



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes:	9am
Sunday AM Worship:	10am
Sunday PM Worship:	5pm
Wednesday Bible Study:	7pm

Join us Online

Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

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No Group Projects

Sometimes in school the teacher would assign a project that required you to work with your fellow classmates. You would turn in the project collectively and everyone in your group would receive the same grade. I liked group projects because it normally meant my overall grade would improve. Others did not like it, usually the students that had really good grades, because their grade was dependent on a lazy classmate that would be thrilled getting a C.

Is getting to heaven a group project? The short answer is no. God is going to judge every individual based on their commitment to God and staying faithful to His word. Notice what God said to the Christians who met together in Sardis from **Revelation 3:3-5** - *“Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.”*

The main message to the Christians in Sardis is to wake up and repent before it's too late. They were not doing well even though they had a reputation of being alive. They looked good on the outside but on the inside they were not doing well at all. Jesus tells them they are about to die. If this were a group project, this church

Week of October 22

Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 70
- ✦ **PM Service** - 52
- ✦ **Wednesday** - 51

Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$4,339.84

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ✦ Jennie Gray (10/31)
- ✦ Keith Malone (10/31)
- ✦ Luke Cawthon (11/2)
- ✦ Hannah Davis (11/4)
- ✦ David and Lori (11/4)
- ✦ Lloyd and Suzanne (11/9)
- ✦ David Barbour (11/12)
- ✦ Sidney Gray (11/13)
- ✦ Ginny Morgan (11/14)
- ✦ Jimmy Fox (11/15)

Calendar Items

Men's Meeting on October 29th
at 4pm at the building

Women's Bible Study on
Tuesday at the building at 11a

Song Learning Class November
12 at the building at 4pm

would have received a failing grade. However notice what Jesus says about "a few names in Sardis," they had not soiled their garments.

What a blessing that God judges each individual and does not judge each church as a whole. If you want to overcome and have your name in the book of life, it is entirely up to you and no one else. Even though the church was a mess, there were still a few who were living a righteous life. They were willing to be different and Jesus praises them for that.

God judging each individual is a very important concept we must understand and teach. There are people who put their trust in the church they attend. They reason to themselves that if they go to the right church and the church they attend is on fire for the Lord, then they must be doing well spiritually. As long as they attend a faithful church, they will get to heaven.

Can the church be helpful to your journey to heaven? Absolutely it can. In fact, God intends His people to encourage and help each other get to heaven. If they church does not do that for each other, your walk with God becomes increasingly difficult. If the church does that for it's members, our walk with God is much easier in the midst of the trails we encounter. However, the church can't make you get into heaven.

Knowing our salvation is dependent on no one except ourselves should cause us to focus on our goal. It is a great blessing to be a part of West Fayette with so many encouraging you to be more like Christ. What are you going to do with the encouragement? I hope it causes each of us to become more mature christians and use our talents in God's kingdom.

As a whole, the church in Sardis was dead. However, there were still those who belonged to this church who had not soiled their garments. On judgement day God is not going to call the entire church of West Fayette to the throne, He will call your name. May we be abounding in the work of the Lord so we can hear the words, "Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (**Mat 25:34**)

Patrick