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God's simple plan of worship in the **Lord's supper** is found in Matthew 26:26-29 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-29. It involves unleavened bread and fruit of the vine in commemoration of the Lord's suffering and death. It was observed by the first century church every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). But, people today are not content with God's order. They want to find more, so they do. Some now observe the memorial of the Lord's supper at weddings and funerals; and, on any day of the week. Some contend it is nothing more than a common meal and have therefore substituted items other than unleavened bread and fruit of the vine. One congregation in Jackson, Mississippi, had barbecue in observance of the Lord's supper — and even charged each participant for it! They made themselves feel better about it by saying if any could not afford the price, someone else would pay for their meal.

When you approach the Scriptures to see what more the Lord will say, you have abandoned the Scriptures. There's no end to where will can go or what you will find. When will such people understand that worship and service before God is NOT ABOUT US. It's about God almighty. He and he alone has to right to prescribe acceptable worship.

## YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY...To Be Saved

**today: One must Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess and Be Baptized:**

1. You must **hear** the gospel (Romans 10:17 & Acts 15:7). Once you hear you must be willing to
2. **Believe** the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10).
3. Willing to turn your life over to God through **repentance**, is the ultimate act of sacrifice (Acts 17:30 & Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for **confession** (Romans 10:9, 10). T
4. Those that confess with their mouth what their hearts believe "Jesus— Jesus".
5. That person who confess Jesus is **baptized** into Christ (Romans 6:3,4 & Galatians 3:27).
6. In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Cor. 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person (1 Pet.3:21).
7. If you live faithful until death, Jesus will give you a crown of righteousness.

## YOUR GIVING AND ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Weekly Financial Goal - \$2,200.00**

### Online Giving :

→ It is now possible to fulfill your commitment online when ever you are traveling or away from your home congregation via credit card. Members may make payments, set up recurring gifts and track commitments and personal giving by logging in to our secure Member Giving.

► As all of you know, our operational expenses and other ministries continue as usual. With that in mind, we need your continued faithful support.  
**Of course, you can always mail your checks to:**  
Church of Christ, 6481 Rock Springs Road, Stonecrest Ga. 30038, drop it by the church office or call the church office ((770) 482-9724 and we will make whatever arrangements we need to make for your convenience.  
Thank you!

► Please continue to pray for our church, our country and its leaders, as well as our world.  
Be safe, stay healthy and God Bless!

→ Remember to log into the website and tell everyone you know. There are sermons, quick studies, sermon notes, Bible Study lessons, the calendar of events, and much more.  
[www.rockspringsrdcoc.org](http://www.rockspringsrdcoc.org)

### VOTE



► Georgia elections officials postponed the presidential primary scheduled for March 24 until May 19, the same date as the regular primary for a U.S. Senate seat and many other offices.



► School lunches. Plans for highways. Support for firefighters and families in need. Census results affect your community every day.

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade.

## Finding Your Way Home

**From I-20 West or I-20 East**

**Take Exit 74 - Evans Mill Rd / Lithonia Blvd**

**I-20 East: Follow ramp and bear right to Evans Mill Rd. East, turn right at Traffic signal**

**I-20 West: Turn Left at light onto Evans Mill Rd., Proceed to 2nd Traffic signal and turn right.**

**Proceed approx. 1 mile to Rock Springs Rd., and turn right.**

**Go .3 miles and you're home!**

# Servants' NEWS

## What Saith the Scripture?

*"Behold, I come quickly."*  
*Revelation 3:11*

## Welcome to Our New City



**and to the Church that Service It with the Word of God.**

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

## Time for Worship and Bible Study

### Worship Services

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening: 3:00 pm

### BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Classes: 9:30 am  
Wednesday Bible Classes: 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

### Monthly Training Classes

Women's Training and Bible Class: 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm  
Men's Training and Bible Class: 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

## Bible Classes are available for all ages:

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# WHEN GOD GETS READY~

## God's Word Is Final

When Balaam inquired of God whether he should go with the messengers from Moab, "...God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed" (Num. 22:12). Upon hearing these words from God, Balaam told the couriers he could not go back to Moab with them. When others returned from Moab with greater rewards and honor, Balaam responded by saying, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more" (Num. 22:18). What a noble statement of resolve! How great it would have been had Balaam followed his own admonition. However, in the same breath he responded, "Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more" (Num. 22:19). Notice his last words: "that I may know what the LORD will say...more."

