

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



*Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM*



Vol. 54 No. 25

The Correspondent

June 21, 2026

Property Poor Church Members

Jim Faughn

I recently came across an article in a religious periodical published in 1918. The title of that article was the same as the title for this post.

The article mentions a man who served as an elder in a local congregation who owned a great deal of property. According to a statement he made, the value of his property was \$160,000. His weekly contribution to the local congregation of which he was a member was seventy-five cents!



When this man was encouraged to increase his contribution, he said that he could not do that because he was “property poor.” He even claimed that his financial “stress” made it necessary for him to borrow money at times.

With a little research and my elementary skills in mathematics, I discovered that \$160,000 in 1918 would be the equivalent of almost \$3,400,000 today. That “sacrificial” seventy-five cents would be the equivalent of a little less than \$16.00 today. When numbers like this are discussed, it is not unusual to hear or read the term “adjusted for inflation.”

I’m thinking that another adjustment might need to be considered. In both 1918 and 2026, there might need to be an adjustment in the attitudes and priorities of some people.

I’ve never known and have never wanted to know how much monetary support is given to the work of the Lord by people with whom I worship. I’m wondering though if some haven’t gone from being property poor to also being automobile poor, boat poor, hobby poor, entertainment poor, fashion poor, travel poor, etc. In other words, I’m wondering if people have “obligated” themselves to so many other things that there is not much left for the Lord and His work.

Maybe we need to revisit a parable that Jesus taught. He spoke of a man whose mindset was totally on material things. You may remember that he was so prosperous that the only solution he could think of was to build bigger places where he could store his “stuff.” (Have you noticed the proliferation of “storage facilities” in most communities today?) This man heard these words from God: Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? (Luke 12:20, KJV)

You may remember how Jesus ended that parable. It should serve as a reminder and challenge to all of us: So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:21 KJV)

- Jim Faughn serves as an elder for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY.

- Article obtained from bulletingold.com

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

THE PLAN OF SALVATION PART 1

- Predetermined- Ephesians 1:4, 3:11, 3-5, 8-10, 1 Peter 1:10-12
- The Patriarchal Age.
 - ◊ The Creation and the Fall- Genesis 1-3
 - ◊ The Abrahamic Covenant- Genesis 12:1-3, 21:1-7, 26:1-5, 35:10-12
 - ◊ Entering Egypt- Genesis 37-50
- The Mosaic Age.
 - ◊ The Exodus- Exodus 1-15
 - ◊ Mosaic Covenant- Exodus 19-24, Galatians 3:23-26
 - ◊ The Prophets- 2 Peter 1:20-21, Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7, 53, Daniel 2:31-45

Worship Service**Announcements**

Song: 438 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Vs. 1, 3)

Prayer

Song: 820 He Bore It All (Vs. 1, 3)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 473 O How I Love Jesus (Vs 1, 3)

Song: 859 He Paid a Debt

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:8-12

Sermon

Song: 207 Hark! The Gentle Voice

Song: 243 Home of the Soul (Vs. 1)

Prayer**Ephesians 3:8-12**

E I S M R I S S L A O O I S C G M S
 I O M O O W E I E T P E T C L U E I
 A N S D N H C R A R E R I E T H C D
 O I M S C R J E A D C C S L A O L S
 E R S I D H R E A R E T W H I I D H
 E D R W R O T N W O N K C N K W O P
 O Y A N O E E T A I R A E W E N E P
 P F M N R S G R A C E C P O W E R S
 P S G N O I T S I R H C K G E G A Y
 T A A P G N T W P W C H U R C H H H
 S L R R A S S N E P E C N S P T G I
 M U B A J M I S Y N B O L D N E S S
 P R C I E L E R E W A L G A P G I T
 L A M P S B E S S A L T S R E D T S
 S Y T E U T E C B E G I N N I N G A
 E B K E S A E N N O E E T S S E C E
 S A C Y S T G A T S U I S E C I H L
 M E M P I H S W O L L E F N E A S C
 N L N E D D I H E E O E U I H U S K
 N I C U L A G N S A H H S M E P R G

LEAST
 SAINTS
 GRACE
 PREACH
 GENTILES
 RICHES
 MAKE
 FELLOWSHIP
 MYSTERY
 BEGINNING
 AGES
 HIDDEN
 JESUS
 CHRIST
 WISDOM
 KNOWN
 CHURCH
 POWERS
 ETERNAL
 PURPOSE
 BOLDNESS

Ephesians 3:8-12 (NKJV)

- ⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
- ⁹ and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;
- ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*,
- ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23