

Shore Lines of the Northfield church of Christ

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Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM

*Foundations Of Our Faith...
4.48; 4.49 The Return Of Jesus & The Judgment*

Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM

Men meet @ 10:20AM before services!

Sunday Spanish Speaking Services @ 1:30PM.

Sunday Evening Youtube Service @ 6:00PM

Monday Dinner & Bible Study @ the Seim's

Wednesday Night Zoom Bible study @ 6:30PM

Study Of Hebrews 3:1-19: Workbook Lesson 4.

(Get an invite from northfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com)

LINKS FOR ARTICLES/STREAMING

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[Video... The Truth about drinking](#)

[Video... Should Christians use gender preferred Pronouns](#)

FROM THE BACK PEW!

*How Are You Going To Win... If You Are Not Right Within!
Without Spiritual Growth... Numerical Growth Won't Happen!*

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL!

Some of you have heard this colloquialism and some have even said it in our everyday struggle, but no matter which, it's true... ***"The Struggle Is Real"***.

Paying bills, dealing with our health, children issues, family issues, job issues just to name a few struggles we all go through. The biggest struggle we as **Christians** have is following **GOD's** word constantly (**Matthew 7:13-14**).

Your adversary the devil walks around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8). Satan really roars his head when a person becomes a **Christian**. **Christianity** is a hard row to hoe. It's not an easy walk by no means, so when you know or see someone who is struggling help them out. And if you are struggling we hope you will allow them to help you.

Sometimes we tend to go to people with our own beliefs instead of coming to them with scriptures to support why we are attempting to help them. There are some who don't want help. This is the struggle we have as **Christians**. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy. We all want to make heaven our next home.

*Then **HE** said to them all, If anyone desires to come after **ME**, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow **ME**. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for **MY** sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)*

The Preacher Pollard Blog

WEEKLY THOUGHTS FROM NEAL, GARY, DALE, CARL,
AND BRENT

Substituting A Pound Of Arsenic For A Pinch Of Salt

NEAL POLLARD

You go into a hardware store, walk down an aisle, and walk up to a bin, looking for a 1/2" X 6" zinc-plated hex lag bolt or a 1/2" sheet of birch plywood or a 3/4" galvanized malleable iron tee coupling. Each of these is in a different department, serves a different purpose, has a different look and feel, and has a different value. For each, the size, material, and thickness matters. If you know about home improvement projects, you don't even think about these things. You know that you wouldn't build a cabinet with CDX plywood or use a tee coupling as a brake caliper or use a lag bolt as a paint brush. Why? We live in a world of order, with rules, physics, logic, and common sense.

The same principles apply to aerodynamics, the medical field, architecture, and truly every discipline there is. We expect precision, pattern, and predictable outcomes.

This is true in every walk of life, but, somehow, regarding the only part of us that is not material and mortal, we are sometimes told to throw rules, logic, and common sense out the window!

- **Acts 2:38** says repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, but it means you can be saved by faith without doing either of these.
- **Ephesians 5:19** specifies singing, but you can "do" church music however you prefer.
- **1 Timothy 2:11-12** forbids a woman to teach or have authority over a man in God's household, the church (3:15), but if the culture or church leadership permits she can preach, serve as an elder, or teach a Bible class.
- **Matthew 19:9** restricts divorce and remarriage to the exception of fornication (sexual immorality), but we can reinterpret or rationalize away Jesus' plain teaching on the matter.

- **1 Corinthians 5** (among other passages) *calls* for church discipline in the case of unrepentant sins like fornication, abuse, drunkenness, and financial impropriety, but we can handle things a different way (or, more commonly, not handle it at all).
- **1 Timothy 3:1-7 (Titus 1:5-11)** call for specific men to serve as shepherds and overseers of a local church, but people reject that plan for some alternative form of church leadership.
- **Ephesians 5:22-6:4** tell us how the home is to function, with the roles of husband/father, wife/mother, and children, but we can let culture, preference, or self-will replace or alter it.

Truly, as many commands as can be found in scripture, man has the capacity and audacity to twist, change, and pervert it. To do so is to act without divine permission and authority. It is to supplant and replace the ultimate authority with a fatal alternative. God has given us a myriad of illustrations from every corner of our world, to see that where something must be done a specific way we are not at liberty to change that.

As truly as three inches does not equal a thousand yards, "x" will not suffice when God's Word calls for "y."

Y'all talk about BAPTISM too much!

