

# Shore Lines of the Northfield church of Christ

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## Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM

A workbook study from Ezra & Nehemiah.

## Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM

Men meet @ 10:20AM before services!

## Sunday Spanish Speaking Services @ 1:30PM.

## Sunday Evening... Youtube @ 6:00PM

## \*\*\*NO Monday Study @ the Seim's\*\*\*

## \*\*Wednesday Bible Study @ the Building 6:30PM\*\*

Workbook Lesson 18... Hebrews 10:19-25

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

## LINKS FOR ARTICLES/STREAMING

### Christian Courier Articles

### Bible Talk TV

### In Search of the Lord's Way TV Ministry

### The Magnolia Messenger

### Gospel Broadcasting Network

### Answering The Error

### The Truth about drinking

### Should Christians use gender preferred Pronouns

### Bible Correspondence Courses

## FROM THE BACK PEW!

*How Are You Going To Win... If You Are Not Right Within!*

### **THE COMPROMISING CHURCH (REVELATIONS 2:12-17)!**

First, let's define the word "compromise" and then go from there. According to Merriam Webster (dictionary), "compromise" means: (noun); An agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions giving up some demands; A giving up of something that is wrong, bad, or degrading (such as compromising of one's principles).

According to the **BIBLE**: compromise is the act of lowering **GOD's** absolute standards, yielding moral convictions, or blending core biblical truth with worldly philosophies and sin to gain peace, convenience, social acceptance.

**CHURCH**: a group of "people called out". People who follow the teachings of **JESUS CHRIST** according to the **BIBLE**. A "called assembly" of people rather than a physical building.

**CONGREGATION**: not a building, but a community of believers gathered in **JESUS'** name that have agreed to meet in a "structure". It could be a school building, tent, or for that matter a home like the first Christians met. (Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Philemon 1:2, Acts 2:46, Acts 5:42, Acts 20:20)

**BUILDING**: A structure designated where all can centrally meet.

Back in Biblical days **CHRISTIANS** met in homes because they had no central place to meet. **Acts 2:46-47** "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart (mind) praising **GOD** and having favorite with all the people. And the **LORD** "ADDED" to the church (**JESUS'** teaching) daily those who were being saved."

These scriptures specifically address a congregation in **PERGAMUM** that was living under intense spiritual and cultural pressure, praising their loyalty while rebuking their dangerous compromise with false teachings. Now with all that said are you a "church" that compromises their **CHRISTIAN** beliefs? When you see there is something incorrect what do you do or say? How much do you compromise to get along or not to cause issues with people you worship with, live next to, work with or meet on the street?

# Southwest Church of Christ

## Having Courage to Correct (Proverbs 27:5-6)

Nobody likes to be told they are wrong. It is not pleasant to reflect on our actions and then have to humbly admit a shortcoming.

However, consider the other side of the coin. Receiving correction is difficult, but offering it (correctly) can be a challenge as well. It takes courage to correct our brothers and sisters in Christ or to address sin in a Bible Study with someone who is lost.

By the very nature of correction, conflict usually follows. It is conflict that often creates fear. This fear sometimes leads us to “*sweep problems under the rug*” instead of addressing them as we ought.

**Proverbs 27:5,6** says, “*Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.*”

Consider a few lessons on correction from these verses.

### #1: Rebuke is a form of love.

Divine wisdom says that an open rebuke is better than concealed love. Perhaps this is because open rebuke is a better form of love. True love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth (**1 Corinthians 13:6**).

Therefore, with an attitude of patience and kindness (**1 Corinthians 13:4**), choose to speak truthfully concerning sin instead of avoiding conflict in the name of “*love*,” “*unity*,” “*fear*,” or many other insufficient reasons.

If someone begins to gossip, humbly remind them that such speech is not God-honoring. If another chooses to forsake the assembly, remind them that we miss them and they need to come back. If we continue to see such situations and fail to have the courage to correct, wisdom says we lack love towards those in sin.

### #2: Correction from brethren is better than praise from the world.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend because the result is growth, righteousness, and a good standing with the Lord.

Sin is messy; therefore, it is not “*fun*” to clean up.

However, wisdom reminds us of the benefit of one who has the courage to correct: *faithfulness*.

In contrast, the text tells us that praise or “*kisses*” from the enemy are deceitful. In other words, there is no benefit, and there is actually much harm. Everyone wants to hear what they are doing well, but oftentimes, real growth happens when we address our imperfections.

In conclusion, consider two additional passages to keep in mind concerning correction. **Galatians 6:1** demands that we correct with a gentle spirit created by self-reflection. **Matthew 7:5** calls us to look at our own struggles before we address the problems of others. Neither negates the need to correct, but these passages show us what attitude we must have when we correct.

So, remember... Choosing to correct is both loving and better than a false praise the world offers. May we do so as the need arises, and be humble enough to receive it when we fall short.

