

rebellious, disobedient, sinful, disloyal people. You say, "Yeah, they were really horrible!" Well, before you say that too loud, it sounds a lot like our biographies too. If God was impatient, we would all be long gone. But God is a long-suffering God, for which we should be truly thankful!

The fact is, God is extremely patient, even with those who defy Him, as did Robert Ingersoll. The apostle Peter said, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Ingersoll lived for sixty-six years, and each day he lived, God was affording him an opportunity to repent. He did not. On his deathbed in 1899 he cried, "Oh God, if there is a God, save my soul if I have a soul." With death, his destiny sealed and never again would he be given five minutes to wait for the patience of God.

A special thanks to Andy who has the congregation website up and running. The address is www.mackroadchurchofchrist.com

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WELCOME

to the
Church of Christ
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:
What's the role of prophecy in the Bible?
John 5:31-40



Congregational Meeting Times:

Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Visitors

The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.

Important dates to remember:

January:

Sun. 25th - Last Sunday of the month singing during evening services

Fellowship Opportunities:

Fri. 23rd - Family Night Potluck at the Uptegrove's home, 6:30pm

Sun. 25th - **Group 1** meets following evening services

Sun. Feb 1st - Super Bowl Wild Beast Feast potluck at the Uptegrove's home following morning services

Note: Angela Riemer would like all the ladies of the congregation to know that they are invited to her baby shower on Feb. 8th. (She did not have everyone's addresses) An invitation with the details has been posted on the bulletin board.



Ladies House to House Fellowship

We are starting a new book, it is from the Life Principles Study Series
Lesson Book: *"Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"*

Next class: Sunday, **February 15th** at **Jill Julien's** home.

Please prepare lesson 1. If you do not have a lesson book, please see Mavrey Uptegrove.

March 15th - Mavrey Uptegrove

April 19th - Jennifer Stiltz

MEMBER'S CORNER

Recently baptized:

Sophia

Sequoia Thompson

The Patience of the Eternal God

By Brent Willey

Robert Ingersoll, the conspicuous American atheist of the nineteenth century, stopped in the middle of one of his lectures against God, took out his watch, held it up to his audience, and made the following challenge: "I'll give God five minutes to strike me dead for the things I've said." Well, he wasn't struck dead, so he just continued to mock God. Somebody related this incident to the eminent Theodore Parker, who smiled and said, "And did the gentleman think he could exhaust the patience of the eternal God in five minutes?"

God is patient isn't He? Aren't you glad? If he wasn't, we would all have been wiped out a long time ago. I've heard people say, "Oh, but how can I be patient? I've been wronged again and again." That may be true, but God could say that about you, couldn't He? Think about the story of Israel—the record of patient love on the part of God for a

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Classes

Growing Kids God's Way: Tuesdays at 6:45pm at the Stiltz home.

New Converts Class: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 at the building. See Mike for details.

Young Adults Class: Friday nights at Steve Sarff's home. See Caleb for details.