

# Northside Church of Christ

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



## Heeding God's Message To Us

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a Yellowstone National Park ranger who was one day leading a group of hikers to a fire lookout. The ranger was so intent on telling the hikers about the flowers and various kinds of animals, that he switched his two-way radio off because it was distracting.

Nearing the lookout tower, the ranger was met by a nearly breathless lookout, who asked why he hadn't responded to the messages on his radio.

A grizzly bear had been seen stalking the group, and the authorities were trying to warn the hikers of the danger.

Brethren and friends, any time we tune out God's message to us, we put our souls in great danger.

Rather, let us give earnest heed, never refusing Him who speaks from heaven through His revealed Word (cf. Hebrews 2:1-3).

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: (Hebrews 12:25)

### 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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## Why Seek The Lost?

By Mike Riley

Often we sing in our songbooks, “Seeking the lost, yes, kindly entreating, Wanderers on the mountain astray; Come unto Me, His message repeating, Words of the Master speaking today.”

Many sermons are preached urging church members to be more diligent in preaching and teaching the Gospel to those who are spiritually lost. Often the words of the Great Commission are read, but they just go in one ear and out the other. Perhaps it would help if we asked the question: “Why seek the lost?”

If Christians everywhere had a better understanding of the answer to that question, perhaps more would be actively engaged in seeking those who are lost in sin. Let us suggest some answers:

### Because They Are Lost In Sin

To be lost in sin is to have eternal damnation. Paul said the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

### Because They Are Without Christ

True joy and happiness in life is found only in Christ. To be without Christ is to be without spiritual life John 15:6).

### Because Of Their Destiny

The Bible clearly shows that the destiny of the lost is hell (Matthew 25:41-46).

### Because They Cannot Direct Their Own Steps

The lost need help to find the way. By themselves they will never find it (Jeremiah 10:23). They need someone to show them the way (Acts 8:31).

### Because Of The Great Value Of A Soul

The most valuable thing in all the world is a soul. They are too valuable to be allowed to be lost (Matthew 16:26).

### Because People Are Calling For Help

All over the world men and women, boys and girls are looking for spiritual guidance. Just as in Bible times, those who are seeking to obey God’s will are asking, “What must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30).

### Because We Are Commanded To Help

The Lord’s last words before ascending into heaven were clear to all. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.” (Matthew 28:19).

### Conclusion

Brethren, let us earnestly pray to our heavenly Father that we will become more interested in seeking and saving the lost in our communities and around the world. This is God’s directive for every Christian. Let’s be found faithfully executing that directive in the command to “Go teach” so that God will reap a bountiful spiritual harvest of souls (Matthew 9:37-38; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

## 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
- July - Potts
- August - Rowell

## July Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Tristan Rowell - 6th
- Chuck Rowell - 11th
- Ryan and Kylie Joiner - 26th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



## Sermon Notes

## Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery  
 Scripture Reading - Romans 13:11 - 14  
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
 Head of Lord’s Table - Don Potts  
 Assist on Lord’s Table - Mark Potts  
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20 - 29  
 Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper

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