study can be watched on the St Mary's church of Christ Facebook page.

**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

**Hear the Word**

Romans 10:17

**Believe the Word**

Hebrews 11:6

**Repent of Your Sins**

Luke 13: 3, 5

**Confess Jesus Christ as the Son of the Living God**

Mathew 10:32

**Be Baptized for the Remission of Your Sins**

Acts 2:38

**Remain Faithful unto Death**

Revelation 2:10

# Sowing & Reaping

The unmistakable theme of Galatians 6:7-9 is "Sowing and Reaping." In these three verses, the word "sow" is used three times, while the word "reap" is employed four times.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

A person must choose: will he sow to the flesh and reap corruption, or will he sow to the Spirit and reap everlasting life? (6:8). You and I understand that even if we choose wisely and determine to sow to the Spirit (6:8) and "do good" (6:10), it is not an easy road to travel. Satan hurls obstacles our way. It is easier to quit than persevere. Thus, the instruction is given: "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart*" (6:9).

I want to reap the Lord's blessing, don't you? By "reap" I do not mean earn or deserve, but rather by grace be the recipient of God's blessing. I want to reap His blessing in this life and then eternal life in the world to come (Mark 10:30), don't you? There is a time to teach and command what God says (1 Timothy 4:11). There is a time to warn (1 Thessalonians 5:14). There is even a time to reprove and rebuke (2 Timothy 4:2). But, there is also a time to exhort. The words of Galatians 6:9 contain an exhortation coupled with a promise or statement of fact. Look at those words again: "*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*"

The Bible makes it clear that our reaping (that is, our *desired* reaping) is conditional upon our not fainting or losing heart. We have entered the race, so now we must continue to "*run well*" (Galatians 5:7). We have enlisted in His army, so now we must keep on being "*a good soldier of Jesus Christ*" (2 Timothy 2:3). We have been born into God's family, so now we must continue to be "*obedient children*" (1 Peter 1:14). We have entered the Lord's work force, so now we must keep on being "*steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord*" (1 Corinthians 15:58). We made a wise decision when we obeyed the gospel (Romans 6:3,4), but now we must set our hearts to "*keep the faith*" and "*finish the race*" (2 Timothy 4:7).

The *Book of Hebrews* gives strong exhortation to all Christians to hold fast their commitment. To do that, of course, we must not faint or lose heart. Note these passages from the *Hebrews* epistle:

"*But Christ as a son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end*" (3:6).

"*For we who have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end*" (3:14).

"... let us hold fast our confession" (4:14).

"... show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end" (6:11).

"Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (10:23).