Balaam was not satisfied with God's answer forbidding him to go to Moab and curse Israel, so he inquired of God again. He wanted to see if God might say something else that would allow him to go. Multitudes of people do the same thing today; and sadly, many of them are members of the church who are not satisfied with God's word. They read and recognize plain and simple passages; but like Balaam, they want to see what more (what else) they can make God say. They want to find a loop-hole. They want to find another passage that overturns or allows them to ignore the plain and simple passages. They seek to make God contradict Himself. In effect, they make God a liar! Could this be you?

To not accept God's word and to keep on searching for something more from the Lord will end with no good result.

Eventually, you will find what you're looking for — or at least you will think you've found it. But, that's all a person needs to go ahead and do what they wanted to do all along. They pacify themselves as they run along full steam into error. For example...

Many church members are not content with **God's pattern of worship**. Even though John 4:24 says worship is *in spirit* and *in truth*, that's not enough — that's too cold and boring, they say. They seek to spice it up. They refuse to recognize that acceptable worship is from the heart (spirit) and governed/regulated by the New Testament (truth). They abandon God's authority and incorporate their feelings and emotions into the worship. One of their proponents has said, "worship ought to be a party. There ought to be somebody on one side of the building singing 'Amazing Grace' while somebody is on the other side of the building hugging Grace." They love to swing and sway, moan and groan, clap and hop, shout and roll, thinking the Holy Spirit is moving among them. Worship becomes "all about self" instead of "all about God." Their services are about what "I like, what makes me feel good, what brings me pleasure." They don't care they are seeking to satisfy themselves instead of satisfying God. Such so-called worship is vain — vain to the core (Matt. 15:8-9). When you travel the course of Balaam, you end up just like Balaam.

God's simple plan of **worship in song** is found in Ephesians 5:19, "*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*" They are not satisfied with acapella singing. They want to add mechanical instruments of music because they think it's better — they get more out of it (again, seeking to please themselves, not God). They want to see "what more the Lord will say" so they scour the Scriptures in order to make them say what they want. Before long, presto!

They decide the words "making melody" can include mechanical instruments and whatever they desire. But they do so contrary to the first century usage of the word. In their minds, they find all sorts of excuses to ignore *acapella* congregational singing. Some have gone so far as to presume to have found that God has not authorized congregational singing anyway; therefore, they can have solos, quartets and choirs even though "*speaking to yourselves*" demands the whole congregation participating with each other in their singing.

God's simple plan of **Gospel preaching** is found in 2 Timothy 4:2, "*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.*" "...*The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God*" (1 Cor. 1:18). "...*It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe*" (1 Cor. 1:21). But that's not enough according to those who want to "see what more the Lord will say." People with this attitude are compromisers, progressives. The "good book" condemns being progressive (going beyond) when it comes to Scripture. "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God...*" (2 John 9). A compromising/progressive preacher once told me, "preaching just won't do it any more. We've got to have something more." So, people attempt to find what more they can do. They add entertainment and recreation — fun and games. "That is what attracts people" they say. That is what will bring people in. They attempt to justify non-authorized activities by saying, "if we bring 'em in we can teach 'em." But, sadly the teaching is never done. And, even if they did attempt to teach them, all they have to offer is man-made doctrines. If they taught the truth they would instruct these visitors, and themselves, that recreation and entertainment has no part in the Gospel message and/or practice. It is God's Word, not fun and games, that is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16).

To Everyone:

You are invited to join our Bible Class meeting tonight which promptly starts at 7PM tonight at the Church of Christ at Rocksprings Road. Please follow the instructions bellow when joining the meeting. When the session starts, your device will automatically be muted. You will have the ability to unmute yourself if you'd like to ask a question, or respond. Please try to use the "raise your hand" feature first through the zoom app, and the host will acknowledge you with your question. Lastly, please be courteous when others are speaking.

We pray this tool will be used as an incentive for our Bible class distance learning kickoff. You can also visit our website at [www.rockspringsrdcoc.org](http://www.rockspringsrdcoc.org) for other information, news, and services.

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