

Rockwood Church of Christ

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## Service Times:

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7 pm

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# Involvement

The Lord's church consists of saved sinners who have entered into Christ through gospel obedience (**Eph. 5:23; 2 Tim. 2:10; Mk. 16:15-16; 2 Thess. 1:8**).

Anyone who has entered into Christ is a "new creation" (**2** Cor. **5:17**). Christians are God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (**Eph. 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*" (**Heb. 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 going 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 (**Mt. 20:28; Phil. 2:7).** 

So, how can we serve and involve ourselves in the Lord's kingdom? Teach a Bible class; provide food for the monthly youth meal; study with the lost; encourage others through cards, phone calls, or visits; volunteer at the food pantry; prepare communion trays for worship; 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.

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# Who Are We?

Many seem to be confused as to what it means to be a member of the church of Christ. The following observations will be helpful in clearing their minds.

- We are a band of imperfect followers of Jesus. We have been saved, not because of our goodness or merit, but by the wonderful grace of God (**Titus 2:11**).
- We are people who truly believe that Jesus is God's only begotten Son (John 3: 16), that He actually came down from Him as our Savior and put our lives in His hands.
- We have been baptized by immersion into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 28:19**), for the remission of our sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38**).
- We have not attained perfection nor do we know and understand all things in God's Word, but we ever strive to please the Master (Philippians 3: 12-14) and search the Scriptures daily to determine what He wills for our lives (Acts 17:11).
- We are pilgrims on a life-long journey in search of a heavenly city whose builder and maker is God (**Hebrews 11:10**).
- Since Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18) and since His word will judge us in the last day (John 12:48), we are content to follow the New Testament of Christ as our only rule of faith and worship.
- Our goal is to be a church of Christ just like those we read of in the New Testament and to whom Paul referred in **Romans 16:16**.
- We are content to worship in the simple and sincere way set forth in Scripture. We attend church services, not to be entertained but to honor and adore our Creator. We need no pageantry or professional performers to stir us to worship and adoration (**John 4:24**).
- We are a people who care for each other. We bear one another's burdens as we fulfill the law of Christ (**Galatians 6:2**).
- In our worship we honor the Father and Son. In our work we seek to save those who are lost in sin by teaching them about Christ (Luke 19:10; Mark 16:15-16). We labor that God's will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

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