



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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**Sunday**

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## CARPE DIEM

In a motion picture called “The Dead Poet’s Society,” Robin Williams plays the role of a teacher in an exclusive eastern prep school. On the first day of school, he takes the class of boys out into the hallway to look at the pictures of past, now dead, graduates of the school. He motivates them to learn and excel in life with the following words: “We are food for worms, Lads! Believe it or not each and every one of us in this room one day will stop breathing, turn cold, and die. Step forward and see these faces from the past. They were just like you are now. They believe they’re destined for great things. Their eyes are full of hope. But, you see, gentlemen, these boys are now fertilizing daffodils. If you listen real close, you will hear them whisper their legacy to you. Lean in. What do you hear?” Then Robin says in an eerie grave-like voice, “Carpe Diem!” (Latin for seize the day) “Seize the day boys! Make your lives extraordinary!”

The apostle Paul declared, “*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*” (**I Corinthians 15:58**). In the words of Albert Barnes, “Always engaged in doing the will of God; in promoting His glory, and advancing His kingdom. The phrase means not only to be engaged in this, but to be engaged diligently, laboriously; excelling in this. The “work of the Lord” here means that which the Lord requires; all the appropriate duties of Christians. Paul exhorts them to practice every Christian virtue, and to do all that they could do to further the Gospel among people.”

Seize the day for Christ! Make your life extraordinary!  
**By Tom Moore**

## TO BE HAD IN REVERENCE

Drivers who are meticulous about traveling the speed limit may do so for different reasons. Some are conscientious.

They believe that out of respect for the safety of themselves and other motorists that it is a wholly proper thing to do. Others will travel the speed limit out of fear. Some fear getting caught by the police. Teen drivers probably fear getting caught by their parents. Still others travel the speed limit because they do not have any choice. Lack of horsepower or the mechanical condition of their cars takes away the option of traveling at a higher rate of speed. Each is doing the same thing but for different reasons.

The same can be said about worshipping God as we do today. We are each doing so, but our motives may vary. I'm sure that most people are here because there is nowhere else they would rather be. But that cannot be said for all. We are confident that some are here out of fear...the fear of hell, the fear of parents, the fear of "how it might look" can cause some who desire to be elsewhere to join with us this Lord's Day.

If we were able to go back through time we would likely find that people really have not changed. Be it at Mount Sinai, the dedication of the temple or the keeping of any of the feast days the motivation of worshipers liked varied. However, one thing that did not vary was the attitude of the worshipers. When it comes to the attitudes we present He is quite demanding.

David declared, *"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him."* (**Psalm 89:7**). When we assemble we are to show God the respect He is due. Not only does He deserve it but He also demands it. Consider matters of simple respect:

At a memorial service for a fallen soldier all in attendance are quiet and respectful. On Sunday morning we honor the Christ who died for us (**I Thessalonians 5:9-10**).

At a movie we become frustrated over those who talk during the show and move about the theatre.

A schoolteacher's ability to maintain order and effectively work with each child in her class demands respect from each student for her and all of his fellow students. To accomplish this she requires each to stop talking and remain in their seats.

How much more is our God to be respected! Even beyond respect, He is to be revered. The prophets had to reach people who certainly did not properly revere God. Many ignored Him in favor of idols and among those who did claim to worship Him there was a relaxed attitude. People felt that they could do what they wanted when they wanted in matters of worship. In the midst of this period one made a very simple plea: *"But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him."* (**Habakkuk 2:20**). It's a simple matter of respect for Him and our fellow worshippers.

**Tom Lynch**