



Dean Road
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome Guests!

We are honored that you are with us this morning!
Please fill out a white or green card and place it in
the collection plate when it is passed around.
We invite you to stick around after the assembly,
so we can get a chance to know you!

August 9, 2020

10:30 Worship

Scripture Reading

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

[“Healing on
the Sabbath”](#)

Damien Barber

Is the Sabbath for Christians?

The Sabbath was established in the Law of Moses and is one of the 10 Commandments. This command references God resting from His work on the 7th day and so man is to rest on the 7th day of each week (Saturday). This was to be a day of rest with a spiritual focus. This command was no mere suggestion, and had a dire consequence for breaking (death). However, is the command to honor the Sabbath applicable to us today? Some believe that Christians are to honor the Sabbath in the same manner it was originally intended (on Saturday). Others say Sunday is the new Sabbath and that Christians should not do any work on Sundays and keep the Sabbath on Sunday in the way the Jews kept it on Saturday. Others say that is a part of the old law that is now obsolete for those who follow Jesus. So, what is the answer?

Ephesians 2:14-15 informs us that Christ, who is our peace, “has made us both one” (Jews and Gentiles) “and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility, abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two.” The Old Law with its demands is no longer binding on Christians today. Many old laws are repeated again in the New Testament, and so they carry over for us today. The commandment to observe the Sabbath is the one command of the 10 Commandments that is not commanded again in the New Testament, and as such is not binding on us today. Further, in Colossians 2:16, after speaking of God canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands, Paul states, “Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a **Sabbath**. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.” The Sabbath is specifically mentioned here as something to not let others judge us about, since it was merely a shadow along with certain other things contained in the Old Law that is no longer binding on Christians.

Can Christians still observe the Sabbath? If one chooses to do so, there would not be anything wrong with this. The Sabbath, as well as Jewish festivals, were probably what Paul had in mind when he penned: “One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day...”

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Calendar of Events

August:

- 12-16 Personal Evangelism Seminar
@ St. Mary's Church of Christ (GA)
- 15 Men's Business Meeting
- 29 Men's Area-Wide Fellowship Breakfast
Location TBD

Congratulations to Bella Hope Myers who graduated from Englewood High School on Monday, July 27th, 2020. Bella participated in many things throughout her high school career including bowling, soccer, chorus, band and JROTC. Bella plans to attend FSCJ in the Fall. Please keep her in your prayers as she enters this new phase in her life.

Prayer for the New School Year

Father God, please be with our children in this upcoming school year. Help them to do well in school and learn many new things, and make new friends. Help them to be safe and have a lot of fun along the way. Above all, help them to grow in knowledge of You this year and have a strong faith and great attitude. Please be with parents and give them the ability to navigate all the new challenges this year may have. Be with our home school parents as they teach their children this year and help them in this great task. Please be with teachers, especially this year, as they face new challenges and trying to do their best to stay healthy and keep the children healthy and safe. May all have a safe, productive, and beneficial year. In Jesus name, Amen.

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August Birthdays

- 8 George Brooks
- 8 Will Salisbury
- 28 Nancy Godwin
- 31 Teresa Golleher

August Anniversaries

- 14 Dutch & Georgana Dekker

Pantry Item of the Month:

This month's items is paper towel rolls. Our goal is 30 rolls.



We greatly appreciate those who continue to support this effort!

VISION 20/20

Looking Through Christ's Eyes

**This Quarter's Focus:
Looking For Service
Opportunities**

Memory Passage for the Quarter
"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

~Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

How Do I Become A Member of the Lord's Church?

Hear God's Word: Romans 10:17

Believe Jesus is Lord: Acts 2:36, John 3:16

Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5

Confess Jesus as the Son of God:
Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized for the forgiveness of sins:
Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21



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Next Men's Business Meeting

Saturday August 15th at 6 PM

In the Fellowship Hall

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Notes:

(continued from the front page) "...observes it in honor of the Lord..." (Romans 14:5-6a). One should not bind observing the Sabbath (a day of rest) on others, but at the same time, it is not wrong for one to choose to incorporate a day of rest and honoring God with a greater focus on spiritual things. Indeed, such a practice could be good for those of us who focus too much on work and being busy all the time. Jesus told us that the Sabbath was made for man – it was intended to be a gift and blessing to man (rather than the burden some turned the Sabbath into). Dedicating a day each week (whether that be Saturday or Sunday or another day) to rest can be very beneficial – especially with a greater focus on spiritual matters on that day in addition to rest. ~ Damien Barber