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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday**

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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**Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must  
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17

Believe – John 8:24

Repent – Acts 17:30

Confess – Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

Live Faithfully –

Revelation 2:10

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**Got a Bible Question?**

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

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*The Park Street Informer*

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**ILL**

Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook and Drew Shinn.

**Prayer List**

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, and Millie Robertson.

**Shut-Ins**

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

**Upcoming Events**

Teachers Meeting this morning following morning worship  
Questions and Answers – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Singing – 31<sup>st</sup>

**Birthdays**

Jillian Butts – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Louise Dodson – 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**Passage to Ponder: 1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

<sup>2</sup> Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

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**Sunday Sermons**

A.M.....Get More Out of Giving  
P.M..... No Not One

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# Those To Serve

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Morning Worship

### Announcements

Steve Phillips

### Song Leader

George Thomas

### Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

### Preside

Zac Hall

### Assist

George Thomas

### Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

## Evening Worship

### Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

### Closing Prayer

George Thomas

### Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

Wed. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Song Leader

Ed Hanson

### Invitation

George Thomas

## LAY BY IN STORE

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Christians in the first century had duties as individuals and functioned collectively as well (**1 Thessalonians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; Galatians 1:1**). Paul recognized the necessity of being a part of such a "collective" shortly after his conversion and "ASSAYED TO JOIN HIMSELF TO THE DISCIPLES" in Jerusalem (**Acts 9:26**). These congregations were organized, each having its own elders and deacons (**Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23**). They were a "company" of saints that worked and worshipped together as one. Each congregation was an organized entity.

These early saints assembled together (**Hebrews 10:25**) and partook of the Lord's Supper together (**Acts 20:7**). They sang together (**Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16**). As an organized entity, they supported the preaching of the Gospel (**Philippians 4:15; 2 Corinthians 11:8; 1 Corinthians 9:1-14**), supported the elders (**1 Timothy 5:17-18**), and provided benevolence for needy saints (**1 Corinthians 16:1; 1 Timothy 5:3**). Local churches today can safely follow these examples and commands.

All of the tasks God has given saints to do collectively necessitate some form of financing. The assembling demands a place in which to meet. Vessels and elements for the Lord's Supper have to be provided. Song books are expedients that aid singing. Money must be provided for the supporting of preachers, elders, and needy saints. The need for funds is constant. The New Testament is quite clear as to how the early church raised money. The only way today's congregations can be safe is to follow their lead.

There is a necessary inference that the congregations of the apostolic era had a source, a fund common to each unit, with which each financed its work. The propriety of having a "store-house" ("treasury," if you will) is established in the book of Acts. "AND ALL THAT BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, AND HAD ALL THINGS COMMON" (**Acts 2:44**). They sold their possessions and delivered the proceeds to the Apostles for distribution (**Acts 4:34-35**). Paul instructed the Corinthians to "LAY BY IN STORE" on the first day of the week, according to their prosperity, for the benefit of the poor saints of Judea (**1 Corinthians 16:1-2**). These scriptures show how funds were raised for benevolence. Nothing is said about how funds were raised for other activities, but can anyone dispute that the same method was used? Members of the church rightfully look down on the denominations that raise money by various merchandising methods. The New Testament never mentions a congregation's selling anything to raise money. It is significant that in Acts, the members themselves each sold their possessions. It was the proceeds and not the goods that were laid at the apostles' feet. Worldly methods should not be used to support the Kingdom of Heaven