

Welcome Visitors,

First, THANK YOU! We are excited to know that you are interested in worshipping God. We want you to feel very welcomed here among our group. Our goal is doing God's will. You will find that our teaching and preaching are strictly from the Bible so we encourage you to open a Bible and follow along as the lessons are presented today.

God's word is the complete guide for our life of service and worship. The all-sufficient word of God—the Bible is what we need (John 8:31-32; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). We desire to help one another in doing God's will. If you are interested in learning more please ask one of our members today.

Main Street Church of Christ Newbern, Tennessee

Schedule Of Services:

Lord's Day:	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study (All ages)
	10:20 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Our Elders:

Johnie Dodds
Harry Elliott
Austin Willis

Our Deacons:

Danny Carpenter
Wayne Hulme
Tommy Sawyers

Our Preacher: T. Sean Sullivan

The Gospel Plan

HEAR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE Romans 10:11-16

BELIEVE IT !!! Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6

REPENT—CHANGE Luke 13:3; 2 Peter 3:9

OPENLY CONFESS—JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD
Romans 10:8-10; Acts 8:37

BE BAPTIZED—FOR REMISSION OF YOUR SINS
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-39; 1 Peter 3:21

LIVE ON FAITHFULLY Hebrews 10:35-39 I Peter 1:6-9

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Messenger

1 Thessalonians 1:6-8

**Want to be More?
Start Today!**

Introduction:

Here we are, its another first day of week. Another week has gone by and this week is well underway. Is this week the week that we do more for the Lord? Is this the week we finally leave behind the partial measure and take on the full measure? Is this the week we really take hold and make a difference for ourselves and others?

It is interesting how so often the expectation on our part is that "later" will actually happen. It is always easier to make plans for "later"—because it is a ready answer that causes no real commitment.

We can do what we need to and we can do it today. We can become what we need to be, but the planning time has to come to an end and the doing must take over.

Today is a brand new day—a fresh start—right now is our opportunity to begin reaching for more. We must determine that we will, "From this point, begin". Starting today I will..." Be More Aware. Be More Appreciative. Be More Active.

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I Will Be More Aware

Paul exhorts that we should walk circumspectly Ephesians 5:15-18. We should be more aware of how we are walking. This must do this daily and maybe more often than that. There is an absolute importance in keeping ourselves checked so that we never become confident in wrongdoing. So we don't fall into a trap like a vain tradition or a false doctrine (Mark 7:7). We are exhorted to, "test all things" (1 Thessalonians 5:21); we need to test our own life. This is part of showing your self approved to God (2 Timothy 2:15).

For just a moment look at the past. We must assess what we have done. Have I been doing as much as I wanted to be doing, for the Lord? (Ephesians 4:13-16). Have I increased in knowledge and understanding of God's word (1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16)? Are all of my blessings used for God to my fullest? (Matthew 25:14-30)? Today is the day to do more-- "start now"

I Will Be More Appreciative

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "*In everything give thanks*". How often do we stop and give thanks for everything. Here we are, each of us have survived another week of this mortal life so take some time to think about your life and thank God for everything He has brought you through. Paul also wrote exhorting, "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2). God has richly blessed each of us. We need to take time each day to thank Him.

Thanking is more than saying, "thank you". We need to thank God by demonstrating our thankfulness. We can be thankful by the words of our mouth (Psalm 100:1-5; Colossians 4:2) and by living in such a way as to be worthy of such a sacrifice (Ephesians 4:1). We need to offer ourselves as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2). We cannot live in the past—it cannot be allowed to hold us up or hold us back! Today is the day to do more-- "start

now"

I Will Be More Active.

We all have a role (Ephesians 4:13-16). We need to take on a more active share of this work. Personal growth is just as important as collective congregational growth (Hebrews 5:12-14). We can be more active in our daily service to God. Let's determine to study more (2 Timothy 2:15). Let's determine to pray more (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Let's determine to spend more time helping each other (Romans 12:9-15). By becoming more active we make it easier for them by surrounding your brethren with positive influence. We must leave the past behind, It was yesterday's glory—now faded. Today is the day to do more-- "start now"

Conclusion:

Our opportunity to improve starts right now. The hope of achieving true goals is true and each of us possesses the ability to be "more". Let's determine to work to God's honor and glory today, tomorrow, and everyday for the rest of our lives.

Are you a Christian? Are you letting another day go by without doing what is right before God? Why not start today to do what is right, right now. ~tss
