

<b>SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM</b>		
SONG LEADER . . . . .	Jay Roberts	
BIBLE READING . . . . .	Isaiah Thomas	
OPENING PRAYER . . . . .	Jim Powell	
LORDS SUPPER . . . . .	Marvin Frazier	
CLOSING PRAYER . . . . .	Forest Antemesaris	
<b>SUNDAY MORNING 10:30 AM</b>		
SONG LEADER . . . . .	Kyle Smith	
BIBLE READING . . . . .	Phillip Howell	
OPENING PRAYER . . . . .	Paul Walter	
LORDS SUPPER . . . . .	Ken Schauer	
CLOSING PRAYER . . . . .	Jim Hall	
<b>SUNDAY'S SERMONS</b>		
<b>AM: Because Faith Makes Us Right with God</b> (Romans 5:1-5)		
<b>ALSO LIVE STREAM</b> On our Facebook Page at 10:30		
<b>LST WK</b>	<b>STATISTICS</b>	<b>LAST YR</b>
NA . . . . .	<b>SUN CLASSES</b> . . . . .	NA
78 . . . . .	<b>SUN AM</b> . . . . .	NA
NA . . . . .	<b>SUN PM</b> . . . . .	NA
NA . . . . .	<b>WED CLASSES</b> . . . . .	NA
\$4,053.00 . . . . .	<b>CONTRIBUTION</b> . . . . .	NA
<b>WEDNESDAY EVENING</b>		
<b>LIVE STREAM</b> <b>ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE</b>		
<b>SERVE LORD'S SUPPER IN SEPTEMBER</b>		
9:00 am . . . . .		
10:30 am . . . . .		
<b>PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER</b> NA		
<b>SERVING IN SEPTEMBER</b>		
ANNOUNCEMENTS: . . . . .	NA	
PICK-UP CUPS: . . . . .	NA	
OPEN BUILDING: . . . . .	Frank DeBord	
CLOSE BUILDING: . . . . .	Bob Bauer/Jim Hall	



### BREAD & SWEETS

We will continue getting bread & sweets. Please feel free to pick up whatever you can use or share with your friends & neighbors. We have veggies on occasion.

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To:



Some of you may have seen this viral post about a man and his father at the bank:

I had spent an hour in the bank with my dad, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist myself & asked, "Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" He asked.

"Well, then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like transfer. You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!" I was so excited about initiating him into the world of internet banking.

He asked "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"

"Yes, yes!" I said. I told him how even grocery can be delivered at door now and how amazon delivers everything! His answer left me tongue-tied.

He said "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now. You know I am alone; this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time; it is the physical touch that I crave. Two years back I got sick, the store owner from whom I buy fruits, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried. When your Mom fell down few days back while on her morning walk. Our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live. Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online? Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer? I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of Relationships.

Does Amazon deliver all this as well?"

Technology isn't life...

Spend time with people... Not with devices.

While we should be thankful for the ease and convenience that technology has brought to our lives, we should also be mindful that there's a lot technology can't do and will never replace. We should be thankful we've been able to worship online these past months, but we should also yearn for the ability to be back together in person again. No amount of digital church can replace that feeling of being together in person with your church family!

# Orange Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

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We Invite You To  
Attend Any Or All Of  
Our Services!

**SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:**  
Bible Class . . . 9:30am  
AM Worship . . 10:30am  
PM Worship . . . 5:00pm  
1st Sunday of the Month:  
PM Worship . . . 1:00pm

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Class . . . 7:00pm

**ELDERS**  
Bob Bauer  
Matt Faneuf  
Jim Hall

**DEACONS**  
Frank DeBord  
Marvin Frazier  
Frank Nabors  
Chad Tagtow

**MINISTERS**  
Forest Antemesaris  
Bob Bauer

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## 5 Things For Every Christian to Remember This Sunday

Hiram Kemp

Worship has always been an important part of the lives of God's people. From the time of Moses all the way through the New Testament, we read about the people of God assembling to offer worship to God. This year's pandemic has given us all a newfound appreciation for the worship assembly on Sunday. We realize that what had become a routine in the lives of God's people should never be taken for granted.

