

"I want to be a worker" (1 Thess. 1:3)

The Coastal Light

Church of Christ

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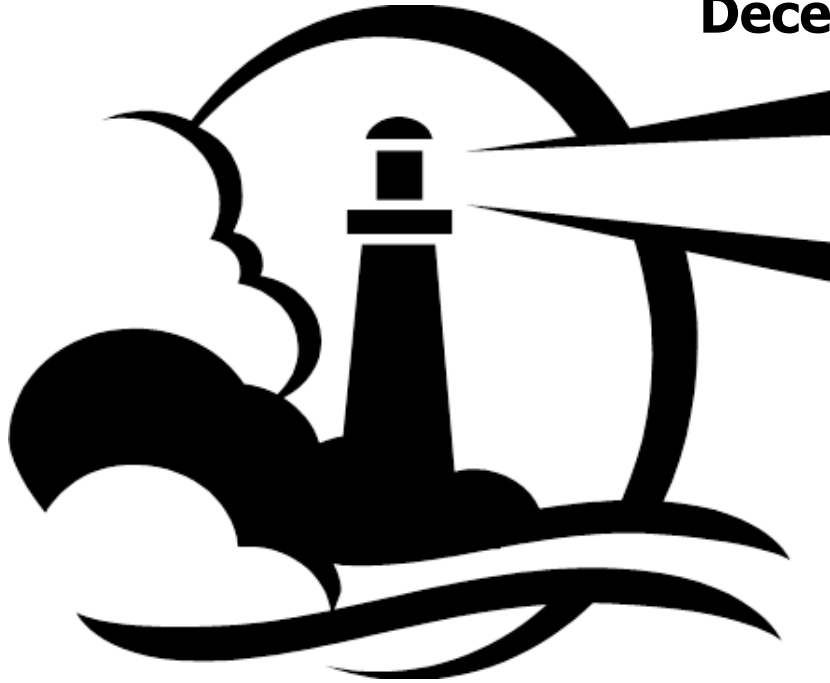
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"Yet who knows
whether you have come
to the kingdom for such
a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

"The churches of Christ salute you"

Romans 16:16

Sunday Services

10:00am Bible Class

11:00am Worship

6:00pm Worship

1:30 pm 1st Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday Service

7:00pm Bible Class

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.**

Let us know if we can assist you in any way.

**You are encouraged to take any 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**

PRAYER REQUEST

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Steve Lane, Mary Perry, Judy Miller, Baby
Maude Hamshir, Mark Reynolds, Kinlee
Hill (2 yr old cancer)

Shut - ins

Remember our shut-ins. Reach out with a
phone call, visit or card to keep them
encouraged.

Clyde Crane, Mary Perry, Judy Smith, Steve
Lane,

Announcements

Kids activity will be January 10th from
1pm – 3pm @ the building

God's Plan for Saving Man

God Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Inspired word: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christians Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christians Faithfulness: Revelation 2:10

Today's Sermons:

AM –

Elder's

SOWING TIME (A NEW YEAR'S ARTICLE)

A new year is just beginning, and each week that we live, God gives us 168 hours. He gives us these hours to use. Of course, we can use them in any way that we wish. God is not going to force us to do anything. He gives us this time, and in his word instructs us in the wise use of our time, but this is as far as he goes. Week after week, it is sowing time. The harvest that we reap will depend upon what we sow. We cannot go out and sow to the pleasures of this world, ignore God, and hope to reap a harvest of eternal happiness when this life is ended. The laws of sowing and reaping are consistent. If we sow oats, we will not reap wheat. In the spiritual realm, this same principle is true. Paul tells us in Gal 6:7-8, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Which are you sowing? Let me urge you, be careful what you sow. Satan will deceive you if you let him. If possible, he will convince you that you don't have to spend all of your time working for God. Satan argues, "Don't you know that God loves you too much to send you to hell?" Satan will tempt you to miss the worship services for whatever excuse is handy. He will try to lead you into sensuous pleasures, arguing that they are only innocent pastimes. He will try to keep you from teaching the lost, encouraging the weak, visiting the sick, and ministering to the needy. He has a ready excuse in connection with each of these. He hasn't changed his method since he beguiled Eve in the garden. It seems that mankind would get smart, but the same old deceitful tricks work today just as they did with Eve; they just come in different forms. Yes, it is sowing time, but you might reason, "I have a whole year, why should I rush." Be sure that this is what Satan would want you to think. He knows that if you put off serving God, it becomes easier as time goes by, and the longer it is put off, the less likely it will ever get done. We need to remember also that we have no promise of a whole year. We live from day to day. It is quite possible that all of us will not be here at the end of this year. We cannot afford to waste the precious time that God gives us. Let us work while we have the time that we might grow spiritually and be well pleasing to God.

John Bird