

# Shore Lines of the Northfield church of Christ

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## **LINKS FOR ARTICLES/STREAMING**

**Gospel Broadcasting Network**

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**Bible Talk TV**

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## **Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM**

*"Seeing Jesus In The Old Testament" Lesson 12*

## **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**

*Dinner starts @ 5:15PM & Study starts @ 6:30PM*

## **Wednesday Night Zoom Bible study @ 6:30PM**

*This week studying Lesson 14... 2 Timothy 1:8-18*

*(Get an invite from [northfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com))*

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## **FROM THE BACK PEW!**

### **KIDS ONLY RUN THE HOUSE WHEN ADULTS STEP ASIDE**

*"How many times did I tell you to get in the car?"* How many of you have been told that or heard it before? I'm gonna let you know straight up, kids did not change parenting did. Kids have always tested boundaries. The difference is back in the day those boundaries would push back. Now you have some parents negotiating with their children like it's a hostage situation. Parents today love saying kids today have no respect. Yeah, who raised your kids, they didn't just magically wake up one day disrespectful, somebody let them talk to adults like they're arguing with people on Xbox live. Back in the day if you tried to talk sideways to an adult it didn't matter if it was your parents or not you got embarrassed in front of the whole family. Children learn **respect** from people who refused to tolerate **disrespect**, and let's be honest, let's tell the truth, some parents are not gentle parenting they are scared parenting. They're scared that their kids are gonna throw a temper tantrum. Scared that their kids won't like them. Scared to say **NO!** Back in the day our parents weren't worried about being liked, they were worried about raising somebody who could survive without them. I'm not trying to be mean, but some parents have all kinds of excuses for not parenting their children. Yeah I hate to be the one to inform you. Children are not spirited or strong willed, they are just not used to being told **NO** because the real issue isn't the children, it's parents who are afraid to parent.

There's a quote made by Lawrence Mbogoni, *"It takes a village to raise a child."* Believe it or not, but if you are a **GOD** fearing parent you want your child/children around people to help your child/children do the right thing. Discipline starts at home. Now I won't say that a child or children won't have their moments, but when they are told or instructed to do the right thing, they will respect the person who is trying to help them.

**Deuteronomy 6:6-8...** *Teach your children all the time.*

**Hebrews 12:5-11...** *Even GOD chastised those HE loves.*

**Ephesians 6:1-4...** *Children should always obey their parents..respect their parents*

**Exodus 20:12...** *Honoring your parents.*

**Deuteronomy 21:18-21...** *These verses caused the children to be stoned to death who disobeyed their parents.*

**Proverbs 22:6...** *Train up a child in the way he should go.*

# The Preacher Pollard Blog

Weekly Thoughts From Neal, Gary, Dale, Carl,  
And Brent

## Let's Be Preoccupied

Neal Pollard

Being engrossed in thought or distracted can be a bad thing, when you are driving, operating heavy equipment, or conversing with your spouse. But if you are preoccupied *with* those tasks, you should be commended. There is a word found a handful of times in the New Testament which conveys a powerful thought. The word is **προσκαρτερέω** (*prostartereo*). Depending on context and whether it is connected with a person or an object, it is translated “stand ready” (Mark 3:9), “devoting” (Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; Romans 12:12; 13:6; Col. 4:2), “continuing” (Acts 2:46; 8:13), and “personal attendants” (Acts 10:7, noun form). Two of the passages speak of physical laborers who were focused on a task for one who had the right or power to command them (Mark 3:9; Acts 10:7; the Greek Old Testament uses this word in Numbers 13:21 when Moses tells the spies to “make an effort then to get some of the fruit of the land”). One speaks of how earthly rulers are servants of God, devoted to their rule). The other passages refer to actions Christians took the initiative to do.

What preoccupied the time, thoughts, and energies of the early saints?

- Prayer (Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; Col. 4:2).
- The Apostles' Teaching (Acts 2:42).
- Fellowship (Acts 2:42).
- The Lord's Supper (Acts 2:42).
- The Ministry Of The Word (Acts 6:4).

It's not a long and complicated list. They were engrossed in the public and private practice of prayer. They were riveted on studying and knowing and sharing the Word. They were dialed in to spending time with each other (and welcoming others to become part of them). They were obsessed with coming together to praise and adore God in worship. It affected their whole lives all the time.

The word carries the idea “of decisive or unflinching perseverance” and “emphasizes the persistent and submissive **perseverance** and **tenaciousness** of a self-enclosed group collectively oriented toward specific goals” (EDNT, 172).

