



# 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  
Jeremy & Candyce Isabell  
Diane Aldridge  
Harel Otwell  
Edith Laminack

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Penny Hicks 8  
Blair Benefield 16  
Johni Herrell 24  
Carlos Payne 30  
  
Tony & Shelia Hotalen 20  
  
Early October  
Brennan Mallory 3  
Mason Isabell 6

## Holy Kisses, Holy Hugs, and Holy Elbow Bumps

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples because you love one another” ([John 13:35](#)). Love is seen in the way we react to each other as we meet and then as we later leave. The love of the father for the prodigal son was visibly seen as he rushed toward him. What did the father do to the barefooted son in ragged clothes who had been among the swine? He embraced him and kissed him. Contrast this with how the older brother reacted.



### Greet one another with a Holy Kiss

What came after?

When Paul spoke of greeting one another with a holy kiss, he was not instituting a new form of greeting.

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	Cory Payne
Scripture	Camp Mallory
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Joe Mallory
Table	Brennan Mallory
	Camp Mallory
Assisting	
Closing Prayer	Tony Hotalen

Sunday Evening:

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

**Next Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:

Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Brennan Mallory
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Caden Mallory
Table	Carlos Payne
	Brandon Estvanko
Assisting	
Closing Prayer	Tony Hotalen

Sunday Evening:

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

Some focus only on the kiss, while Paul's emphasis was on the nature of the kiss. The kiss of Judas in Gethsemane was far removed from being holy—it was hypocritical.

Kissing is only one way to greet. It varies in different cultures. Some reverently bow toward the other person with folded hands. In other places, there is kissing on the cheeks—either one or both. Then, there are those where greetings are shown by rubbing one's nose against another's. How each of these is done can show respect, honor or love. Paul's emphasis was not on the kiss, but its genuine sincerity.

It is interesting to note how often the Bible talks about what happened after the kiss. Joseph revealed himself to his brethren. The text says he embraced Benjamin, kissed all his brothers and "...after that his brothers talked with him" ([Gen. 45:14](#)). The kiss was just the beginning. It was what followed that really showed his heart. Think again of the kiss of Judas and what followed.

In Acts 21, Paul arrived in Jerusalem and greeted the elders. What happened next? "He told in detail the things God had done among the Gentiles." The emphasis is not on the greeting but what followed. Paul greeted in writings. He greeted 24 people in just 13 verses in Romans 16. Culture often determines the nature of the greeting. The heart determines how sincere it is.

We see genuine brotherly love so often. Think of what spontaneously happens after one is baptized and is welcomed into the kingdom. You see it again when one is restored. It is seen in the compassion at funerals.

In recent days, we have experienced new ways of greeting. In view of the contagious virus, there are still shaking hands or embracing others. Far more will bump fists—where did that come from? Some teens bump toes as they greet. Who would have ever thought Americans would ever greet by bumping elbows! Remember there are holy kisses, holy hugs, holy fists, and holy elbows. It is what follows the greetings that matters!

Dan Jenkins

### **Reminders:**

[www.tallapoosacoc.com](http://www.tallapoosacoc.com)

[facebook.com/tallapoosachurchofchrist](https://facebook.com/tallapoosachurchofchrist)

Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon: 1:30PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister

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