



Tallapoosa church of Christ

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

Prayer Request

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- Jason Rowell
 - Teddy Cauthen
 - Pete Bridges
 - Pat Blumer
 - Sharon Estvanko
 - Bonnie Godwin
 - Jeremy/Candyce Isabell
 - Diane Aldridge
 - Sarah Stapler
 - Gabe Johnson
 - Jefferson Allen
 - Brad Vines
 - Kenny Laminack
 - Jimmy Burrage

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Joe Mallory	1
Kimberly Payne	2
Drew Davis	9
Kelly Cauthen	13
Angie Cauthen	27
Kitty Shaw	29
Troy & Sarah Stapler	23

Christian Giving

One of the great banes of preaching is to have to address topics that society, and many in the pew, have no desire to hear, and of which many are simply intolerant. The sad truth is, many preachers and elderships have acquiesced to the worldly mindset in order to keep the numbers up and the contributions coming in. A recent survey of denominational preachers noted size of the congregation, amount of contributions, and size of ministerial staff as the leading indicators of success in ministry. Sadly many in the Lord's church are today operating on the same premises.



How is your giving?

To that end many have either stopped preaching

I AM
the LORD
your God...
You shall have
NO
other gods
before Me.



God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful

This Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Scripture	Cory Payne
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Alan Wilkerson
Table	Kelly Cauthen
	Tony Hotalen
Assisting	Korbin Cauthen
	Camp Mallory
Closing Prayer	Wayne Aldridge

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Tony Hotalen
Scripture	Brandon Estvanko
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer/Table	Caden Mallory
Closing Prayer	Brennan Mallory

Next Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Carlos Payne
Table	Joe Mallory
	Caden Mallory
Assisting	Brennan Mallory
	Camp Mallory
Closing Prayer	Steve Cole

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Cory Payne
Scripture	Shane Buchanan
Song Leader	Caden Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Tony Hotalen
Closing Prayer	Alan Wilkerson

on, or changed their views on, issues like divorce and remarriage, social drinking, modesty, and yes, even giving. Why? Because people don't want to hear it! They don't want you meddling in their "personal lives." But preaching and teaching the truth is going to "meddle" because God demands "personal" changes in our lives (see the definition of repentance) in order to be conformed to the image of His Son ([Romans 8:29](#)). With that in mind allow me to go to a little "meddling."

In [2 Corinthians 9:6](#)–7 Paul writes, "But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." Simply stated, easily understood, and filled with the power of inspiration. So why is it that so many Christians fail to live up to this biblical text? I heard a missionary say recently, "The money is out there in the brotherhood, we just have to get it out of their pockets." Sad indeed that so many good works are hindered because of greed, worldliness and biblical unfaithfulness.

Consider with me the following points:

We Are Stewards, Not Owners. In [Matthew 25:14](#)–30 Jesus tells a story of a man who delivers his own wealth to his servants, and when he returned those servants were called to give an account of their stewardship. Everything we have is thanks to the blessings of God. [1 Timothy 6:7](#) tells us, "For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out." Someone says, "Well, I worked hard for everything I have, God hasn't given me anything." People all over the world work just as hard as you do and do not have the blessings you have. Conversely, there are people all over the world who do not lift so much as a finger compared to you who have much more. God gave you a brain, a strong back, and opportunities. What you have you have

Reminders:

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 1:30PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

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Cory Payne, Bulletin

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because of Him! Consider also that [Matthew 25](#) places our eternal destiny squarely on this issue! Martin Luther once said, “I have tried to keep things in my hands and lost them all, but what I have given into God’s hands I still possess.”

We Are Commanded, Not Encouraged. Many who want to dilute the word of God in order to make it more “palatable,” or “appealing,” want to hear God use words like encourage, suggest, or recommend. The problem with this is God requires certain things of us in order for us to reap eternal benefits. Passages like [Matthew 25](#), [Hebrews 13:16](#), and [2 Corinthians 9:6–7](#) all make certain demands. “But I live in the land of the free,” shouts the American modernist/pluralist. Yes you do and God allows all me the freedom to choose to do good or not. To those who choose to not do good it is sin ([James 4:17](#)).

We Are To Be Christ-Like, Not World-Like. Christians are supposed to be different than the rest of the world, not conformed to it ([Romans 12:1–2](#)). We are to let our light shine before the men of this world ([Matthew 5:16](#)). God predestined His children to be changed into the like image of the Son ([Romans 8:9](#)). But being like the world will cause many Christians-in-name-only to be lost for eternity. “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” ([1 John 2:15–17](#)). What example did Jesus leave us in regards to this issue ([1 Peter 2:21](#))? “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich” ([2 Corinthians 8:9](#)).

So how is your giving to the Lord and His work? Is there more you can do? Do you need to spend some time reflecting on how God has blessed you and how you are using those blessings? Do you need to take a long hard look at your life and your budget? Do you have a budget? Someone once said, “If you give what you do not need, it isn’t giving.” And remember God said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” ([Matthew 6:21](#)).

Tim Dooley