

Privileged To Serve As We Worship

March 1, 2015

AM

ShaMarcus Thompson
 John Lemon
 Delvin Criner, Sr
 Jacobe Jerkins
 Mallory Barnes
 ShaMarcus Thompson
 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****

PM

JaMallory Barnes
 Isaiah Cooper
 Jacobe Jerkins
 Carnell Nealy
 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!

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.

Wrong Choices Are Destructive

You may have read about the war of Troy, but do you know how it was supposed to have started? It was the judgment and choice of Paris that were responsible for it. Beautiful Thetis was getting married to Pileas, the King of the Myrmidons. During their wedding ceremony, says the legend, the golden apple of dispute was given to the most beautiful woman. There were three that sought the prize: Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite. According to the command of Zeus, Paris, the shepherd of Troy, had to choose which of these three was the most beautiful. Hera represented power, Athena wisdom, and Aphrodite pleasure. Paris chose Aphrodite, the goddess of pleasure, and because of this the war of Troy was declared with all its resultant suffering and unhappiness. Because Paris chose pleasure, he brought destruction upon himself and others. This is what many of us choose also, and we suffer alienation from God.

<i>Our Records</i> (last Sunday)	
Morning Worship	98
Evening Worship	42

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
Youth Day Seminar (ages 10-17)	Mar 7
Youth Day Seminar (ages 18-)	Mar 14
Youth Day Seminar (ages 18-)	Mar 21

Memory Verse

"Wherefore lay aside all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and no hearers only, deceiving your own selves"...James 1:21-22

Minister's Message

Attributes Of The Lord's Church

Near the city of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus promised His apostles: "Upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Even His death at the hands of Jews and Romans did not deter him from keeping his word. On the third day He arose triumphant from the tomb and some 47 days later his glorious church came into existence. The birth date of Christ's church was Pentecost Sunday in the 33rd year of His life. The place was Jerusalem. The event is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2.

The Apostles were gathered together. The Holy Spirit which Christ had promised them (Acts 1:5-8) came with a sound of a rushing mighty wind and filled all the house where they were sitting. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

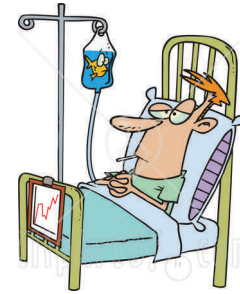
Guided by God's Spirit, he apostles preached the good news of the resurrected Christ. They showed Jesus to be the fulfillment of the ancient messianic prophecies. Three thousand Jews were convicted of their sins and driven to cry out, "what shall we do?" Peter answered them, Repent ye, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins..." (Acts 2:38). As many as gladly received his word were baptized and the Lord added unto them about three-thousand souls (Acts 2:41). From that day forth the church is spoken of as an existing reality Acts 2:47.

This was no denomination or sect founded by a sinful man, it was the kingdom of God upon the earth. It was not just another great religion that would take its place beside Buddhism, Hinduism and other religions. This was the straight and narrow way that leads to life (Matthew 7:14). This was god's family of saved children destined to live with him in eternity (Eph. 5:23-28).

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.

Time

Time is something we don't have enough of
Time flies away just like a dove
Time right now is almost over
So you should make a wish on a four leaf clover
The end of time is almost near
But don't you worry and don't you fear
Cherish God each and every day
And know for sure He is the way

by Sis. Warene Rogers

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



March Birthdays

Jermaine McKinney	3	Troy Robins	21
Tremaine McKinney	3	Jalisha Sims	22
Tadarius Robins	10	Terri Robins	23
Patsy Lemon	11	Alicette Sims	27
Krystle Bowman	13		



Happy Anniversary

Cedric & Karen Nix - 1
James & Yolanda Sims - 10
Richard & Vanessa Adams - 14
Delvin & Tara Criner - 19

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 15. Our pledges are doing well as we strive 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. Also, consider giving \$1 to the regular building fund (brown basket) to help maintain our building now.

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.**"

The **Fifth Ward Church of Christ** has invited our youth to Youth Revival from Sunday, March 8 to Wednesday, March 11 beginning at 7:30 pm. Guest speaker: Bro. Amram Joiner. Theme: "**To Elevate Today's Spiritual Generation.**"

The **South Union Church of Christ** will host the United Ladies Annual National Dinner Day supporting Southwestern Christian College on Friday, March 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Donation: \$45 (\$50 at the door). Please see Sis. Ceola Terrell for more information.

Note: We will have a Youth Day Seminar on Saturday, March 14 and March 21 for our youth and young adults, ages 18 to 30. The time will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. This seminar will focus on many relevant topics to address the many problems that our young people are facing today. Theme: "**Fitting It All Together**"

The **Antioch Church of Christ** (Midway, TX) has invited our ladies to a day of "Sister-ship" March 21 at 8:00 am. Guest speaker: Sis. Joie Rasberry. Theme: "**Let's Grow Together.**"

The **South Union Church of Christ** will host a Youth For Christ Field Day on Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. 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.

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).