

# Northside Church of Christ

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



## You Stumbled . . . Now What?

By Joe Barnett

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. (James 3:2)

My song leader and I were perched on the front pew, ready to lead the congregation in song and sermon following communion, which was now being served from the platform seven steps up.

Our server, beginning his descent with trays of filled cups, tripped and lofted into a headfirst dive, zeroing in on two petrified parsons and a flock of front-rowers. Nothing damages dignity like taking a tumble in public.

Spiritual stumbles are worse. But stumbling is a stubborn fact of life. Have you ever taken a spiritual spill? Sure you have. You wish like crazy you hadn't done what you did . . . but you did.

God has never used anyone who hasn't stumbled, for “We all stumble in many ways” (James 3:2).

Nor has God ever used anyone who, after stumbling, didn't get up and give it another go.

All of life you have left is in the future. Don't live it in the past.

### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
Transformed  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Book of Acts  
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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## Heavenly Wisdom

By Steven McFadden

It is easier for us to judge what we see. That is one of the reasons we do not make good judges and God does not appoint us as such. We do not see people's hearts or motives behind what they do. Thankfully, Judging is left up to Jesus who sees the whole picture.

Since we only see a sliver of people's lives, and that which is visible, we tend to place a lot of weight on those visible things. We in turn tend to make those things the priorities in our lives because that is how we see others. What about those things that are not easily seen; those traits and characteristics that are more like attitudes and spiritual ways of thinking? I think we have the tendency to downplay these things and the role they play in our lives. However, James uses some strong words when it comes to a spiritual way of thinking we ought to possess. I would like for you to reflect on these words from James. See if you feel the weight of what he is saying as I did when I read through this today.

[13] Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. [14] But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. [15] This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. [16] For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. [17] But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. [18] And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. (James 3:13-18)

## Inside-Out

By David Grubb

As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion. (Proverbs 11:22)

Lipstick or jewelry on a pig does not change the fact that you still have a pig. Many a person has tried to decorate their outside, hoping that it would change their inside. God prefers that we concentrate on the inner man in Christ, and let the beauty on the surface come from the inside. A gentle, holy, and genuine spirit produces the real beauty.

## Announcements

- 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal, January 30th following Worship
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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
- January - Potts
- February - Carlberg

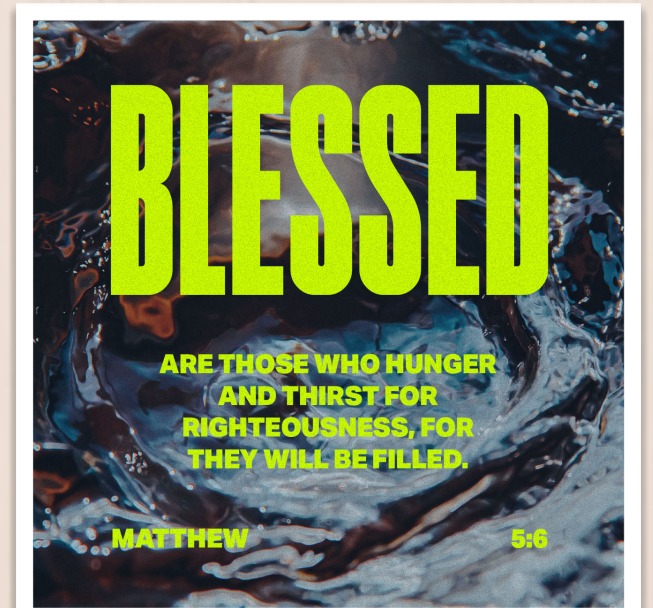
## January Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Ora Barrett - 9th
- Auburn Rowell - 18th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



## Sermon Notes

## Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts  
 Scripture Reading - 2 Peter 1:5 - 11  
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
 Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens  
 Assist on Lord's Table - David Cradic  
 Scripture Reading - John 19:25 - 30  
 Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper



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