

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



## The Correspondent

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### The Benefits of Knowing God Through His Word

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**W**hen Peter wrote his second epistle, he wrote to “those who have obtained like precious faith” (1:1). That includes you and me, if we are Christians! Then in the following three verses, he mentioned something interesting about “the knowledge of God” (1:2). I believe within this section are four incredible benefits of knowing God through His word.

Here’s the full text: “To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature...” (1:2-4)

In this particular translation (NKJV), there are four words that begin with “P” that reveal these incredible benefits.

- \* Peace - The more we know God through His word, the more at peace we will be. Understanding just who God is and having a relationship with Him brings great peace of mind, life, and soul.
- \* Power - When we gain a greater understanding of God through His word, we will truly stand in awe of His power. And we will also realize that He will use His power to help and guide us in many ways.
- \* Promises - When we read God’s word, we will see many of His precious promises. We will also see how He has always kept them with His people, and this will assure us that He will keep them all!
- \* Partakers - When we consume and obey God’s word, we deepen our relationship with Him. He then shares many wonderful blessings with us.

Of course, there are many other benefits to knowing God through His word, but these four ought to be enough to encourage us to spend more and more time reading the Bible – God’s precious word.

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.

- Article obtained from [bulletingold.com](http://bulletingold.com)

Ladies' Day  
March 14, 2026  
Men's Day  
March 21, 2026

## QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS PART 2

- Able to Teach- 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:9, 2 Timothy 2:15, Ephesians 4:14, Hebrews 13:9, Acts 20:29-30
- Not a Drunkard- 1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7, Proverbs 23:29-35, 1 Corinthians 6:12, 9-10
- Not Violent but Gentle- 1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7, Matthew 5:38, Romans 12:19-21
- Not Quarrelsome- 1 Timothy 3:3, 6:4-5, Titus 3:9-11, Romans 14:19, James 3:19
- Not a Lover of Money- 1 Timothy 3:3, Titus 1:7, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Deuteronomy 16:19, John 12:4-6
- Manages His Household Well- 1 Timothy 3:4-5, Titus 1:6, Ephesians 6:4
- Not a Recent Convert- 1 Timothy 3:6, Matthew 13:20-23, 1 Peter 5:3

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: 19 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Vs. 1-3)

Song: 137 Fairest Lord Jesus

### Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 984 We Bow Down

Song: 350 Jesus, Hold My Hand (Vs. 1, 3)

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Timothy 3:2-6

### Sermon

Song: 421 Love Lifted Me

Song: 755 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (Vs.3)

### Prayer

## 1 Timothy 3:2-6

L A E H L G Y E O I A L M A E N H E I E S E  
 T T C L S S E G E N S G H A O D B T G U H B  
 A V U T T B H L W A E S I O N I H A V S O T  
 L I V E D A G R O S I E V V O E E O E O S E  
 E O I M L E O E B C U E H U O E I S M O P T  
 T L P P H P O H S I B C M O N E Y N U N I A  
 G E V E S N D M A V H G I G O T R I A I T S  
 E N G R D V S B B H W R I B V H P S E E A B  
 E T E A C H O D I N S A U G I L B P S E B B  
 Y I N T B I B S P O G L N E C O I B O E L O  
 L F T E U V E L U R B D O H E O A A O S E U  
 P G L U T A R I O O U E R I N I W S N I M R  
 B L E P H O B E T L N U S I I W I N E H O V  
 N H E E L H U N S C U T T O V Y F W L A W E  
 B V Y S E T L V I F H L W A Y D E E R G N Y  
 H U S B A N D A E H D N M S P T L L I O I S  
 S I S T P T S U M R D D S T D N N L O O E S  
 L S F G D I C S R E S L I E T N E I S B W T  
 H N E E G N Y D S O D N M B L A M E L E S S  
 M R E E E T C M A O C E P R T O S M D S U T  
 S B E L E R S B D C O P L A E I H G I T I O  
 L E S U O H R N S E N L T S N V E V I E L T

BISHOP  
 MUST  
 BLAMELESS  
 HUSBAND  
 WIFE  
 TEMPERATE  
 SOBER  
 GOOD  
 HOSPITABLE  
 TEACH  
 WINE  
 VIOLENT  
 GREEDY  
 GENTLE  
 MONEY  
 RULE  
 HOUSE  
 WELL  
 NOVICE  
 DEVIL

### 1 Timothy 3:2-6 (NKJV)

- A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;
- not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;
- one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence
- (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);
- not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil.

### Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*