

# Northside Church of Christ

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



## Giving God Credit

By Joe Chesser

Do you love to watch little kids when they are learning things for the first time? They sometimes put their clothes on backwards or up-side-down or wrong-side-out, but they take pride in the fact that they did it themselves. And you'd better not try to help them. They'll let you know quite confidently that, "I can do it myself!" And that's as it should be. We want our kids to grow up to be independent, learning to do things for themselves as they mature. There comes a time when kids should no longer need their parents to tie their shoes or help them with homework or drive a car.

However, there is a danger in becoming too independent. No one should ever get to the point where they feel like they never need anyone for anything. We all need mechanics or electricians or plumbers from time to time. We all need doctors and financial advisors and preachers. We only make it more difficult when we try to be so independent that we never seek the help of anyone else. God has created us to need help from those around us. When others do help us, we need to acknowledge and thank them for it.

This is especially true of the help that God gives us. For some reason we often just meander through life without ever recognizing much of God's help, even less thanking him for it.

By doing this, we are not only robbing God of the glory due Him, we are also limiting how God works through us. But by acknowledging God's hand, even in our smallest battles, we are opening the door for Him to enable us to fight bigger ones.

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### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in  
52 Weeks -  
Lamentations  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Singing Night  
7:00 PM



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not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word  
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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# God's Word – Always Fresh, Exiting, And Worth Repeating

By Mike Riley

A Hollywood actor was once asked if he had become tired of the same old questions from his fans. His reply was, “I really haven’t, because even if it’s the thousandth time I’ve been asked a question, it’s the first time the person asking it has ever heard the answer.”

And so it is with the preaching and teaching of God’s word. No matter how many times this writer preaches or teaches from the Bible, there’s always someone present who hasn’t heard it presented in exactly the same way. And there are many more individuals who have heard the material before but may have forgotten, or have stored the information in one of the filing cabinets of their mind and haven’t taken it out again recently. If we’ve never heard a point of Scripture taught before, or if we just don’t recall hearing it, it may be “old” to someone else, but it’s “new” to us.

Even though we may have read the Bible through from beginning to end several times — when we study any portion of it, we gain more knowledge of certain passages that help us to better grasp the meaning of others. Which is why we can never exhaust the study possibilities of the Scriptures.

We should be a different person reading the Bible today than we were the last time we picked it up — even if that last time was as recently as yesterday. We’ve had new experiences since then — we know things now we didn’t know before — we’re in a position to view the inspired writings from another, different perspective. Like the mercies of God, the Scriptures are “new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23) — even though the Lord hasn’t changed a word in twenty centuries, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

As learned as he was, even the apostle Paul was a student of the Word to the end when he wrote in his final letter to Timothy: “The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.” (2 Timothy 4:13)

Brethren, the word of God is a living and active document, “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12) — no matter if it’s read for the first time or the thousandth time. No matter what we’re studying from God’s book, we’ll find in its pages answers we’re seeing for the very first time.

This is what keeps God’s word ever so fresh, exciting, and worth repeating over and over again. May God richly bless us as we continue to study and teach His word to others.

“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)

“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

David recognized that it was God who delivered him from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear. From those experiences David learned that God could also deliver him from the giant Philistine, Goliath ( 1 Samuel 17:37 ). The apostle Paul was able to do his greatest work once he understood that his accomplishments were by God’s grace, not by his own abilities ( 2 Cor. 12:7-10 ). Jesus taught that those who learn to use their talents, when they were entrusted to them by their master, will be given more talents ( Matt. 25:14-30 ). Giving God credit, even in the smallest details, cannot be over emphasized.

Paul wrote: “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” ( Col. 3:17 ).

What have you credited God with so far today?

## Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
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## Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- December - Montgomery

## Announcements

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## December Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Connie Montgomery - 3rd • Crimson Rowell - 31st
- Rick Carlberg - 7th

Every Sunday Morning  
@ 6:00 AM  
on WTOK-TV



## Sermon Notes

## Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts  
Scripture Reading - Lamentations 3:21 - 24  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord’s Table - Shay Cooper  
Assist on Lord’s Table - Camden Cooper  
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-29  
Closing Prayer - James Johnson

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