Whether you have been to more assemblies than you can count, or you are a new convert, there are some things you should keep in mind this Lord's day as you enter into the assembly to worship. I hope these five reminders will help us all to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

### 1. God Is Present

As you worship this Sunday, one of the fundamental things to keep in mind is that the Lord is present. It is true that we can never escape God's presence (Ps 139:7-11). God's omnipresence is something we normally emphasize in studies on Christian apologetics, but as it relates to worship, we need to remind ourselves of this spiritual reality. Jesus described God as one seeking those to worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).



As we come together to worship God, we are in the presence of one another, but most importantly we are in the presence of our God (Ps 95:6). I wonder how a constant reminder of this reality would affect the way we approach each aspect of our worship. We worship alongside the brethren, we teach and admonish each other, but we worship God alone (Matt 4:10; Rev 19:10).

God is present everywhere we go but there is an added significance when we come before God in worship. This Lord's day—and every other day for that matter—remember that God is present and paying attention (Prov 15:3). God is watching us sing, take the Lord's supper, daydream during the sermon, or whatever else we are engaged in. The presence of God in our worship assemblies does not need to incite paralyzing fear within us, but it should cause us to have pious reverence (Ps 89:7). As you scan the auditorium this Lord's Day and take note of who is there, remember to account for the one who is invisible (1 Tim 1:17)!



2. People Are Hurting and Struggling

We are not to abandon or forsake the assembly of God’s people (Heb 10:25). However, it is not always easy to walk through the doors and worship. It is not because God is unworthy, but because some seasons of life are harder than others. Right before the verse which tells us not to “skip church” we are told to encourage each other and stir each other up to love and good works (Heb 10:24). We are to encourage each other daily (Heb 3:13) and Sunday is an opportunity time to fulfill this obligation.

When you walk into the assembly Sunday, remember that hurting people are present. I once heard Jeff Jenkins say in a sermon, “there is pain on every pew.” The more I preach and deal with people, the more the truth of his words resonate with me. While we are to worship God, we also need to be sure not to forget those in our presence who are “limping along” (1 Thess 5:14).

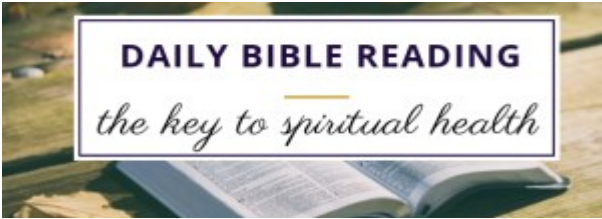
It will take all that some people have within them just to get through the doors this Lord’s day. Remember to be kind. Give a smile or an encouraging word and leave the destructive criticism at home (see Col 4:6). Some are dealing with difficult children or maybe difficult parents. Some marriages are on the rocks. Others may be unsure of their future employment. There may be those who are battling depression, anxiety, self-worth issues, or mental health problems in other ways.



Jesus’ heart went out to the hurting and so should ours (Matt 9:36; 11:28-30). God is near to the brokenhearted, and the closer we get to God the closer we will get to the brokenhearted (Ps 34:18). Look for someone to lift up when you assemble this Sunday because I can assure you there will be someone there who can use it.

3. Examine Yourself

It’s funny how we can have 20/20 vision when we observe the issues of others, but we struggle to see our imperfections and areas of needed improvement. When we come to worship God, we must remember to examine ourselves. As we listen to the sermon, we should search for what applies to us. We are to do our best to present ourselves approved to God (2 Tim 2:15). We need to allow the word of God to work on our hearts before we think of how it could help others. Sometimes we may be listening to a sermon or even preaching it and thinking “I know just who needs to hear this sermon.”



