

Privileged To Serve As We Worship

February 22, 2015

AM

PM

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
 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
 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 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!

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Morning Wors
Evening Wors

“And as they we is water; what do heart, thou maye God” ...Acts 8:36

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.



We pray they

Welcome

want to thank you for

We want to personally thank you for your contribution with an uplifted spirit. We appreciate the instrumental music and the uplifting praise. We are grateful for your participation in the Lord’s Supper, which is a symbol of the hope of everlasting life. During the service, we are praying for you. This offering is for

