

A wooden cross is suspended from a dark, curved structure, possibly a part of a building or a large piece of art. The background is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise over a field, with a faint rainbow visible in the lower left. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

Begin

January 5th, 2019

A New Journey

Building Hope through Jesus' Name

TROY CHURCH of CHRIST

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***Calendar of Events: - before attending please ALWAYS check against
troychurch.net/calendar***

JANUARY

7th – Bible Break – 9:30 AM @ the Church Building

8th – Family Time – 6:00 PM @ the Church Building

8th – Peak of the Week – 7:00 PM @ the Church Building

- New items added to the calendar will appear in red font when first added

Minister's Corner

Good morning and A Happy New Year to you! Thank you for being here this first Lord's Day of 2020. I pray that you will be blessed and encouraged, as well as challenged, by your presence today. We ended the year with a sermon on 20-20 vision for the 2020 year and I pray that as the Bible encourages us, we've started the year with "our eyes fixed on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2)

At this beginning of year, we find ourselves in a world more confused about Truth than ever in our lifetimes. By keeping our mind's eyes fixed on Jesus we will see with 20-20 clarity of vision the Truth of our world and be able to be guided in righteousness by a God who promised to always be near and ready to do so.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace," says the song. *"His word shall not fail you, He promised, Believe Him and all will be well, Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell,"* It continues with clarity of purpose and vision. This is what we are called to, it's as simple as that – **believe Him & tell**. Do your 2020 plans include these two simple details?

This Wednesday – January 8th – Family Time & Peak of the Week

Bring your takeout dinner to the church building on Wednesday from 6:00 PM and enjoy it in the company of brothers and sisters in Christ...

From 7:00 PM we will continue the viewing of Chosen, the new series on the life of our Lord. This episode is called *The Wedding Gift* and gives a little more creative introspect on the event that includes Jesus' first real public miracle.

Birthdays this week: *Beth Clary (6th); Mary Alice Cowie (9th)*

2020 Church Calendar

I couldn't finish the calendar for this Sunday so, next Sunday I will have our tentative 2020 calendar in the fellowship room for anyone to verify/edit/add/suggest dates for birthdays, anniversaries and our main events.

Men's Breakfast

In 2019 we held our men's breakfast from 8:30 AM on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This seems to be an inconvenient time for most of the men in the congregation so for 2020 I am accepting suggestion for a better time and day that would create the possibility for most of the men of the congregation to attend. Please drop your suggested time and days of the week in the Suggestion Box in the hallway, by the front door. Thank you in advance!

Bakhrom Kholmatov Update

The 42-year-old pastor also known as Bakhrom Holmatov, was arrested after KNB officers raided the Sonmin Sonbogym [Good News of Grace] Protestant Church, harassing and beating church members in addition to arresting the pastor. During the raid, the officers confiscated items from the church, including the pastor's computer and the book "More Than a Carpenter" by Josh McDowell.

In a wonderful Christmas gift for his family, Bakhrom Kholmatov was freed early from prison today (*after 982 days in prison*), a little more than three months earlier than his original release date. Praise God, and pray for the family as they reunite.

Church Questionnaire is due next Sunday. Please get a copy from Lauren and bring it back completed next Sunday. Thank you.

Assembly Leaders for January

Greeters: Beth & Lisa

Welcome: Frank

Communion: Lora

Children's Ministry - Wiggle Room recommended ages: 5 and under

TODAY – Nadya

January 12th – Evie

Please help us by filling this card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to know more about:

I would like prayers for:

**Mahrokh Roksare Kanbari, John
Cao, Bakhrom Kholmatov**
(imprisoned for their faith)

**I would like prayers for an
unspoken request – □**

I need help:

- ☐ food ☐ clothing
- ☐ shelter ☐ medication
- ☐ counseling
- ☐ other

Comments:

Dear Guest,

Welcome to the Church, the group of believers in Christ that gathers at this location.

Whatever the reason that brought you through our doors we are very happy you chose to be with us today. We are not perfect as individuals, but we are perfected in our love for each other and the love for God.

Although our affiliation is with the acapella Churches of Christ as an organization, our services include some instrumental music as well as the participation of women in prayer and different elements of our assembly time.

We observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday as the focal point of our gathering and also take a collection to support the church's work.

As a guest you are not expected to take part in any of these practices and we hope they will not create you any discomfort. We would love to talk to you about any of our practices. – *Please see the other side of this flap. Fill out and place in the Offering Plate. Thank you!*

Troy Church of Christ

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Welcome & Prayer

In Christ Alone

John 1:1-9

Fairest Lord Jesus

John 1:10-13

In the Name of the Lord

John 1:14-18

He is Lord!

Jesus is Lord

Communion Offering

Bible Message

Thou Are Worthy

Pastoral Prayer

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

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Suggestions box in the lobby. Please help us by providing feedback.