



# *Privileged To Serve As We Worship*

**February 22, 2015**

## **AM**

ShaMarcus Thompson

John Lemon  
(open)

Jacobe Jerkins

Mallory Barnes

Malcolm Robins, Sr

Royce Lemon

Terrell Robins

Mallory Barnes

Jarvis Lemon

Delvin Criner, Jr

Dorion Criner

Jacobe Jerkins

Tadarius Robins

Mallory Barnes

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## **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

Jacobe Jerkins

(open)

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 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!

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Morning Wors  
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# Minister's Message

## Meaningful and Rewarding Worship (Part 4)

### Contemporary Worship

The word "contemporary" is an adjective that describes a thing by being marked "by characteristics of the present period: according to (Webster). When contemporary is applied to worship that is modeled after that which is common in today's world of religion in contrast to that which is patterned after the biblical record. Among the contemporary items found in some of our churches are" a casual atmosphere, instrumental music, songs borrowed from the world of contemporary music, singing groups, soloists, etc., interpretive dancing, dramatic skits, entertainment style preaching with little or no biblical content, bodily actions by the worshipers such as clapping hands to the music, raising hands toward heaven, applauding, testifying and inviting other members of other faiths to speak for the assembly or class, allowing women to lead singing, lead prayers, serve communion and even speak in worship assemblies, etc..

To define and describe contemporary worship is to demonstrate that it is based on something other than scripture. Rather than being worship ordained by Christ (Matt.28:20), it is "will worship" (Col. 2:23). Rather than being the kind of worship of the early church (II Tim. 1:13), contemporary is worship like that found in modern denominational churches. Those that promote it, sin like the ancient Hebrews who wanted a king so they would be like the nations around them (I Sam. 8:5). Rather than being designed to please God, it is adopted by some churches in order to attract and please men (Gal. 1:10). They often call it "seeker friendly worship." Those who have opted for the above described contemporary worship have gone onward and are not abiding in the doctrine of Christ. Which means they neither have the Father or the Son with them (II John 9-10). When people come to us bringing something contrary to the teaching of the apostles we are to take note of them and (mark) reject them (Romans 16:17).

*"He who rejects worship neglects that which separates man from the birds, the animals, the insects, the fishes" (Hugh Blair).*

### Praise of Self

If we stopped to listen to God's and other people's opinions of us, it would have a sobering effect, and we would surely be less critical of each other. We would not be like Rabbi Simeon who once said, "The world is not worth thirty righteous persons such as our father Abraham. If there were only twenty righteous persons in the world, I and my son should be of the number. If there were only ten, I and my son should be of them, if there were only five, I and my son should be of the five. If there were but two, I and my son would be those two, and if there were but one, myself should be that one." Praise of self will sometimes result in criticism of others.



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### Welcome

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We want to personally with an uplifted spirit instrumental music an uplifting praise Lord's Supper, while the hope of everlasting the service, we us. This offering is



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# 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. Cedric Nix, Bro. and Sis. Walter Lee, Sister Lee, Sis. Betty Burton (Tara Criner's mother) and Bro. James Evans' wife, Cecilia, and Bro. John Lemon, Sr (at home) 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 March 8. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 and if we do our best, we can achieve this goal. We've set the amount of \$400 and above to all who can match it in order to reach that goal. We ask that you please place these funds in the brown "Building Fund" envelopes and in the green basket at the appropriate time.

**Note:** Pray for traveling grace for Bro. and Sis. Delvin Criner and Carnell Nealy, as they all are away from us on this weekend..

**Note:** Today, we invite you our Soul Food Sunday. This is our way of honoring Black History Month. There will be a "Soul Food" dinner after morning worship and an early afternoon worship. There will be no evening worship.

The **Crestmont Park Church of Christ** will host the semi-annual City-wide Lectureship from February 22 thru 26 beginning 7:00 pm nightly. There will be two (2) speakers on each night. Theme: "**Back To The Bible In Parenting and Rearing Children.**" We will not have Wednesday night song practice in order to support the lectureship.

**Note:** A church clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, February 28 from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. Bring your work face, not your play face. All are welcome to come except little children.

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.

The **Southview Church of Christ** (Magnolia, AR) has invited our ladies to their Ladies Day Program on April 18 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, with lunch to follow. Theme: "**Count It All Joy.**" Please see bulletin board for more information.

The **Westward Street Church of Christ** has invited us to a gospel revival on Sunday, March 1. Guest speaker: Bro. Marv Thorn. Theme: "**Let's Grow Together.**"

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**Today's Spiritual G**

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