



# Privileged To Serve As We Worship

January 11, 2015

## AM

Terrell Robins  
 John Lemon  
 Royce Lemon  
 Jacobe Jerkins  
 Mallory Barnes  
 Malcolm Robins, Sr  
 Delvin Criner, Sr  
 John Lemon  
 Mallory Barnes  
 Jarvis Lemon  
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 Delvin Criner, Jr  
 Dorion Criner  
 Jacobe Jerkins  
 Tadarius Robins  
 Mallory Barnes  
 Tristian Robins

### **Announcements:**

### **Invocation/prayer**

### **Song Director**

### **Scripture Reading**

### **Prayer**

### **\*\*Communion & Offering\*\***

### **Sermon**

### **Prayer for Confessions**

### **Welcome Visitors**

### **Benediction**

### **\*\*Assisting in Communion\*\***

### **\*\*Ushers\*\***

## PM

JaMallory Barnes  
 Isaiah Cooper  
 Logan Ethyll  
 Delvin Criner, Jr  
 Terrell Robins  
 Troy Robins  
 Delvin Criner, Sr  
 Jacoby Jerkins  
 Troy Robins  
 JaMallory Barnes  
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 Jarvis Lemon  
 Tadarius Robins  
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 Malik Cooper  
 Dorion Criner

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

**Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## Praying in His Name

A little child who had just learned the alphabet kept repeating time after time the letters of the alphabet in an attitude of prayer. A missionary approached her and asked what she was saying. The little girl's answer was, "I am praying." "But why do you repeat the alphabet?" "I felt that I should pray, and because I did not know how to pray, I repeated the letters of the alphabet, knowing that the great Lord would fit the letters together to make words out of them" The little girl was only expressing something that we do unconsciously every time we close our prayer "In the name of the Lord." We invoke the totality of His revelation to us, all His attributes and all His omnipotence. We call upon Him as our Priest, our Mediator, our Prophet, our Redeemer, our Savior, our All in all.

## Prayer Answered

One day a lady was giving her little nephew some lessons. He was generally a good, attentive child, but on this occasion he could not fix his mind on his work. Suddenly he said, "Auntie, may I kneel down and ask God to help me find my marble?" His aunt gave her consent, and the little boy knelt by his chair, closed his eyes, and prayed silently. Next day, almost afraid of asking the question lest the child had not found his toy and so might lose his simple faith, the lady said to him, "Well, dear, have you found your marble?" "No, Auntie," was the reply, "but God made me not want to." That is the way God many times answers our prayers and thus rids us of division within ourselves.

<b><i>Our Records</i></b> (last Sunday)	
Morning Worship	89
Evening Worship	40

<b><i>Upcoming Events</i></b>	
Church Breakfast	Today
Youth/Young Adult Meeting	Today
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

## Worship That Pleases Jehovah

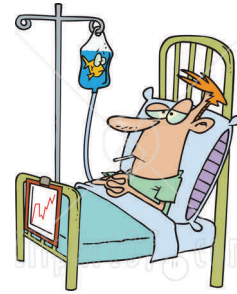
Habakkuk wrote, "But the Lord in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him" (2:20). A very large part of our Christian life is devoted to the worship of God. While most disciples understand their duties to attend the assemblies of the church, it is evident that many do not have a clear understanding of the meaning and manner of worship. We do not assemble just to SING!! We are there to worship God with our praise. Some love singing, even as they love eating or football. They just happen to love singing gospel songs. They sing for personal pleasure. Worship for them is of small importance. Just singing a religious song does not constitute worship, or else every country band that sings "I'll Fly Away" in a concert is worshiping God; every Dixieland band that performs "When The Saints Go Marching In" is worshiping. When we worship in song we are praising and adoring God. We are teaching and admonishing one another (Col. 3:16). It is a sacrifice of praise offered to God, through Christ (Heb 13:15) and done in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). Entertainment is not a consideration when we are worshiping God. When it comes to praise worship, only the good music which opens the mind to Christian teaching and disposes the soul to holy thoughts. Music without words cannot do that; so instrumental music is excluded from public worship."

When we are assembled to worship, it is not the time to attempt to sing a song that is unknown to the song leader of the congregation. It is not the time to practice songs not well known to the congregation, or tackle difficult songs that the leader cannot handle. So, tragically the leader might hinder and even defeat the worship of the people. All this places a heavy responsibility on those who have the privilege to lead in this aspect of our worship.

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.

### 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.

**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 January. Remember, our goal is to increase our numbers in worship.

**Note:** We invite to come study with us on Wednesday nights as we begin studying 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. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. If you have your pledge to offer today, please lay them in the proper basket during collection time.

**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.

**Note:** The installation services for Bro. Peter Martin, Jr was done very well on last Sunday. Many are happy to begin working with Bro. and Sis. Martin. We wish them well.

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**

## Self-Examination

Doctors tell us that we need to examine ourselves. Many tumors can be felt, moles that change shape or color. We need to look and feel in order to catch these problems early. The Bible also teaches self-examination. Paul said, "Examine yourselves, (2 Corinthians 13:5). James writes of looking in a mirror to examine ourselves (1:23). Some questions someone put together for spiritual self-examination include:

- **Am I so CRITICAL that I see only a person's failures and not his/her good points?**
- **Am I so CHILIDISH that people must handle me gently lest I be offended**
- **Am I MATURE ENOUGH to handle hurts and disappointments without making everyone else miserable?**
- **Do I HURT people while boasting, "I believe in saying what I think"?**
- **Can I be completely TRUSTED with confidential information.**
- **Am I guilty of making SARCASTIC REMARKS about the success of others?**
- **Am I big enough to admit when I am wrong, or do I seek to excuse myself by BLAMING OTHERS?**
- **Do I excuse my sins, while self-righteously CONDEMNING others?**
- **Are others uplifted AND ENCOURAGED through their association with me?**
- **Do I follow after peace, or do my words and actions PROMOTE STRIFE?**