-Bryce Mayfield

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Saturday Night (October 31st)! Set Your Clocks Back!**



## Serving Today

**Bible Class:** *Bro. Ron Clevenger*  
**Streaming/Audio:** *Bro. Mike Walsh*  
**Song Leader:** *Bro. Lee Christensen*

## Worship Order

**Call to Worship (Himno)**

**Announcements...** *Bro. Mike Walsh*

**Opening Prayer (Oracion)...** *Bro. Javier Perez*

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)...** *Bro. Al Morel*

**Hymn (Himno)**

**Reading-** 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (*Bro. Bill Shurig*)

**Sermon-** The Blessings Of Affliction (*Bro. Bill Wills*)

**Invitational Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Hymn (Himno)**

**Closing Prayer (Oracion)...** *Bro. Russell Weems*

## Notes & Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday Night Study** this week is at the building 6:30PM (NO ZOOM). We are in lesson 18 of our workbook Hebrews 10:19-25.
- **Caroling at the Ridgewood Assisted Care Facility in Smithville...** *Saturday, December 5th at 2 PM.*

### A.C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH... OCTOBER 24TH

*Proverbs 22:9*

Javier & Miranda Perez (609)764-1410... 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*

\*\*\* **White Rice** \*\*\*

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.

## **"BE A BARNABAS"**

Send someone an encouraging word this week. Reach out to someone who has not attended services in a while.

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

*[If you want someone added to the prayer list in the bulletin please fill out a prayer request card and put in the one of collection plates.]*

- *Deb R. R... the beginning stages of leukemia.*
- *Debbie Shurig... health issues.*
- *Melida... health issues.*
- *Teri Clevenger... chronic back pain.*
- *Natalie Weems... health issues.*
- *Tim Height... health issues.*
- *Elsie Thompson... health issues.*
- *Jose & Alta DeLaCruz... health issues.*

## Friends & Relatives

- Debi R-R's son *Tory* diagnosed with a terminal illness & her sister *Isabel* dealing with major health issues.
- *Michelle* (Ruth's daughter) heart procedure was postponed due to health complications, *Gary Smalls*, (Ruth's Son-in-law) continues to suffer from health issues.
- Miriam's brother *Eddie* and Aunt's husband *Tommy* dealing with health issues.
- Javiers nephew *A.J.* needing prayers for spiritual support.
- *Nancy DeSalvo*, Terri's sister who has some serious health issues.
- Keep *Ami's friend* who has breast cancer in your prayers.
- *Allen Crabb* (Shurig's friend) dealing with heart issues.
- *Dalene White's brother* 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 cousin *Eddie* needs prayers, her brother *Don* is recovering from surgery, *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.

## ***Rx for Spiritual Health***

Daily fill your soul with good thoughts and be busy doing good.

*But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.*

**Ephesians 5:3-4**

Exercising restraint is very healthy for the body and the soul.

Ron Adams Author

## 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

# WHAT'S OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION?

(III John)

**Gaius:**

He was  
**"Spiritually Healthy"**  
 because of a love  
 for the truth.  
 (vss 1-4)

**Diotrephes:**

He was  
**"Spiritually Sick"**  
 because of a love for  
 having the preeminence.  
 (vss 9,10)

**Demetrius:**

He had a  
**"Spiritual Reputation"**  
 because of a love  
 for doing good.  
 (vss 11,12)

**"EXAMINE YOURSELF, WHETHER YE BE IN THE FAITH..."**  
 (II Corinthians 13:5)



**October 2026**

| Sunday                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                     | Tuesday                     | Wednesday                                               | Thursday                                          | Friday | Saturday                                                                                      |
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| 27<br>9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class<br>10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship<br>1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services                                              | 28<br>6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims              | 29<br>6:30 PM Bylaw Meeting | 30<br>6:30 PM Bible Study @ the building                | 1                                                 | 2      | 3                                                                                             |
| 4<br>9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class<br>10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship<br>1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services                                               | 5<br>6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims               | 6                           | 7<br>6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class                           | 8                                                 | 9      | 10<br>3:00 PM Devo & Fellowship Meal at Tania's                                               |
| 11<br>9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class<br>10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship<br>12:00 PM ***Cape May Zoo Trip Canceled***<br>1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services | 12<br><b>Columbus Day</b><br>6:30 PM No Study at the Seims | 13                          | 14<br>6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class                          | 15                                                | 16     | 17<br>11:30 AM Ladies Luncheon @ the Hibachi Grill in Mays Landing                            |
| 18<br>9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class<br>10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship<br>1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services                                              | 19<br>6:30 PM No Study at the Seims                        | 20                          | 21<br>6:30 PM ZOOM Bible Class                          | 22<br>6:00 PM Men's Fellowship... @ Javiers home. | 23     | 24<br>10:30 AM A.C. Outreach                                                                  |
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