

## Preparing Ourselves For Worship

by Richie Thetford church of Christ at Greenwood Greenwood, IN

Most everyone realizes the need for preparation in our lives. Before we leave for work or school, we freshen up, comb our hair, and put on clean clothing. After a hearty breakfast, we leave the house ready to face the day's activities.

Parents prepare and make sure that their school-age children are ready with their homework before they head to school. One hosting a get together values preparation and usually goes the second mile when company is coming. The menu is planned, grocery shopping done early, and the meal gets put on the table at the right time.

Preparation really does pay off! When we're well prepared, our lives are happier and runs smoother. We've all learned that facing a test in school without studying, getting to work late without our lunch, or serving guests after a long delay, disturbs us. We've learned the value of preparation in various areas of our day to day lives.

Therefore, don't we feel that our worship of God would be better if we made adequate preparation for it? I want to offer just a few suggestions that should make our worship to God much better on the Lord's day.

First, we need to get up on time. It really makes a difference when we get up, get ready, and leave in plenty of time in order to arrive at the building early so we can greet our brethren, and begin focusing our attention on the privileges and joys of assembling together.

Secondly, we need to come with a prepared, seeking heart. Attending the assembly should not be approached as a matter of habit or burden of duty. It's an opportunity to get completely away from the world and be in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and have a deeper contact with our God.

Thirdly, we need to come with a prepared attitude. We need to come prepared to give of ourselves. If we come only to receive, we will, in the end, get nothing. The success of the assembly depends on people who are prepared to give of themselves. Assembling isn't just a matter of getting some people together. It's a matter of getting hearts, minds, and needs together. Our preparing for the assembly will most likely make all the difference in the world. Come prepared to worship our almighty God and to edify and encourage one another.

## NEWSLETTER

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We seek to be a place of healing and worship.

## Schedule of Services

*Our current schedule is:*

Sunday Bible Class 10 to 10:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

*La Salle*  
church of Christ

*We Meet At*  
1121 N. Military Rd.  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Phone (716) 283-1214

**Website:** lasallechurchofchrist.org

Please check the website for bulletins,  
*House to House Heart to Heart* magazine,  
and other things.



### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.*



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.**

**Condolences** to family friends and loved ones of Jean Fitzgerald. June 17, 1926 - Oct. 06, 2023. She passed away at the age of 97. She was a long time friend of Denise Garlitz. Please see posted obituary.

**Prayers** *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

*Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.*

*Let's continue to pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.*

*Let's pray concerning the situation in the Middle East.*

**Frank Marsden** is recovering at Elderwood rehab after suffering several small strokes. Please see posted info.

**Butts Sumner** is scheduled for back surgery on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Jessica Alcorn** She had an appointment with the oncologist Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and should be able to start chemotherapy treatments again soon, however, she is now suffering with shingles and a torn muscle.

**Darlene Reed** is suffering with a hairline fracture since the shoulder surgery and is recovering at home.

**Jean Cameron** is dealing with medical issues.

**Maria Swindlehurst** is struggling with A-Fib.

**Michael Rice** Let's pray for him as he deals with the pressures of school.

**Marietta McArthur** (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues. Ray is asking for prayers for his mother and also for the family to deal with situations involving her.

**Lisa Wheeler**, Richard Wheeler's sister, is now home recovering.

**Karen**, Linda & Diane's sister, finished chemo treatments.

**Dan Callari** (from Amherst congregation). His cancer is back and he isn't doing too well.

**Glen Mueller** He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

**Amy** (30 yr old daughter of Joe & Sherry (friends of Louella Hopkins)) is addicted to heroin. Louella is asking for prayers for them and also herself as she tries to help them in this situation.

**Isabella Rich** (9 years old, Louella Hopkin's great niece) had heart surgery recently and was placed in a controlled induced coma for recovery. She is still in a coma. There is a problem with fluid in her lungs and her chest is still opened. Let's pray for a good outcome.

**Rob & Jamari** (neighbors of Jones' & Martinez families) Rob recently passed away. Please pray for Jamari and family members as they grieve the passing of husband and father.

**Steven** Barb Storz (Amherst) met him at a store and asked if he would like to attend church services. He said yes.

**Potluck** Next Sunday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Groups 1, 2, & 3 to **setup and cleanup**.

Groups 1, 2, & 3 are the Groups from the Phone Tree.

Group 1 Those in Ron & Jean Cameron's Group

Group 2 Those in Rodney & Carol Jones' Group.

Group 3 Those in Louella Hopkins' Group.



## Order of Worship

Songleader Today: Rodney Jones

Call to Worship

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Sermon

Song of Invitation

Song for Communion

Communion

Announcements

Song

Closing Prayer

## Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**Oct. 15 Today.** Men's Business Meeting

**Oct. 21** Men's Day - Canada Please see posting.

**Oct. 22 Next Sunday.** Potluck

**Oct. 29** Short sermon to give time for more singing and scripture reading.

**Nov. 04** Set clocks back one hour before going to bed.

**Nov. 07** Election Day

**Nov. 11** Veterans Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,430.00

Attendance Last Sunday 43

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.



## Attention Men

There will be a Men's Business Meeting after services **today**.



*Bruce Brink and Stephanie Vinton will be united in marriage on November 4<sup>th</sup>. In honor of their marriage, and to share our love and best wishes, we have a card for everyone to sign and will also be collecting toward a gift card to give them. See Audrey to sign the card and contribute toward the gift card.*