

# Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24



## “Brotherly Love” Is No Empty Phrase

By Mike Riley

The apostle Paul’s concern for restoring a wayward brother, is only one example of the mutual concern which he describes as “bearing one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2). No faithful Christian can rightly divorce his own spiritual life from his life in the body of Christ (cf. Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:15-16; Ephesians 5:23). Nor can he ever congratulate himself on his spiritual superiority over his erring brother (cf. Luke 18:11-12).

Paul tells us that love never “rejoices in wrongdoing” (1 Corinthians 13:6 ESV). The application of brotherly love is found in 1 Corinthians 12:24-26:

“But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism [division] in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.”

“Brotherly love” is no empty phrase (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10). Wherever God’s Spirit is, a community of believers [the church] can be found that bears each other’s burdens (cf. Romans 16:1-16). Continued on next page ...

### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
4 Square  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Titus  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Romans  
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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## The Joy Of Anticipation

By Mike Riley

A significant part of our lives centers around anticipation. How much joy would there be if there were no event to anticipate, such as a wedding, the birth of a baby, a vacation, or visiting a favorite eating place?

All of the above anticipated events grow in value because of the hours we spend looking forward to them — our minds eagerly anticipating the fun, challenges, and excitement these events will bring.

For a moment, let's think about the value of anticipation and the thrill it can bring to our heart when we read Psalm 30:5-NKJV:

“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”

Here, the Psalmist is declaring the comforting idea that our earthly sorrow lasts but a short time in comparison to the anticipated joy that will last for eternity in heaven.

Paul pens a similar idea in 2 Corinthians 4:17-NKJV, where we discover that our “light affliction” we experience here on earth leads to our anticipation of a glory of eternal value.

Those of us who weep can dwell on hope instead of hopelessness, and anticipation instead of sorrow. There may be a period of night in our hearts, but just ahead lies the dawn of eternity. And with it, God promises the endless joy of a heavenly morning.

An environment of loneliness, which some Christians find themselves living in, makes it more necessary than ever, that we find a caring community of fellow Christians. Many of us live in large cities, where we may not know the names of our neighbors, and are removed from close relatives by distance. We have nothing which can be called our own special community.

A church which lives by the power of God's word (Romans 1:16), is the one place where we can find a sense of intimacy with a caring fellowship. There's no question that there are still too many churches that “bite and devour one another” (Gal. 5:15).

One of the messages to the churches of Galatia, is that they be challenged to overcome the natural inclination for discord. Brotherly love for our fellow Christian, must be one of our primary concerns (1 John 4:20-21; cf. John 13:34-35).

### Announcements

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### Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
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### Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer
- August - Rowell

### August Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Donald Montgomery - 4th • Jill Carlberg - 14th
- Scott Williams - 28th
- Chuck and Sonja Rowell - 11th

Every Sunday Morning  
@ 8:00 AM  
on WTOK-TV



### Sermon Notes

### Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery  
Scripture Reading - Hebrews 10:19 - 25  
Lead Singing - Mark Potts  
Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper  
Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Cooper  
Scripture Reading - Luke 22:14 - 22  
Closing Prayer - Dwight Callens



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