

## Differing Paths by Gregory Alan Tidwell

Often, when traveling through the Appalachians, I have noted the markers indicating the Eastern Continental Divide. This line denotes the watershed between streams that feed into the Atlantic Ocean and those that feed into the Gulf of Mexico. Two drops of rain, falling only inches apart on the ground, will end up separated by hundreds of miles before they reach the end of their journeys. As we consider, personally, the choices we make day by day, we should recall the words of our Lord, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." (Luke 16:10) The small things in our lives can well lead to big changes, either for good or for evil. This principle extends to congregations, as well.

Frequently, an emphasis on doctrinal exactness is greeted with a roll of the eyes. Why should we, after all, be concerned over small departures here and there? Isn't it just nit-picking to question everything that doesn't measure up to the truths we understand from Scripture?

We should be concerned about apostasy, even in the smallest measure, because it is a step down a path which will end in destruction. Every heresy that has divided the church began with a small departure from the truth, which lead to greater and greater departures over time.

Our fellowship must stand firm on the inerrancy of Scripture, the total truth and authority of God's word. We must stand firm in attempting to understand and follow the pattern of faith and practice outlined in the Bible. Most centrally, we must stand firm in teaching the exclusive truth of God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Even the slightest deviation in our commitment to these basic truths will plunge the church quickly into all manner of false teaching.

When Christian teachers and preachers depart from a complete confidence in Scripture, they stand in danger of losing their faith altogether. When congregations begin introducing unauthorized elements into the worship and work of the church, there is no end to the changes which will occur. When the church begins fellowshiping outsiders as if they were members of the Lord's church, soon the very heart of the gospel is laid aside. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the Lord's church true to the Lord's way.



## Church of Christ

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study (for all ages)</b>
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>Worship Assembly</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Song Worship</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>

**Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth**  
**Preacher: Randy Matheny**

## Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Serving Today

Announcer:	Scott
Song Leader:	Rod
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer:	Dave H.
Table:	Dave H.
Serving:	Dick, Adam N., Brian, David N., sub: Gary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prayer:	Gary
Scripture:	Dick
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Jim

### Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Scott
Song Leader:	Dick
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer:	Allan
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Chuck

### Wednesday Night Song Leaders

3/7 - Rod  
3/14 - Allan  
3/21 - Dave  
3/28 - Dick

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



3/19 - Rod Thomas  
3/22 - Patric Neill  
Jenna Exley

## ♥ Those to remember:

Al Emery	Jack Wyatt
Ken Thomas	Jim Metts
Irene Schmidt	Milly Park
Shawn Simpson – hip cancer	Paul and Linda Smith
Tom and May Seigworth	Rod Thomas
Kevin Hughes	Betty Hughes
Norma Thomas	June Rhines
Linda Reichart	Adam Neill
Florence Homolek	Waylan Whitten
Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer	
Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson	



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

## Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Justin Seigworth passed away this past Tuesday. He was 26. Please remember his family in your prayers.
- Warren is having a Gospel meeting April 8 – 11. There will be a group going up if you’d like to ride with someone.
- There will be a brief meeting for the ladies today after morning services to discuss our next service project. Please make plans to stay.
- There will be a men’s business this evening after services.
- The Gospel meeting here at Brookville is fast approaching. It will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> with Mr. Willie Franklin. There are flyers containing his lesson topics in the foyer to give out.

## Memory Verses of the Week:

And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:12

## Bible Question of the Week:

What city were Jesus and his disciples leaving when Barimaeus, a blind man, got Jesus’ attention and received his sight?

## Last Week’s Question and Answer:

How long was Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, unable to speak due to his unbelief of Gabriel’s message of John the Baptist’s birth?

From the time the angel talked to him until he wrote John’s name on the paper, Luke 1:20, 63

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A preacher told of his “call” from farming to the ministry. One day he noticed the clouds seemed to form the letters G P C and he took this to be his “call” to Go Preach Christ. A bored listener suggested the possibility that the preacher misunderstood the sign. He suggested the letters might have meant, Go Plow Corn.