

# CAPITAL CITY



## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Helping Others to Help Themselves

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*“And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*

**Hebrews 13:16**

When people go through difficult times they usually turn toward one or another direction, to cope with their circumstances. *Some people become completely overwhelmed, stressed out, and in some instances they become desperate. Others in humility reach out for help as they challenge themselves to process their condition in order to achieve better life outcomes.* Even though for the most part our life situation is largely the product of good or bad choices yet, when people are facing hard times, evaluating the reasons for their condition is an improper response to their immediate needs.

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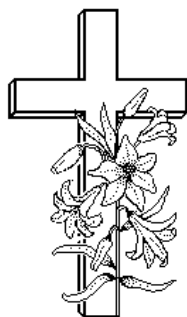
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Human nature, or tendencies usually gets involved while doing the things we are called to do even as Christians. Judging the state others are in, only because we have not walked in their shoes is all too common among those who are better off than others. *Of course, judgmentalism contradicts the spirit of helping those who are in need.* When Christians help to meet the needs of those who are struggling for multiple reasons, our intentions should only be to please God by doing good. Sharing our resources out of a generous heart describes what it means to be like Jesus Christ (**Mk. 10:45**). God is love, love seeks the highest good of its object. Doing good works by helping those in need, is love(godlikeness) in action.

John says, if we do not love it is only because we do not know God, because again, “... God is love.” *As Christians, we must be wise to avoid the cruel dynamic of sharing our resources and at the same time instructing people about their need to change the way they live.* This does not suggest that we do not have valuable wisdom to share with people that can change their lives in meaningful ways. It only means that by doing good to those in need should in of itself, spark their need to seek more than just things that meet their immediate needs.

Unfortunately, when people are coping with difficulties they are so close to the forest that they cannot see through the trees. For them, they will need more time to connect with God’s desire to help them through life. *Since we cannot look into a person’s heart and accurately determine their agenda, it’s best that we as Christians do good and pray that God will be able to reach people where they are.* Otherwise, the good works we do don’t create the space or opportunity for people to see things differently. When one’s mind is full of hurt, anger, and disappointment, (prerequisite for personal disaster) the world is dark and hateful to him/her. Seeing clearly that God is trying to bring people toward His grace and mercy requires that they come in contact with the good Christians are called to offer.

During the upcoming holidays people appear to be more open and receptive to Christian charity. *I believe it’s a time for Christians to help others, so they will eventually be able to help themselves.* It’s like that proverb about instead of always giving a person a fish, versus teaching them how to fish, so they may feed themselves.



#### 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

- ✝ **Ladies' Prayer Class** –all ladies are encouraged to join us for a time of prayer and fellowship following worship service, **Today** and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Place to be announced.
- ✝ **Thanksgiving meal** – we will be serving the Mozell Sanders Thanksgiving Meal here at the building on **November 22<sup>nd</sup> from at 11am – 1pm**. All members who are able are encouraged to meet us here at 9am to set up for serving.
- ✝ **Homeless Ministry** – We would like to make homeless gift bags to hand out on Thanksgiving day and on our pantry days. Please see Sis. Woods for the list of items to bring. We are asking each member to sign up to bring at least \$10 worth of the item you sign up for. If you like you can give a monetary donation instead.
- ✝ **Family Game Night** – all members & visitors are encouraged to join us on Friday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm for games, food & fun at the Taylor's.
- ✝ **Family Development Class** – All are welcomed to please join us for fellowship meal and family development class following worship service **November 25<sup>th</sup>**. **Place to be announced.**

### 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
Invitation Prayer		& C. Wilkins
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.