

Privileged To Serve As We Worship

January 4, 2015

AM

PM

Terrell Robins
 John Lemon
 Delvin Criner, Sr
 Jacobe Jerkins
 Mallory Barnes
 Malcolm Robins, Sr
 Royce Lemon
 John Lemon
 Mallory Barnes
 Jarvis Lemon

 Delvin Criner, Jr
 Dorion Criner
 Jacobe Jerkins
 Tadarius Robins
 Mallory Barnes
 Tristian Robins
 Reginald Thompson

Announcements:
Invocation/prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
****Communion & Offering****
Sermon
Prayer for Confessions
Welcome Visitors
Benediction

****Assisting in Communion****

****Ushers****

JaMallory Barnes
 Isaiah Cooper
 Dorion Criner
 Delvin Criner, Jr
 Terrell Robins
 Troy Robins
 Royce Lemon
 Jacoby Jerkins
 Troy Robins
 JaMallory Barnes

 Jarvis Lemon
 Tadarius Robins

 Malik Cooper
 Dorion Criner

Brethren, please report to the classroom for devotion and prayer before serving)

Welcome to the 3rd Ward Church of Christ! If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know that you are our honored guest. We are so happy that you have decided to worship God and study His word with us today. If you are already a Christian and are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider us at 3rd Ward. We do our best to be a warm, loving fellowship of God's people, and adhere strictly to the bible. If you are not a member of the Church of Christ, we would love to sit down with you and open up the Bible to see what Jesus Christ requires of one to be a member of His church. We have no creed but Christ; no book but the Bible. We are simply New Testament Christians who do our best to follow Jesus not only on Sunday, but also every day of the week. If that is what you are looking for then please speak to one of us today. And, thanks again for honoring us, and more importantly, God, with your presence today!

A Mansion Near the Throne!

A preacher once visited a home and found an old Scotch woman standing in her kitchen, weeping. She wiped her eyes with the corner of her apron, and when the minister asked her what was the matter, she confessed, "I have done so little. I am so miserable and unhappy." "Why?" he asked. "Because I have done so little for Jesus. When I was just a wee girl, the Lord spoke to my heart, and I did want so much to live for Him." "Well, haven't you?" asked the minister. "Yes, I have lived for Him, but I have done so little. I want to be of some use in His service." "What have you done?" "Nothing. I have washed dishes, cooked three meals a day, taken care of the children, mopped the floor, and mended the clothes. That is all I have done all my life, and I wanted to do something for Jesus." The preacher, sitting back in the armchair, looked at her and smiled. "Where are your boys?" he inquired. She had four sons and had named them after Bible personalities. "Oh, my boys? You know where Mark is. You ordained him yourself before he went to China. Why are you asking? He is there preaching for the Lord." "Where is Luke?" questioned the minister. "Luke? He went out from your own church. Didn't you send him out? I had a letter from him the other day." Then she became happy and excited as she continued. "A revival has broken out on the mission station, and he said they were having a wonderful time in the service of the Lord!" "Where is Matthew?" "He is with his brother in China. Isn't it fine that the two boys can be working together? I am so happy about that. John came to me the other night—he is my baby and is only nineteen, but he is a great boy. He said, 'Mother, I have been praying and, tonight in my room, the Lord spoke to my heart about going to help my brother in Africa! But don't you cry, Mother. The Lord told me I was to stay here and look after you until you go home to glory.'" The minister looked at her: "And you say your life has been wasted in mopping floors, darning socks, washing dishes, and doing the trivial tasks. I'd like to have your mansion when we are called home! It will be very near the throne.

<i>Our Records</i>	
(last Sunday)	
Morning Worship	85
Evening Worship	45

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
Church Meeting	Today
Church Breakfast	Jan 11
Youth/Young Adult Meeting	Jan 11
Sr Saints Day	Jan 17

Memory Verse

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."...1 Peter 3:15

Minister's Message

They Stayed On

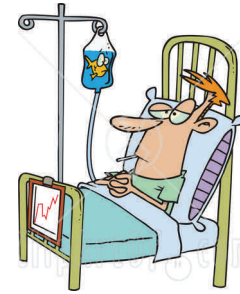
A small party of missionaries were invited to go to Tibet at a time when missionary activity was forbidden there. They were told their task was to help stem the tide of a plague that was raging out of control. When the plague was over, the government asked the missionaries to leave. But these servants of Christ felt a responsibility to minister to the souls of the Tibetans as well as to their bodies. The authorities threatened to kill them, but the fear of death did not deter them from their purpose. They stayed on.

One night the Tibetans encircled their house with flaming torches. They began dancing around in a wide circle, ever diminishing in size seeking to achieve their aim of setting the place ablaze. The missionaries fell to their knees in prayer, and became so intent as the wild chanting came closer that they never realized it had ceased. When they arose, the mob had dispersed, and they were allowed to remain. Years later, one of their converts told them that he had been in the circle, and they had every intention of burning the missionaries to death in their house. However, as they approached the dwelling, there stood before the door a figure in white apparel holding a flaming sword. They fled in fright. And thus the door was opened for the gospel in Tibet, because God honored the faith of those who were willing to die at any time for their Lord.

Let Your Faith
Be Seen in
2015

PLEASE Remember To Pray, Visit or Call Those Who Are Sick and Shut-In...

