

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Service

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Scripture Reading Kelly Knepley
- Opening Prayer Kelly Knepley
- Lord's Supper Jim Becker
- Closing Prayer Akel Marshall
- Closing Prayer Jim Tobias

Sunday Evening Service

- Song Leader All song leaders
- Opening Prayer Luke Collinsworth
- Closing Prayer Jim Tobias

Wednesday Evening Service – June 15th

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Opening Prayer Tom Haddox
- Closing Prayer Akel Marshall

Today's Sermons:

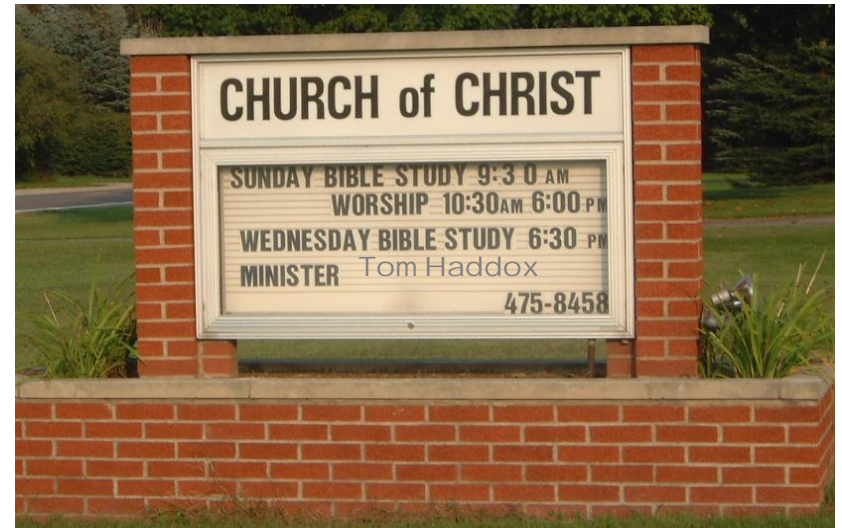
AM – Is the Church really that important for me?
Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

PM – Song Service and Devotional

“Let Brotherly Love Continue”
Hebrew 13:1

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SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday



Local Cable 18

@ 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM

Bible Class 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Message of Hope service
@ Chelsea Hospital 4:30 PM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 6:30 PM

June 12, 2011

Let Jesus Have The Final Word

by Phil Ware, Heartlight

I wonder how many voices were the same in both crowds?

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!" ([John 12:13](#)).

But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered ([John 19:15](#)).

I know that this dramatic shift in loyalties seems impossible. I know that we'd like to think that we would never do that — that in less than a week our words could change so dramatically. However, many of us have shown great inconsistency in our own words — we've said something awful, profane, crude, cutting, mean-spirited, vile, blasphemous, full of gossip, or hurtful within a week of having praised God in prayer or song! No wonder Jesus' brother, James, warned us about this:

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water ([James 3:9-12](#)).

I know the dramatic switch in loyalties seems impossible and we'd like to think that no true follower of Jesus would ever do that. Yet, isn't this what Peter and the apostles did in just a few hours that awful night when Jesus was betrayed?

I know the dramatic switch in loyalties seems impossible and we'd like to think that we would be different. However, many of us have been caught up in the mob mentality — or have friends who have been — and we have done or said things we never intended to say because we lost our personal sense of will. Paul warned new believers about this: *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character" ([1 Corinthians 15:33](#)).*

We can so easily fall from our sure positions of strength and our courage can melt away like the wax of a candle under the heat of its own flame. So as we remember the ruthlessness of those who hated Jesus, the fickleness of the crowds, and the unfaithfulness of Jesus' closest followers, let's remember two truths:

- Sooner or later, somewhere along the way, we will likely stumble and fall, embarrassing ourselves and letting down our Lord. Satan will try to use that to destroy us, but the One who is in us is greater than the one who wants to lead us astray ([1 John 4:3](#)).

- Jesus has the last words for us, and his words are words of forgiveness, grace, salvation, mercy, care, love, yearning, trust, longing, faithfulness, triumph, completion, reunion, and hope.

During the darkness of all of our worst days, let's remember Jesus' worst day and know his resurrection is coming, even though they still seemed so far off when he first uttered them. The better promise and the greater hope of his words on the Cross become our assurance of the better and far more glorious days of resurrection that lie ahead for all who trust in the resurrected Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have a friend or relative who you would like to give a copy of our House 2 House mailing to, there are extras in the foyer. Please help yourself to them. That is what they are for – a tool for you to use. They can also be mailed if you place a stamp over the permit mark and tape the edges together.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- **Potluck** – June 12th, immediately following AM service.
- **Monthly Men's Meeting** – immediately after Potluck.
- **Men's Breakfast** – Sat, June 18th, meet @ 7:30 AM for breakfast at Big Boy's followed by Bible Study in the fellowship hall.
- **VBS – June 22nd through 25th**
- **Ladies' Class** – Tues, July 5th @ 10:00 AM

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Study (06/05) – 25
Sunday Morning Service (06/05) – 39
Sunday Evening Service (06/05) – 16
Wednesday Bible Study (06/08) – 18

Statistics:

Contribution Last Week (06/05) - \$1092
Average Contribution (per week, up to 06/05) – \$992
2011 Weekly Contribution Goal – **\$990**

Remembrance in prayer:

- **Patients at Chelsea Head Pain Unit**
- ***In Search of the Lord's Way* local TV broadcast**
- **Larry Cooper** (friend of Tobias')
- **Mendy Newman** (friend of Tobias')
- **Margaret Steele** (knee surgery)
- **House-2-House Outreach effort**
- **Aaron Macomber** (shoulder surgery)