

**Psalms 119:73:** “Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.”

**THAT YOU MAY KNOW...**

**Let us pray for...**

- Rick Beauchamp** – on extended absence from family and us because of employment
- Sheila Beauchamp’s brothers** – Mike, Rick, and Doug.
- Jerry Douglas** – fighting bone and lymph cancer (Danny Douglas’s twin brother)
- Ann Henderson** - fighting cancer again, trying one last treatment series (Sheri’s Aunt)
- Debbie Post** – fighting cancer (wife of Doug Post, Gospel preacher)
- Judy Reid** – sister in NJ, planning to move here
- Brian Ritter** – fighting rare autoimmune disease (son of Rick Ritter, Gospel preacher)
- Jeff Simmons** – “our boy” in the US Navy (Saratoga Springs, New York)
- Don Smith** – faithful brother in Ohio prison, ordered to cease teaching fellow inmates
- Stephanie Tigner** – who has been restored to Christ (Kourtney’s sister)
- Samuel Bagsangi** – Gospel preacher in Philippines we support
- Danny Douglas** – Gospel preacher in US we support

**Records you helped make last week...**

Bible Classes	14
Sunday AM Worship	15
Sunday PM Worship	15
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	10
Contribution	\$919.00
Contribution average (2017)	\$1,239.53

**Internet and YouTube Sermon broadcasts...**

- Both sermons each Sunday are broadcast, beginning at approximately 10:45–10:50 a.m. and 1:12–1:15 p.m., via Internet through our Website, [www.northpointcoc.com](http://www.northpointcoc.com).
- Our **YouTube** channel at *Northpoint Church of Christ* has a growing collection of Northpoint sermons available for viewing.

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## APPROVED OF GOD, BUT DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN

Isaiah, the prophet of God, prophesied of the rejection of Christ Jesus around seven centuries before His birth: “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not” (Isa. 53:3). His own people did not receive their Savior and Creator: “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not” (John 1:10–11). In Peter’s Pentecost sermon, he declared how that men rejected and killed Him, but that God approved Him:

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it (Acts 2:22–24).

What a great lesson is this for us! It is a tremendous blessing to know that our acceptance and approval of God is not dependent upon our acceptance by man. In fact, doing God’s will often leads to rejection by people, even by our own brethren—as it did in the case of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If we are minimized, marginalized, shunned, scorned, and rejected of men, we are not alone. When God sent His only begotten Son into the world, He was “despised and rejected of men”! Therefore, the matter of supreme importance is that we be like Him and do the Father’s will and thereby please God and go to heaven one day. “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ” (Gal. 1:10).

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**Sunday**  
Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 1:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Heb. 5:8–9).

-Danny Douglas

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## It Is Memorial Day ~ 2017

Memorial Day weekend is a great time for many folks. For many it is simply an extended weekend, a time of family gatherings, and eating way too much food. But this holiday, the last Monday of the month of May, was designed as a time to honor the memory of those who paid the ultimate price to preserve our freedoms as they defended this nation. It is good to take time to honor those who gave all.

God has a Memorial Day in which all Christians honor His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ. This remembrance is not once a year, but one day a week of every week. This memorial meal (the Lord’s Supper [1 Cor. 11:23-28]), allows us to remember our Lord as He died on a Roman cross that we might be made free from the consequences of sin (Heb. 9:15-22). On that dark night before His crucifixion Jesus established the Lord’s Supper that we might remember His atoning death. In Luke 22:19 the Lord urged, “**do this in remembrance of me.**” Let us never forget the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. We learn in Acts 20 that the early church observed the Supper of the Lord every Sunday, and only on Sunday (not Saturday at a funeral service or Friday night at a wedding, etc.). Christ arose from the grave on the first day of the week (Mat. 28:1). There is a definite connection between the Lord’s Day and the Lord’s Supper.

Many years ago, before my “spring had sprung” there was a popular song, “God Bless the USA.” I am certain that many will recall this song. One line states, “And I won’t forget the men who died to give that right to me.” That line speaks of the freedoms we enjoy in America today. Those sacrifices should never be taken for granted. Some religious groups changed that wording to say, “**I won’t forget the Man Who died for me.**” As Christians, let us never forget the powerful sacrifice of Christ on the cross!

Paul penned, “...for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2). Let us imitate Paul (11:1) and never forget the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us concentrate on the message engraved on multiplied thousands of com-

munion tables: “**This Do In Remembrance of Me.**” As we assemble to worship on the first day of the week and partake of that bread and the fruit of the vine, may we always remember Him who made the ultimate sacrifice for you and me. If it is right to honor those who gave their lives in defense of this nation (and it is), then it is inherently right for New Testament Christians to honor the Son of God Who died to grant us our freedom (Eph. 5:2).

-Jess Whitlock

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## Prayer Is To The Father Through Jesus

**Jesus taught His apostles to pray, in His name, to the Father:**

**John 15:16:** “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall **ask of the Father in my name**, he may give it you.”

**John 16:26:** “At that day ye shall **ask in my name**: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you.”

**John 16:23–24:** “And in that day **ye shall ask me nothing**. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever **ye shall ask the Father in my name**, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

**Paul followed this command:**

**Rom. 1:8:** “First, I thank my God **through Jesus Christ** for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”

**Romans 7:25:** “**I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord**. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

**Ephesians 5:20:** “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

**Paul taught others to pray to the Father through Jesus:**

**Col. 3:17:** “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God and the Father by him.**”

-Philip Smith