As you evaluate your life, what are your preoccupations? Your obsessions? What are you constantly driven to think, say, and do? Does it reflect the undivided attention of the early Christians, who by such preoccupation took the gospel to the whole world (Col. 1:23) and turned it upside down (Acts 17:6)?

Devoutness to exclusively the things that will be destroyed when Christ returns is a tragic distraction! Let's boil life down to the irreducible imperatives, “the good part, which shall not be taken away from...” us (Luke 10:42).

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## Why Are the Words of Christ Printed in Red and All Others in Black?

By Mark Posey / February 4, 2026

While millions read the Bible, few know why some Bible publishers print the words of Christ in red.

Words in red are neither more nor less important than the words in black. Jesus said to the seventy, “He who hears you hears Me” (Luke 10:16). Jesus meant that every divinely inspired writer or speaker was equally important, since the message originated with God's Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

The idea of a red-letter Bible originated with Louis Klopsch, the first editor for the Christian Herald. Its November 1901 issue ran an advertisement offering a red-letter Bible to readers. Dr. Klopsch based this on Luke 22:20, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you,” spoken by Jesus as He instituted the Lord's supper. Reasoning that blood was red, he asked himself, “Why not a red-letter Bible with the red words to be those of our Lord?” He asked Bible scholars in America and Europe to submit passages they regarded as spoken by Christ while on earth.

The first printing of a red-letter Bible numbered 6,000 copies. They sold quickly. Presses were soon running day and night to supply the demand. The King of Sweden sent a congratulatory cablegram, but the message that thrilled Klopsch the most came from President Theodore Roosevelt. He was even invited to dine with the chief executive at the White House.

Dr. Klopsch died March 28, 1910, and was buried at Mont Lawn near Tonawanda, New York, where he had established an orphanage. At the time The New York Tribune said, “He will not be easily replaced. He lived and died by his own motto: ‘Do All the Good You Can for All the People You Can.’ This, he truly did.”

## Serving Today

**Bible Class:** Bro. Russell Weems  
**Streaming/Audio:** Mike Walsh  
**Song Leader:** Bro. Lee Christensen

## Worship Order

**Call to Worship (Himno)**  
**Announcements...** Bro. Mike Walsh  
**Opening Prayer (Oracion)...** Bro. Bill Shurig  
**Hymn (Himno)**  
**Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)...** Bro. Russell Weems  
**Hymn (Himno)**  
**Reading-** James 1:14; Hebrews 4:15; 2:18 (Bro. Steve R.)  
**Sermon-** *A Closer Walk With God By Overcoming Sin (Mark Seim)*  
**Invitational Hymn (Himno)**  
**Closing Hymn (Himno)**  
**Closing Prayer (Oracion)...** Bro. William White

## Congregational Notes

- We are using ushers to collect the used communion cups during the hymn before the lesson. We will continue with this trial process as it seems to be least disruptive to the services.
- The committee list is on the front bulletin board with the points of contact & committee leads. Get involved in an area that interest you.
- Please review membership list with Ron Clevenger (secretary) and fill out membership form if you are not on file.  
*Thank You*

## God's Plan for Saving Man

**Divine Love:** John 3:16  
**God's Grace:** Ephesians 2:8  
**Christ's Blood:** Romans 5:9  
**Holy Spirit's Word:** 1 Corinthians 2:12-13  
**Sinner's Faith:** Acts 16:31  
**Sinner's Repentance:** Luke 13:3  
**Sinner's Confession:** Romans 10:10  
**Sinner's Baptism (Immersion):** Acts 22:16  
**Christian's Love:** Matthew 22:37  
**Christian's Work:** James 2:24  
**Christian's Hope:** Romans 8:24  
**Christian's Endurance:** Revelation 2:10

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **2026 Quarterly Business Meeting Schedule-** meetings are on Thursday and begin @ 6:30PM.  
- 19-Mar, 18-June, 17-Sep, 17-Dec.
- **Trip to Sight & Sound-** "Joshua" April 11th, 2026.
- Next Ladies get together will be at Terri Clevenger's house on Saturday, April 11th @ 11:30A.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

*Proverbs 22:9*

### **Next Outreach Is Saturday Mar-21**

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

Items Needed.

