

Privileged To Serve As We Worship

January 25, 2015

AM

PM

Carnell Nealy
 Terrell Robins
 Delvin Criner, Sr
 Jacobe Jerkins
 Mallory Barnes
 Terrell Robins
 Royce Lemon
 (open)
 Mallory Barnes
 Jarvis Lemon

 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****

JaMallory Barnes
 Isaiah Cooper
 Logan Ethyll
 Delvin Criner, Jr
 Terrell Robins
 Troy Robins
 Royce Lemon
 (open)
 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!

In The Presence of God

When we give our offerings and contributions we are not just paying dues. It is not the price of a ticket to see a show. We are worshiping God by presenting unto Him tokens of our love and gratitude. Our contributions are our recognition that all we are and all we have come from the loving hand of Jehovah (James 1:17). Our contributions should be the fruit of our hearts welling up with gratitude to God for his bountiful provisions.

We are not taxed or ordered to give a certain amount. As his adult children, God grants us to the privilege to give as we have freely purposed in our hearts (II Cor. 9:7).

In passing, I add that neither do we assemble for worship to be charmed by a smooth-talking orator, entertained by a funny comedian, or lectured on subjects not pertaining to God’s sacred word. We assemble to “hear the word of the Lord” (Is. 66:5). Those who stand up to preach must preach the word of God (2 Tim. 4:2). It is their duty to declare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27), and in all cases to speak God’s Word faithfully (Jer.23:28).

When we come into the presence of God may we truly worship him and may we leave with a rich blessing for having done so.

Skeptic Converted

A minister preached a sermon one evening and went home utterly discouraged. He felt that he was a failure in the ministry, though at the same time he was greatly burdened for the lost. Some time past midnight his doorbell rang, and the leader of the choir, who was known as a bit of a skeptic, came to him saying, “Doctor, I am in agony concerning my soul. Your sermon tonight has convicted me of my sin, and I must have help or I shall die.” In a very short time he was rejoicing in Christ. When asked what it was in the sermon that had impressed him, he said, “It was not so much what you said as the way you said it. I could see by the look in your eye and by the very pathos in your voice that you were longing for men to be saved, and I could not resist your message.

<i>Our Records</i> (last Sunday)	
Morning Worship	83
Evening Worship	38

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
“Red” Sunday	Feb 15
Church Clean up Day	Feb 21
Soul Food Dinner	Feb 22

Memory Verse

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4. To and inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, 5. Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.”...1 Peter 1:3-5

Minister's Message

Acceptable Worship

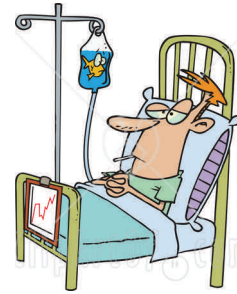
What is right? What is wrong? These are natural questions that rise in every human heart. When our hearts turn to religion, we ask how should we worship God? How can we know His will in the matter? God's will to man is expressed on the pages of the bible. The inspired writers received the mind of Christ" and were guided by the Holy spirit to record the message for us (1Corinthians 2:10-13).

Christ has all authority in Heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18). He commands us to observe all things whatsoever he commanded (vs 20). God made him head over all things to the church (Eph. 1:22). Today we are to honor Him even above Moses and Elijah (Matt. 17:1-5). Paul reminds us that "whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17). To act "in the name of a person" is to do so by his authority. Acceptable worship is that which is in harmony with the will of Jesus revealed in the New Testament. Christ, through His Apostles, ordained that His church commemorate His crucifixion by the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29). We are commanded to give our gifts unto God on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2). We are instructed to praise God with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts (Col. 3:16). We see the early church praying and hearing God's message preached (Acts 4:23-24; 20:7). More than this you cannot find in the new Covenant. Faithful Christians will humbly worship God, neither adding to or diminishing from His will (Duet. 4:2). If we wish to see God and live with Him in eternity we must honor His Word, for Jesus is the author of eternal salvation only for those who obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9).

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.

Praying for Others

Unfortunately, countless Christians become selfish in their prayers. They pray for themselves and their families and care little about others. The moon is a lavish giver that owes all her beauty to her habit of giving. Suppose the moon should swallow up and keep to herself all the years of light which the sun gives her and should refuse to share them with us; what would the effect be? She would stop shining. The moment she stopped shining, she would lose all her beauty. All the beauty and the brilliancy of a diamond are caused by its reflecting, or giving away, the light which it receives. It is the same way with the moon. If it should stop shining, or giving away the light it gets from the sun it would hang up in the sky like a great, black, ugly-looking ball. All its brightness and beauty would be gone. Which would we rather be, as we pray: a black ugly ball in God's sky, or a shining light, constantly giving of the light we so abundantly receive.

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 February. 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 due now until the end of February. 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 keep Bro. John Lemon in your prayers, as he is out of town today.

Note: We will host the First Sunday Singing in February (next Sunday, February 1) at 2:30 pm.

The **Shady Acres Church of Christ** will host an Educational Seminar for adults and youth on how the law works for us and against you when stopped by police. It will be held on February 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Also they will have a recreational activity from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Contact Bro. Lamont Robins (832.483.5798) and see bulletin board for more information.

Note: February 15 will be our "Red" Sunday. Members are asked to wear something red.

The **Pearland Church of Christ** will host the Texas Christian Acapella Music Ministry on February 21 at 6:00 pm. Admission is free to all. Special guest group: "Soundation."

The **Russell Road Church of Christ** has invited our men to their 15th annual Men's Day Seminar on February 28. Theme: "**Give Me This Mountain.**" Please see bulletin board for more information.



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

Thou Shalt Worship The Lord Thy God

Jesus said "thou shalt worship the Lord thy God. And Him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:10). Man's greatest privilege is to worship the Sovereign Creator of the Universe. No other earthly experience can equal worship. Men have fought and died for the freedom to worship. How much more to come into the presence of Jehovah?

Man's greatest **need** is to have communion and fellowship with God and that is precisely the purpose of worship. When the human heart is in sin it is separated from God, and darkness and despair hangs heavy over it (Isa. 59:1-2). When in acceptable worship, man the sinner, is allowed to approach the Father and receive a blessing (Luke 15:11-24). In Lord's Day worship we remember Christ's death in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-28); that is a communion, a participation with the Lord (1 Cor. 10:16). In our songs and prayers we converse with God (Ps. 34:1-6). Man without God in his life, is like a body without a spirit (James 2:26) But man in a proper relationship with God enjoys the abundant life (John 10:10).

Man's greatest **responsibility** is to worship God in an acceptable fashion. Jesus reminded the woman at the well that God seeks true worshipers who will worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). Our worship must be according to the will of the Father to be acceptable (Matt. 7:21). The wise person will look to scripture to be sure that he is indeed serving God as he desires, especially in these times when numerous religions all profess to worship God.

Man's greatest **hope** is to live with God in eternity, which is the promised reward of faithful worshipers. If we want to be with the saved in that glorious worship assembly, then surely we must be among his worshipers now. In Revelation chapter 7, John foresaw the redeemed of all nations in heaven, worshipping God (7:5-11).