"I was sick, and ye visited me" ...Matthew 25:36



Sis. Frankie Austin
Sis. Christine Creswell
Bro. and Sis. Walter Lee
Sis. Princella Moss
Sis. Jessie Taylor

We pray they will continue to improve in health. Continue to pray for comfort for their families, as well.

How to Live in Harmony

Christ's basic law for harmonious co-existence with others is found in Luke 6:31: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Matthew states it this way: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12). It is said that the Roman Emperor Severus was so enchanted by this law when he heard it for the first time that he appointed a reader to repeat it aloud every time some-one came before him for judgment. He also ordered it to be written in large letters in the most frequented rooms of the palace and in many public buildings. Though he was an idolater, the Emperor honored Christ as the One who had told them how to live justly, and he was even disposed to include Christ among the gods.

Welcome Visitors...to the Lord's Service! We are honored by your presence and want to thank you for worshipping here with us!

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship services with an uplifted spirit. Here is what you can expect. **PRAYING, PREACHING, SINGING:** Non-instrumental music plays a great part in our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord...(Eph. 5:19). **LORD'S SUPPER:** Each Sunday, we observe the Lord's Supper, while we reflect on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the hope of everlasting life we can live through HIM...(1 Cor. 11:23-26). **CONTRIBUTION:** During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what god has given to us. This offering is used to support the Church and to help spread God's word...(1 Cor. 16:1-2).

Announcements

Note: We must ask you to PLEASE silence (vibrate or turn off) your cell phone and please refrain from walking or talking during our worship service.

Note: Please remember to keep in prayer the following: Sisters Frankie Austin, Cora Blackshire, Christine Creswell, Princella Moss and Jessie Taylor, Bro. and Sis. Walter Lee. Sister Lee, Sis. Betty Burton (Tara Criner's mother) and Bro. James Evans' wife, Cecilia, all for their health concerns.

Note: We're still encouraging each member to continue to invite a guest to our services each Sunday and Wednesday night throughout the month of December. Remember, our goal is to increase our numbers in worship.

Note: We've had great bible study class on Wednesday nights as we studied the book of Romans. We now invite you to come study with us as we will now begin the book of 1st Corinthians.

Note: Please be reminded that pledges for the second phase of our building program are now needed to continue in the plans. If you have your pledge to offer today, please lay them in the proper basket during collection time.

Note: Please welcome our new sister in Christ, Sis. Ja'Nettra Stots. She was baptized after last Sunday evening's worship service.

Note: Please prepare to stay for our annual church meeting immediately after morning worship today. There will also be a youth/young adult meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2015. Please plan to attend.

The **Sugar Land Church of Christ** will install their new minister, Bro. Peter Martin, Jr on today, January 4 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Bro. Roy Beatty will be semi-retired.

The **Russell Road Church of Christ** has invited our ladies to their 26th annual Ladies Program on January 10 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Theme: "**Lord, Don't Move My Mountain.**" Please see bulletin board for more information.

The **Belfort Church of Christ** will host a Minister Appreciation Day on January 11, 2015 at 2:00 pm, to honor Bro. James Glen for 23 years of service to the congregation. Dinner will be served at the Exclusive Palace Reception Hall (1 block east of the church building).

The **Spanish Camp Church of Christ** has invited our ladies to Ladies Program on January 17 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please see bulletin board for more information.

Note: The Senior Saints dinner will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 3:00 pm, here at the building. All seniors are invited to come as we honor you for your many years of dedication to the Lord. All of our saints will be praised and appreciated. Please plan to come.



January Birthdays

Desirae White	4	Shareka Thompson	16
Courtney Adams	6	Kagale Vaughn	18
Ruby Mitchell	6	Rosie Wilson	18
Travion Robins	8	Mallory Barnes	27
Sade Donsereaux	12	Ariel Cooper	28



Happy Anniversary

Peace in the Storm

A story is told by William Gilbert of how Dante, wandering one day over the mountains of Lunigiana, eventually drew near to a lone, secluded monastery. It was at a time when his mind was wracked with internal conflict and was seeking refuge from the strife. So he loudly knocked at the monastery gate. It was opened by a monk, who in a single glance at the sad, pale face, read its pathetic message of misery and sorrow. "What do you seek here?" said he. With a gesture of despair, the poet replied, "Peace." It was the same old craving followed by the same old search. But neither the solitary places, nor the anchorite's cell ever brought true peace to the afflicted heart. Peace comes not from without but from within. We can have it in the winter of age or the spring of youth; in the lowly cottage or the stately mansion; in distressing pain or in buoyant health. The secret of it is in comradeship with Christ. You can have peace in the midst of the storm, if you have Christ. He is the shelter from the tempest, the soul's haven of rest. If we have learned to value His friendship, we have mastered the secret of the "peace which passeth all understanding."

A Sinner's Prayer

I could have been dead sleeping in a grave
But GOD blessed me to see another day;
And even when I did wrong, He was still there
I am so glad that God still hears my prayers;
GOD is a good GOD and He hears a righteous man's prayer
He will never leave you in your despair.
GOD is a good GOD; this I know for sure
When you are sick HE has the cure
When trouble comes and it seems like it just won't end
Always remember that the Devil just can't win.

by Sis. Warene Rogers