



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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The Local Evangelist

Peter was called to the house of Cornelius the Gentile so he could help them come to the knowledge of the truth. When Cornelius called for Peter, Peter responded when he arrived by saying, *"Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me" (Acts 10:29)?* Cornelius responded, *"Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God" (Acts 10:33).* It was Peter's intent to help Cornelius and his family learn what God wanted them to know and help them come to the knowledge of the truth. Cornelius was already a religious person being described as one who was devout, feared God, gave much alms, and prayed always to God (Acts 10:2).

Why do local congregations need a located preacher? It is for the very same reason that Cornelius needed Peter, which was to tell his family the things commanded of God. As the local evangelist I want to be able to provide any spiritual help to our families here at Collinsville. The local evangelist is to be "nourished up" in the word (1 Tim. 3:6) so that he can be of benefit to those who need to be nourished up as well. Not only will I proclaim the gospel from the pulpit and classroom, but I will also be available to assist families and members in their homes and through private visits. Also, my office door is always open to those who would like to meet. When Paul met with the elders from Ephesus he stated, *"And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and taught you publically, and from house to house" (Acts 20:20).* Just like the apostles used every means possible to teach, I will provide different avenues to communicate the word to our families. As the local evangelist I want to provide those things that are profitable to our families.

It has been stated several times from the pulpit that strong families make strong churches. Using the all sufficient word of God, I want to help your family and mine be the best it can be for the Lord. There will be sermon series, Bible classes, and training sessions that will be made available to help our families grow and mature. I care for each of our Collinsville families as much as I care for mine and I want to see all of our families be strong, and mature in the faith. If I

can be of any assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to let me know what I can provide to help. The word of God is our greatest asset and it will be the standard that is used to measure the growth and maturity of our families.

What a joy it would be if every member at the Collinsville congregation was in heaven when our Lord returns for us. We will provide all of the spiritual tools from the word of God to help make our calling and election sure.

Let us work together so we all can spend eternity together.

-K.A. Pugh

I remember teaching math years ago how difficult it was for some students to see the key to being able to solve a problem. They would get frustrated because they could not figure out the answer. They could not see how to approach the problem.

So it is with many in life today. We encounter many problems in life and become frustrated when we can find no solution. Yet, the solution is right under our noses, if only we would look in the right places and see it.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 2 Pet 1:3 (ESV)

Life was given by God. He knows best how we should live. The answer is found through the knowledge of Jesus and His teachings. Search His word for guidance and live life to the fullest and to God's glory this week.

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