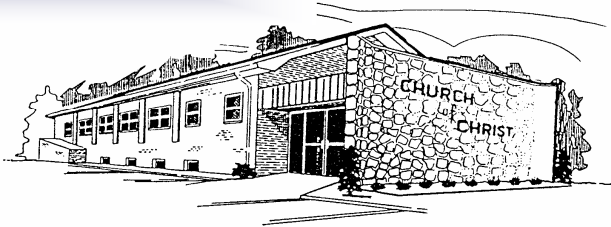


Teaching them to observe  
all things...Matt. 28:20



# The St. Joseph Observer

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## Created for Worship — United in Worship

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday School  
9:45

Sunday Worship  
10:45

Sunday PM  
5:00

Tuesday Ladies' Class  
9:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study  
6:00

### Elders

Leo Conkin 925-7688  
Clyde Daniel 428-2322  
Charlie McGee 861-5811  
Steve Parsons 465-7901

### Deacons

Dave Hipskind 468-4735  
Eric Ramso 465-5965

### Ladies' Prayer Chain

Kim Batson 428-7281  
Barb Conkin 925-7688  
Gayle Daniel 428-2322  
Jan Mundy 473-1505

**God-Centeredness.** We put a high priority on the vertical focus of our worship service. The ultimate aim is to experience God in such a way that He is glorified in our affections and, to uplift each other (1 Cor 10:23; Eph 4:12).

**Expecting the powerful presence of God.** We do not just direct ourselves toward Him. We earnestly seek His drawing near according to the promise of James 4:8. We believe that in worship God draws near to us in power, and makes Himself known and felt for our good and for the salvation of unbelievers in the midst.

**Bible-based and Bible-saturated.** The content of our singing and praying and welcoming and preaching should always conform to the truth of Scripture. But more than that, the content of God's Word should be woven through all we do in worship.

**Head and heart.** The elements of our worship service should aim at kindling and carrying deep, strong, real emotions toward God, especially joy, but should not manipulate people's emotions by failing to appeal to clear thinking about spiritual things.

**Earnestness and intensity.** We will try to avoid being trite, flippant, superficial, or frivolous, but instead will aim to set an example of reverence and passion and wonder and broken-hearted joy.

**Authentic communication.** We utterly renounce all sham, deceit, hypocrisy, pretense, and posturing. We do not pursue the atmosphere of artistic or oratorical performance, but the atmosphere of a radically personal encounter with God and truth.

**The manifestation of God and the common good.** We expect and hope and pray (according to 1 Cor.12:7) that our focus on the manifesting of God is good for people and that a spirit of love for each other is not incompatible with, but necessary to, authentic worship.

**Non-distracting excellence.** We will try to sing and pray and preach in such a way that people's attention will not be diverted from the substance by shoddy ministry nor by excessive finesse, elegance, or refinement. Natural, non-distracting excellence will let the truth and beauty of God shine through. We will invest in equipment good enough to be non-distracting in transmitting heartfelt truth.

**The mingling of historic and contemporary music.** No church or service can be all things to all people. But we do not value stylistic narrowness. We believe there are affections owing to God that different tunes and different texts may awaken better than others. We will strive to be who we are without exalting our own tastes as the standard of excellence or power. We will see God's guidance in each worship setting to be both indigenous and stretching.

**Please remember in prayer...**

- Members with Health Issues Leo Conkin, Warren James, Virginia Kowalski, Vanessa Matthews, Jim Smith, Lee Wallis, Juanita Weatherford
- The Military Nick Hastings, Ian Matthews
- Our Church The Buildings & Grounds Committee, our Elders & Deacons, our members

**Announcements**

Ladies' Day Program "Women Armor"  
 Saturday, June 19, 9 AM  
 East Main Church of Christ

*Ladies' Fellowship – Thursday, July 8, 6:30 PM  
 At Heather Fisbeck's  
 Menu: Appetizers & Desserts*

**VBS**  
**July 25-29 6-8 PM**  
*Invite your friends & family now!*




Graduation Celebrations

Shannon Ramso  
 Sunday, June 13 - 1-4 pm (come for lunch)  
 9777 Niagara Row, Bridgman

*Ladies' Class is canceled this Tuesday.*

**Congregational Calendar**

**June**

13	14	15	16  Kaytlynn Gilmer	17	18  Linda Beltz	19
		<i>Ladies' Class</i>				
20	21  Kubvar	22	23	24	25	26
		<i>Ladies' Class</i>				