



# Tallapoosa church of Christ

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

### Welcome Visitors

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We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

### Prayer Request

- .....
- Linzie Otwell
- Jason Rowell
- Peggy Tidwell
- Deborah Finnell
- Teddy Cauthen
- Bonnie Godwin
- Mason Isabell
- Candyce Isabell
- Jeremy Isabell
- Sharon Estvanko
- Barbara McElroy
- Carlos Payne
- Kitty Shaw

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Penny Hicks	8
Blair Benefield	16
Carlos Payne	30

## Exceptions?

**Jonathan McAnulty**

It is a universal truth, although not universally acknowledged, that there are no exceptions to the rules of God.

Quite a few men, in their self-centric world-view, naively imagine that this truth does not apply to them, that they are indeed the exception, and that, this time, it will be different when they do it.

There is an entire philosophy of thought, held to by almost half the population, called progressivism. It is a philosophy which, despite years of evidence to the contrary, likes to imagine that men are capable of doing things in new, improved ways, obtaining results which will be different from those results obtained in the past.

A wise king, Solomon, sagely observed approximately three thousand years ago, "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun." ([Ecclesiastes 1:9](#); ESV) He went on to note, "Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new'? It has been already in the ages before us.



Make a NOTE of THIS!

**EXCEPTIONS!!**

**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL  
YOUR**   
{proverbs 3:5 }

**God's Plan of Salvation**

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful

**This Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:



Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Song Leader	Cory Payne
Opening Prayer	Joe Mallory
Table	Tony Hotalen
	Kenny Laminack
Assisting	Brandon Estvanko
	Korbin Cauthen
Closing Prayer	Brennan Mallory

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Cory Payne
Song Leader	Caden Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Carlos Payne
Closing Prayer	Harel Otwell

**Next Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:



Announcements	Cory Payne
Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Jeremy Isabell
Table	Alan Wilkerson
	Kelly Cauthen
Assisting	Troy Stapler
	Shane Buchanan
Closing Prayer	Wayne Aldridge

Sunday Evening:

Announcements	Joe Mallory
Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	Tony Hotalen
Closing Prayer	Caden Mallory

There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.” ([Ecclesiastes 1:10-11](#); ESV)

There is a lot of truth to the sentiment, “those who don’t remember the past are doomed to repeat it.” By studying the actions, and the consequences of those actions, done in the past, we can get a pretty good idea of how our own choices are going to work out for us. Thus the apostle Paul, commenting in the New Testament upon the utility of studying the Old Testament, noted, “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition.” ([1 Corinthians 10:11a](#); NKJV) There aren’t exceptions to God’s rules, and it is this universal truth which allows us to profit from the study of the Scriptures. Elsewhere, this same truth is stated in a different way: “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” ([Galatians 6:7-8](#); ESV)

The harvest you reap will always depend upon the nature of the seeds which are planted. There are no exceptions to this rule, physically or spiritually. You can’t plant corn and expect tomatoes. You can’t breed sheep and expect to get calves. You can’t plant sin and expect to reap a harvest of joy and happiness.

“The wages of sin is death.” ([Romans 6:23a](#)) There are no exceptions to this truth. God promised from the very beginning that sin would bring death (cf. [Genesis 2:17](#)) and counseled sinful men to learn to master their temptation to sin (cf. [Genesis 4:7](#)).

But men insist that for them it will be different. Our culture, following in the footsteps of so many others, plunges headlong towards sin, celebrating it, throwing parades in its honor, and defending it. Like the pagans of old, they think it odd when some choose not to run with them in the same flood of dissipation. (cf. [1 Peter 4:4](#)) But the vices of Sodom and the excesses of Rome are not anything new, and God guarantees that they will always and forever produce the same results of unhappiness, sorrow and judgment.

Our Lord Jesus observed that sin was the true problem faced by mankind. Observing the suffering experienced in His own day and age, He asked whether those who had experienced great suffering were somehow exceptions. He concluded, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” ([Luke 13:3](#); cf. vs 1-5)

### **Reminders:**

Check bulletin board in foyer or website

[www.tallapoosacoc.com](http://www.tallapoosacoc.com)

[facebook.com/tallapoosachurchofchrist](https://facebook.com/tallapoosachurchofchrist)

Sunday Bible study: 10AM

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 5PM

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister

770-597-5009

Cory Payne, Bulletin

770-328-1745

There are no exceptions. The solution is always the same. And there is only one solution. Jesus said “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man comes to the Father except through Me.” ([John 14:6](#))

The path of Jesus, leading to God, is laid out for us in the Gospel of Christ, and it is through obedience to that Gospel that we will find salvation and joy. (cf. [Romans 1:16](#)) A major part of the plan Christ teaches is the necessity of dying to sin. (cf. [Romans 6:1-4](#)) Therefore: Repent! Give it up. Realize that you aren't the exception and sin is never going to produce a harvest of hope and happiness.

Thanks be to God that in His love He shows us a better way. Let us pray we have the wisdom to learn to listen to what He is teaching.