

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES

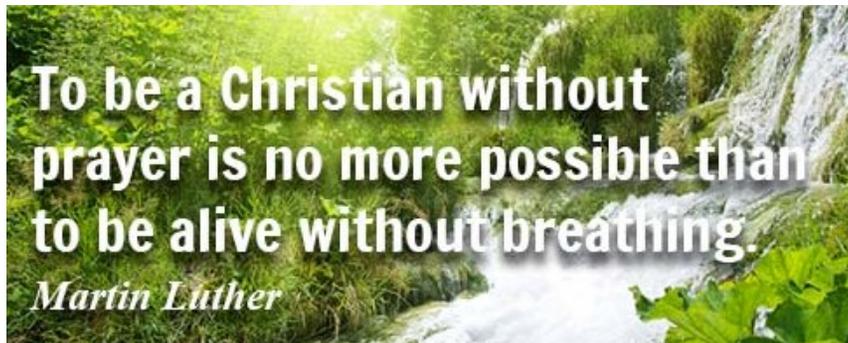
### CHARTER SERVICE—NOVEMBER 20, 2016!

10/26/2016—5:00 p.m.	OIKOS training at Tim & Gina's house
10/26/2016—6:00 p.m.	Dinner at Tim & Gina's house
10/26/2016—5:00 p.m.	Elementary Student Bible Study
10/26/2016—5:45 p.m.	Midweek Student Meal
10/26/2016—6:15 p.m.	Middle School Students Bible Study

Friday - November 11, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

TERC YOUTH OUTING

Tim Hawkins live in Cleveland, TN



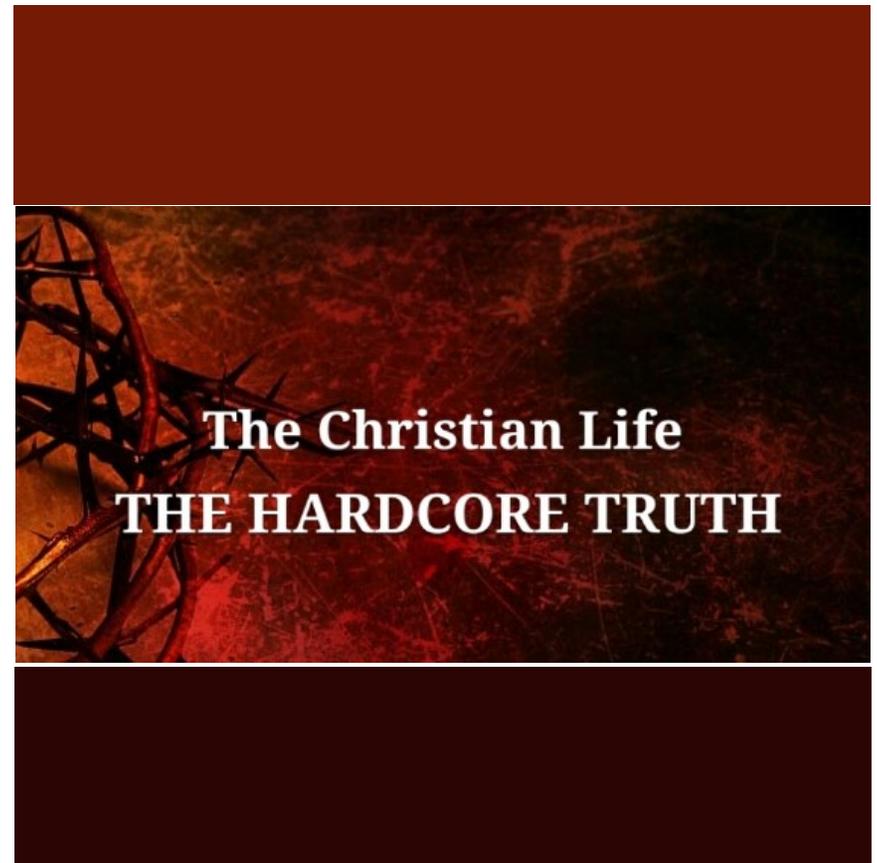
**Just going to church**  
doesn't make you a Christian any more  
than standing in your garage makes you  
a car. ~G. K. Chesterton

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# Trinity Evangelical Reformed Church



*Sunday Morning*  
*October 23, 2016*

## THE TEXT

### Romans 12:1 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

## THE CONTEXT

**Warning** – Romans 12 is not a “try-hard” moral code to live up to, but a faith response to what God has already done for us.

- Romans 1 - 3: **SIN** - Our problem that separates us from God.
- Romans 4 - 5: **SALVATION** - God’s solution in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
- Romans 6 - 8: **SANCTIFICATION** - Living your new life in God’s power and growing progressively in Christ-likeness.
- Romans 9 - 11: **SACRIFICE** - Living in confidence because God is in control and keeps all His promises.

## THE MOTIVATION

Paul starts with the “reason or motivation” for his appeal, rather than with the appeal itself.

He sums up ALL of Romans chapters 1 through 11 in the term “...mercies of God...”.

In other words, he is calling for a human response to a divine series of actions and accomplishments.

## THE APPEAL

“...present your bodies as a living sacrifice...”

**Definition** – “Total commitment is the alignment of one’s motives, resources, priorities, and goals to fulfill a specific mission, accomplish a specific task, or follow a specific person.” – Webster’s Dictionary

**NOTE:** The original Greek word used for “bodies” is not one that suggests the “flesh” or “physical body” over against the spirit but rather refers to the “totality of human existence”.

## THE GOAL

“...spiritual worship...”

Here the idea is not strictly adoration of God or singing and praying. Think more in terms of a person’s overall service and dedication to God. This phrase points to the sum total of all that we feel, say and do in response to what God has done for us. (c.f. Deuteronomy 10:12)

## YOUR RESPONSE

### Personal Application Questions:

1. Why do most Christians miss out on God’s best for their life?
2. What most keeps you from being “all in?”
3. What would it look like to surrender all to Christ today?