“...See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be BAPTIZED”? (Acts 8:36)

Can't talk about the GRACE OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 19:1-5)	Can't talk about the FORGIVENESS OF SINS IN CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (Acts 2:38)
Can't talk about the COMMANDMENTS OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (Matthew 28:18-20)	Can't talk about the CHURCH OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23)
Can't talk about the DEATH OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (Romans 6:3)	Can't talk about the NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (John 3:1-5; II Corinthians 5:17)
Can't talk about the BLOOD OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (Acts 22:16; Revelation 1:5)	Can't talk about the BLESSINGS OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:26-29)
Can't talk about the RESURRECTION OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (Romans 6:4-5)	Can't talk about the SALVATION OF CHRIST without talking about BAPTISM . (I Peter 3:21)

Can't **PREACH CHRIST** without talking about **BAPTISM**.
(Acts 8:35-39)

Seems like BAPTISM is not talked about enough!

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SERVING TODAY

Bible Class: Bro. Bill Wills

Streaming/Audio: Bro. Mike Walsh

Song Leader: Bro. Lee Christensen

WORSHIP ORDER

Call to Worship (Himno)

Announcements... Bro. Mike Walsh

Opening Prayer (Oracion)... Bro. Andy Figueroa

Hymn (Himno)

Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)... Bro. Bill Shurig

Hymn (Himno)

Reading- John 15:1-4 (Bro. Steve Robertson)

Sermon- *The Secret Of Bearing Fruit Is Abiding* (Mark Seim)

Invitational Hymn (Himno)

Closing Hymn (Himno)

Closing Prayer (Oracion)... Bro. William White

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Schedule

7/26/26	4.50: The Punishment of Hell 4.51: The Reward of Heaven	Russell
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Congregational Notes

- Thanks to all that attended the Men's Fellowship at the building this past Friday, and to Javier for hosting and leading the devotional.
- Beginning Wednesday July, July 29th and thereafter we will start meeting at the building the last Wednesday of each month for Bible Study @ 6:30PM.

Upcoming Events

- All South Jersey Churches of Christ Picnic @** Parvin State Park, Saturday *August 8th*, details to follow.

A.C. Community Outreach Saturday July 25th

Proverbs 22:9

Javier & Miranda Perez (609)553-3990... Bill Wills: (609)547-9408

Items Needed.

Men items: *Gently used/new Men's tops and bottoms (No Dress Pants). Men's boxers/briefs (L/XL)*

Women items: *Individually wrapped female products.*

Toiletries: Tooth brushes, toothpaste, mouth wash...

Food items: Tuna packs & snacks individually wrapped.

FOOD NEEDED FOR THE PANTRY!

1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Corinthians 9:7

*** **Peanut Butter** ***

Oatmeal (Regular or Instant), Box Cereals, Grits (Regular or Instant), Tuna Fish (In the packets), Beans/Peas (Dry good bags), Mash Potatoes (Box/packets), Corn Meal, Flour, Cooking oil, Pasta, Sauce, Sardines, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Soups, Canned fruits.

PRAYER REQUEST

- Deb R. R... health issues.
- Jane Seim... recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Debbie Shurig... health issues.
- Melida... health issues.
- Teri Clevenger... chronic back pain.
- Natalie Weems... health issues.
- Tim Height... health issues.
- Elsie Thompson... health issues.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- Nancy DeSalvo, Terri's sister who has some serious health issues.
- Michelle (Ruth's daughter) will be undergoing a needed heart procedure. Gary Smalls, (Ruth's Son-in-law) health issues.
- Jane's sister Elaine, recovering from back surgery.
- Keep Ami's friend who has breast cancer in your prayers.
- Mike Walsh's mom is recovering @ home.
- Allen Crabb (Shurig's friend) dealing with heart issues.
- Dalene White's brother health issues.
- Debi R-R's sister Isabel and her son Tory dealing with major health issues.
- From the Weems; Carolynne Searle- Stroke & loss of vision in one eye, Anthony Castagna- personal issues, Paul Huber (stepdad) health issues, Gina Palmer- lung cancer.
- Linda's brother Don has serious heart issues, Rob Mar (Linda's Meredith's cousin), Barbara Keenan (Linda's sister) Ryan Keenan (Linda's nephew) for spiritual strength & health, Jack Keenan (Linda's B.I.L.) suffering from cancer.