Women items: \***Underwear (Medium)\*, socks.**  
Men items: \***Underwear (Large)\*, clothing (pants), socks.**  
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*

\*\*\* **Black & Red Beans/White Rice/Cereal** \*\*\*

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

- Mike Walsh's mom as she recovers from her surgery.
- Debbie Shurig... health issues.
- Dalene White... recovering from fractured shoulder.
- Deb R. R... health issues.
- Melida... multiple health issues.
- Teri Clevenger... chronic back pain.
- Natalie Weems... health issues.
- Tim Height... health issues.
- Elsie Thompson... health issues.

## FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- Dalene White's brother health issues.
- Debi R-R's sister Isabel and her son Tory dealing with major health issues.
- Terri's daughter Becca's doctor's are monitoring her thyroid.
- Gwendolyn, William Whites mothers roommate, health issues.
- Rhina attends Spanish speaking service, prayers for her health.
- Gary Smalls, (Ruth Stevens Son-in-law) health issues. Michelle (Ruth's daughter) is undergoing dialysis.
- 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.
- 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.

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	2 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	3	4 6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class	5	6	7
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## CHRIST & THE CHURCH

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF

Government  
**KINGDOM**

John 18:37 • Col. 1:13-14

Unity  
**BODY**

Eph.5:23 • Col. 1:18

Ownership  
**CHRIST**

II Timothy 2:10

KINGDOM • BODY  
CHURCH • HOUSEHOLD

Family  
**HOUSEHOLD**

Hebrews 3:6 • Galatians 4:7

760 B.C. Isa. 2:2-3
580 B.C. Daniel 2:44
27 A.D. Mark 9:1
29 A.D. Matt. 16:18

PENTECOST  
ACTS 2:47

30 A.D. Acts 5:11
46 A.D. Acts 14:23
96 A.D. Rev. 1:4

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"  
Revelation 22:17

IMPORTANCE

Matthew 15:15

**Builder** ..... Matthew 16:18

**Blood** ..... Acts 20:20

**Head** ..... Colossians 1:18

**Foundation** .. I Corinthians 3:11

**Savior** ..... Ephesians 5:23

ONENESS

John 17:20-21 • I Corinthians 1:10

**My Church** ..... Matthew 16:18

**The Church** ..... Ephesians 1:22

**One Body** ..... Ephesians 4:4

**One Fold** ..... John 10:16

**One Family** ..... I Timothy 3:15

SALVATION

Acts 4:12

**Added** ..... Acts 2:47

**Purchased** ..... Acts 20:28

**Reconciled** .... Ephesians 2:16

**Saved** ..... II Timothy 2:10

**Redeemed** . Colossians 1:13,14

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### ***A Closer Walk With God By Overcoming Sin***

James 1:14; Hebrews 4:15; 2:18

**Introduction...** To maintain a closer walk with God, and ultimately receive the riches of glory He has prepared for us, we must overcome the problem of sin in two ways. (a) By sinning less and less. (b) By knowing what to do when we do sin. This lesson is concerned with helping us to see how sin develops, and how to overcome it.

#### **I. How Sin Develops**

- (A) Temptation is the first stage ((James 1:14).
  - (1) Temptation involves desire and enticement.
    - a) Hebrews 4:15; 2:18
- (B) The second stage is "sin" itself (James 1:15).
  - (1) SIN = DESIRE + OPPORTUNITY + ACTION
- (C) The consequences of unrepented and unforgiven sins (James 1:15).
  - (1) Isaiah 59:2; Revelations 21:8
- (D) Observations about the development of sin (Revelations 21:8).

#### **II. How To Overcome Sin**

- (A) Changes one's desires (Romans 12:1-2); Galatians 5:24).
  - (1) Psalms 119:11; Matthew 4:3-10
  - (2) Psalms 116:12-14; 119:104
- (B) Limit our opportunities (Matthew 6:13; 26:41).
  - (1) Psalms 101:3-4
  - (2) 1 Corinthians 15:33
- (C) Exercise self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).
  - (1) Acts 2:38; 5:32
  - (2) Romans 8:12-13; Ephesians 3:20
  - (3) Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Corinthians 10:13
- (D) Obtain Forgiveness (1 John 2:1-2).
  - (1) Acts 8:22; 1 Jn.1:9
- (E) Observations about overcoming sin (2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 Corinthians 10:13).
  - (1) Galatians 6:7-9
  - (2) Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:26-31

**Conclusion...** How much better it would be to praise God for His grace, and use it to overcome sin in our lives. There is a wonderful promise given to us in James 1:12 to help motivate us to do so; *"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those that love him"*.

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**Notes:**