- Oct 11 Matt 8:1-13, Luke 7
- Oct 12 Matt 11
- Oct 13 Matt 12:22-50, Luke 11
- Oct 14 Matt 13, Luke 8
- Oct 15 Matt 8:14-34, Mark 4-5
- Oct 16 Matt 9-10
- Oct 17 Matt 14, Mark 6, Luke 9:1-17

Chronological Bible  
Reading Plan for 2020



Betty Thomas - Stomach surgery  
October 19th

Kenny Skinner - In the hospital with  
kidney and bladder issues

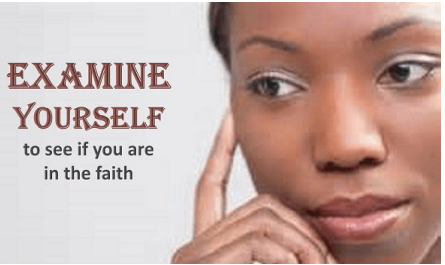
Barbara Slayton - Auburndale Hospice  
Wendy Deemer’s mom

Worship Service Schedule

The Covid guidelines have changed. But we will continue to have 2 services. The 9:00am service will continue as it has been. The 10:30am service will meet in the auditorium instead of the fellowship hall. The 10:30 service will also continue to be live streamed. For now the Sunday pm bible study and the Wednesday pm bible study will continue to be live stream only.

If you have any questions  
please call the office.

The person who I need to have in mind first as I preach or listen to a lesson is myself. Peter told those who heard him preach on Pentecost to save themselves (Acts 2:40). Paul told the Corinthians to examine themselves (2 Cor 13:5). The only person we can control is ourselves, so that’s where we must start. There is nothing wrong with hearing something that could help someone else, but we must be sure not to listen for others first.



When taking the Lord’s supper, we are to examine ourselves as we eat the bread and drink the cup (1 Cor 11:28). Jesus died for the world, but I need to realize he died for me as an individual (Gal 2:20). Worship is a communal act, but it involves individual introspection. Are you taking the Christian life seriously? Are you believing the promises of God? Are you producing the fruit of the Spirit? Are you shunning the works of the flesh? Do you truly mean the words that you sing? These are the questions that we should be asking ourselves as we come before the throne of God in worship. We can’t answer these questions for anyone else and no one else can answer them for us (Rom 14:12; 2 Cor 5:10). This Sunday, take the mirror of God’s word and be sure to look into it for yourself first (Jas 1:23-25).

4. Visitors are Watching

I’m not sure if you will have visitors present where you attend this Sunday. Still, I can assure you that if you do have visitors they will be watching. I believe it is important to remember that we do not gather for the purpose of entertaining visitors or members (see point #1). But visitors will get an idea of what Christianity is about from what they see in the assembly (see 1 Cor 14:23). We should conduct worship in an orderly fashion because God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor 14:33). We should also be orderly because our worship says something to our visitors about who we are and the God that we serve (1 Cor 14:40).



If you have a role in leading the worship services be sure to not rush through things as if everyone knows why we do what we do—an explanation is sometimes helpful. When the preacher starts the invitation, don’t grab a songbook and ignore what he’s saying. If the invitation doesn’t look important to those who are members, visitors might conclude it doesn’t matter for them either.

We should be careful about the example we set (see Rom 12:17). There is a sense in which we are a divine advertisement and our worship speaks volumes. Maybe a member is studying with someone and brings them to worship to show them what the people of God are about. May we be known for our love for God and our love for our neighbors (1 Tim 1:5). Visitors are more likely to become members if members behave as Scripture says they should.

5. The Gospel Changes the World

We will sing about it and hear it in the sermon, but we need to be reminded that the gospel changes the world. The gospel is God’s power to save (Rom 1:16). The gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world. Throughout the week we hear so many conflicting messages about what we really need in order to live, thrive, and survive. On Sunday we get to hear the truth proclaimed. The truth is, hope is only found in Jesus (1 Tim 1:1). There is only salvation in Jesus (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). The world needs to hear this message and we need to remember it. The first-century Christians overcame threats and persecution because they knew the life-transforming power of the message of the cross (1 Cor 1:18; Rev 12:11).

We are on the winning team. In Christ, we are more than conquerors (Rom 8:37). While all are invited, only those who believe and obey enjoy the victory. As you worship this Sunday, whether it’s with a gathering as small as 20 or one as large as 700, remember the gospel we proclaim and believe can change the world—it already has.

Worship God with everything you can this Sunday. Worship him as he desires to be worshipped. Come before him in spirit and in truth. Hopefully, these reminders will help

us to take our worship more seriously and to be better servants of our God.

