

# CAPITAL CITY



## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### A Gift that Has Eternal Meaning

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*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”* **Mark 10:45**

Great occasions in life should always be viewed with deep personal reflection. Only then will we be able to grasp the occasion’s meaning. To ask even believers to step back and review with biblical perspective the events associated with commercial Christmas feels like I would be intruding on one’s personal space; perhaps imposing on individuals enjoyment. In a post-modern world people take their “religious holidays” seriously. To suggest that whatever the holiday involves, they embrace it to the fullest. Usually, Christmas comes with a few days off from work or school, time to visit with friends and family, and if you have worked to maintain meaningful relationships with significant others, you may anticipate gifts that express how others feel about you. I realize if I intrude on other’s personal views of “religious holidays” I should be prepared for sustained resistance. People can get really ugly when others invade their personal space or touch their secret treasure.

I’ve often wondered how God feels about people who hold views of His Son’s entry into the world that limits His value or meaning as the Son of God. I wonder if God experiences Christmas as a mockery, where people, even believers misrepresent the birth of Christ? For example, the world in general appears content with viewing Jesus as an infant on an annual basis. Yet, the last birthday I had several who celebrated with me embellished in a discussion of how old I was. To me that’s normal. What doesn’t seem normal to me is if people looked back on my infancy, like many feel comfortable doing as they celebrate the birth of Christ. Right about now I feel like I am entering into your personal space, space I have not been invited into. Yet, if we could avoid emotional confrontation and consider my concern with serious reflection, perhaps we could try to arrive at an interpretation of the birth of Christ that will glorify God and avoid misrepresenting His Son.

The scriptures present Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The one God planned to send into the world before the world existed in its physical form. God planned in His eternal wisdom to rescue us from self-diminishing sin that separates us from Him (**Isa 59:1, 2; Rom 3:23; 6:23**). Christ death on the cross is the price God was willing to pay to reunite us with Him in His Eternal Kingdom. *Thus, an appropriate celebration and recognition of Christ must display self-sacrificing service and love that is revealed in His purpose for coming into the world.* In essence, the depth of His purpose does not center in on His birth though historic and noteworthy, but rather on the price He paid to save our souls. *He is the gift of God all men and women should seek to receive in order to experience true meaning in this life and in the life to come (Rom. 6:23).* Some people may experience this view as judgmental or insensitive to say the least. Most likely because it deemphasizes the pursuit of worldly traditions (the lesser) and encourages greater thoughtfulness over spiritual concerns (the greater).

My hope is that everyone will consider the value and meaning of a life in Christ. As well, as we reflect on what Christ did for us on the cross, dying for our sins, that we will accept His gift that will add eternal meaning to the life God gave us.

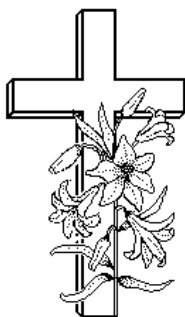
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#### Schedule of Weekly Services:

##### Sunday

Bible Study 10:30 am  
Worship 11:30 am

##### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

**With much Christian love,**  
C. K. Stewart I, Minister

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ **New Year's Eve Celebration** – Please join us for an end of the year celebration and fellowship, at the home of Sis. Colbert. We will be **starting at 7pm**. Please see food sign-up sheet in foyer.
- ✝ **After School Tutoring** - No tutoring or homework help for the rest of the year. Next tutoring session will be **January 7, 2019**.
- ✝ **Congregational Cleaning** - Saturday, **January 19<sup>th</sup>** and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10am - 12 noon. All members are asked to help clean the inside and outside of the building.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

|                        |                  |                          |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Announcements          | C.K. Stewart, I  | <u>Usher</u>             |
| Songs                  | C. Taylor        | C. Wilkins               |
| Scripture Reading      | D. Bigelow       |                          |
| Opening Prayer         | C.K. Stewart, I  | <u>Assistants</u>        |
| Sermon                 | C.K. Stewart, I  | D. Clark<br>& C. Wilkins |
| Invitation Prayer      |                  |                          |
| Communion & Collection | D. Bigelow Sr.   |                          |
| Welcome Visitors       | C.K. Stewart, I  | <u>Greeter</u>           |
| Benediction            | N. Mathis        | L. Woods                 |
| Cup Collection         | Marcus & Timothy |                          |
| Mission Collection     | Caleb            |                          |

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel.....Rom. 10:13-14 & 17
2. Have Faith in Christ.....Eph. 1:13; Heb. 11:6
3. Repent of Past Sins.....Luke 13:3, 24:47, Acts 17:30
4. Confess Jesus Christ.....Rom. 10:9; Acts 8:35-39
5. Be Buried in Baptism.....Acts 2:38; Rom 6:1-6
6. Be Faithful Until Death.....Rev. 2:10

Thank you for visiting the Capital City Church of Christ, where we are striving to worship as the Bible commands. The Church of Christ is God-oriented, Christ-centered, soul-conscious, color blind, and heaven bound. We are ever moving, ever trusting, ever loving and ever serving the interest of our King.

Come **worship** with us willingly as we **evangelize** everyone by making **disciples** who will mature through **ministry** and **fellowship** fraternally. Our minister is available for Bible study and counseling by appointment.

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### SERMON NOTES