"BE A BARNABAS"

Zach Shurig continues training after boot camp and is appreciative for the letters sent to him and his friends of his platoon. They do appreciate the letters which are an encouragement.

SPC Shurig, Zachary	PVT Rogers, Saul	PVT Sickler, Gary
Roster 416	Roster 406	Roster 417
1-50TH IN BN C CO	1-50TH IN BN C CO	1-50TH IN BN C CO
4th Platoon	4th Platoon	4th Platoon
9825 2ND	9825 2ND	9825 2ND
ARMORED DIV	ARMORED DIV	ARMORED DIV
RD BLD 3575	RD BLD 3575	RD BLD 3575
Fort Benning, GA	Fort Benning, GA	Fort Benning, GA
31905	31905	31905

Organization of the Church

This organization pertains to each local congregation
of the Lord's Church



▶	CHRIST IS THE HEAD	→	Ephesians 5:23
▶	ELDERS	→	Acts 20:17, 28
▶	DEACONS	→	1 Timothy 3:8-13
▶	EVANGELISTS	→	2 Timothy 4:1-5
▶	TEACHERS	→	Hebrews 5:11-14
▶	MEMBERS	→	Ephesians 4:25

"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:22-23

Barnes' Bible Charts

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	29 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	30	1 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	2	3 Independence...substitute	4 Independence Day
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12 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	13 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	14	15 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	16	17 6:00 PM Mens Fellowship	18 11:30 AM Ladies Get Together
19 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	20 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	21	22 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	23	24	25 10:30 AM Outreach at Atlantic City
26 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	27 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	28	29 6:30 PM Bible Study @ the building	30	31	1

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AT PARVIN STATE PARK

701 Almond Road, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 AT NOON



Churches Invited:

Northfield (Hosting), Pitman,
Collingswood, Camden, Cape
May Court House, Millville,
Tabernacle, and Tom's River
Churches of Christ

Burgers, hot dogs, paper products, plastic ware, and ice will be provided. **Please bring enough buns for your family.**

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING IN ADDITION TO BUNS?

Pick 2 or 3 items from the list below:

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| 1. Potato Salad / Pasta Salad | 5. Vegetable Tray with Dip |
| 2. Baked Beans | 6. Surprise Us |
| 3. Lettuce, Tomato Slices, and Onions Slices | 7. Desserts |
| 4. Chips / Fritos / Doritos | 8. Regular Drinks |
| | 9. Diet Drinks |

WHAT ELSE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO BRING?

Blanket or lawn chair to sit on, big umbrella, tablecloth, board or card games, basketball, soccer ball, wiffle ball and bat, etc.

Note: Swimming at Parvin Lake is closed for the 2026 season.

THE SECRET OF BEARING FRUIT IS ABIDING

John 15:1-4

Introduction... As disciples of Christ, we are to Him as branches to the vine. As branches, bearing fruit is our primary responsibility. In the act of bearing fruit, we receive the abundant life that Jesus offers; (a) Joy, (b) Happiness, (c) Assurance, (d) Peace. This morning we will see what the secret of bearing fruit is.

I. Discerning The Secret Of Fruit Bearing

- A. The use of the word "*abide*"
 - (1) John 15:4-10
- B. The secret of bearing fruit is *abiding* (John 15:4-5)
 - (1) Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-5
 - (2) Philippians 4:13, 19; Colossians 1:29
 - (3) Ephesians 1:18-20, 3:20
 - (4) 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - (5) 1 Timothy 1:12-16; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

II. Evidences Of Abiding In Christ

- A. Bearing Much Fruit (John 15:5b)
- B. The Father's pruning (John 15:2b)
 - (1) Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17
 - (2) James 1:22-25
- C. A growing sense of dependence (John 15:5c)
 - (1) 2 Corinthians 3:5; Philippians 4:15
- D. Our prayers being answered (John 15:7, 16)
 - (1) 1 John 3:22, 5:14
 - (2) James 4:3
- E. Love for Christ and His people (John 15:9, 12)
 - (1) 1 John 4:7-8; 3:14
- F. An inner joy (John 15:11)
 - (1) Philippians 4:4; Psalms 23:3

Conclusion... It is good for us, as branches, to examine ourselves regularly to see if we are truly abiding in Christ. Why? (a) Because the secret of the abundant life is bearing fruit. (b) The secret of bearing fruit is abiding in Christ, (c) So if we are not abiding in Christ, we cannot enjoy the abundant life.