



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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**Sunday**

Bible Study 10 am  
Worship Service 10:45 am  
Worship Service 6 pm

**Wednesday**

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## INVOLVEMENT

The Lord's church consists of saved sinners who have entered into Christ through gospel obedience (**Ephesians 5:23; II Timothy 2:10; Mark 16:15-16; II Thessalonians 1:8**).

Anyone who has entered into Christ is a "new creation" (**II Corinthians 5:17**). Christians are God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (**Ephesians 2:10**).

One of the benefits of coming together on the first day of the week to worship God is that we "*stir one another to love and good works*" (**Hebrews 10:24**).

Christians are to be active and involved creatures. As stated above, we have been "*created in Christ Jesus for good works*." We were not created to be spectators or by-standers in the Lord's vineyard. Our Lord "*went about doing good*" (**Acts 10:38**), and so should we. Be involved.

As the song goes – "To the work! To the work! We are servants of God, let us follow the path that our Master has trod; with the balm of His counsel our strength to renew, let us do with our might what our hands find to do...To the work! To the work! There is labor for all..."

What can you do? What **will** you do? What should you be doing for the Lord? Christianity is about serving. Christ was a servant (**Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:7**).

So, how can we serve and involve ourselves in the Lord's kingdom? Teach a Bible class; provide food when called on; study with the lost; encourage others through cards, phone calls, or visits; meet guests in our worship assemblies and make them feel welcome; give generously, purposefully, and cheerfully to the Lord's work.

There is much to do! Use your talents; be an involved servant; make a difference in the kingdom.

**James Cudd**

## CUMBERED ABOUT?

*“But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:40-42).*

Most of us, at one time or another, have felt like Martha; that is, stressed out and frustrated while trying to complete a task. And like Martha, we have also found ourselves so engaged in doing something that, after completing whatever it was we were doing, we look back and realize that we missed out on those things that were more important. For example, we work hard at our careers so as to provide a good life for our families, only to miss out on those special moments that only come around once, like a child’s first steps, first words, graduation, etc. We become so busy that we miss out on the things that really matter most.

Sadly, many Christians have allowed the various distractions and pleasures of this life to keep them from taking time out for those things that are most important. Tragically, many Christians find themselves in the same predicament Martha found herself in; simply, they are doing things that are honorable and necessary, while at the same time failing to do the things that matter most. What are those things that are most important, you ask? Let’s allow Jesus to answer that question: *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33)*. Paul stated it this way: *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2)*.

Martha was so cumbered about with much serving that she lost sight of the One in whom she was serving. Let us not make the same mistake. May we never take our eyes off the One in whom we serve!

**Terry R. Townsend**