



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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A Closer Look at Jesus

There was so much positive feedback from Sunday morning's sermon. It is my hope and prayer that the message was received by parents so the atmosphere in our worship to God is cultivated to be like He would want it. We always need to keep in mind that God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints (Ps. 89:7), and worship is all about God and offering acceptable, spiritual, and truthful worship to Him.

The atmosphere in worship should be one of reverence, respect, and awe toward our Heavenly Father. Our hearts and minds should be focused on Him as we gather together to sing, pray, give, partake of the Lord's Supper, and hear His word preached and taught. It is important for young children, and even our teenagers to know what is expected of them when they come into the assembly of the saints.

Over the past week, have parents made Bibles available for their children? It is important for children to have their own copy of God's word. They can follow along during services, take notes in them, and underline and circle important words and phrases. As parents, we invest in sports equipment and shoes, musical instruments and the like, but for some reason we will not invest a few dollars to purchase a Bible for our children. They need to learn how to respect the word of God and become familiar with it, because it will be their guide for the rest of their lives.

Have you purchased a notebook for your children to take notes? For those who can write, impress upon them the importance of listening and taking notes. Why not set the example and purchase a notebook for yourselves as parents and take notes as a family. Compare notes with each other to stimulate

Bible discussion at home. For those who cannot write, choose three words to have them listen for and make a tally mark for each word. This will help your children get accustomed to listening to the preached word of God.

One of the reasons this work at Collinsville was so appealing was the amount of young families that are attending. My family loves families and we enjoy helping young families with young children. We are more than willing to sit down with families and help to implement those things that were emphasized from the pulpit. We all are here to help build up one another and make our families spiritually strong. Strong families will make strong churches, and it is God's will that the local church here grows strong in number and spirit. Parents, give your children a fighting chance in this world. Train, teach, and discipline them with the word of God. Help them fall in love with Jesus and His word. Solomon reminds us the importance of parenting by saying, "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man: so are children of the youth" (Ps. 127:4). Point those precious children toward God and His word so they can hit the proper target. Help your children understand and respect worship time.

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