

Privileged To Serve As We Worship

March 8, 2015

AM

ShaMarcus Thompson
 Jacobe Jerkins
 Carnell Nealy
 John Lemon
 Mallory Barnes
 Malcolm Robins, Sr
 Delvin Criner, Sr
 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

Troy Robins
 Delvin Criner, Jr
 Isaiah Cooper
 Carnell Nealy
 Terrell Robins
 Dorion Criner
 Delvin Criner, Sr
 (open)
 JaMallory Barnes
 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!

Right Priorities

The time to begin to do the things that are important in your life is the very moment you become a believer in Jesus Christ. Your first thought should be, "This life on earth is not forever; therefore the things that count for eternity will have priority in my life." Don't be like someone who greatly distinguished himself in worldly achievements. In his last moments, he exclaimed, "I have provided in the course of my life for everything except death; and now, alas! I am to die, although entirely unprepared." How or when one dies is not important. The important thing is to prepare for the unavoidable happening while you are alive.

The Healthy Eye

What Jesus wanted to teach by the analogy of the eye and the lamp is that everything we see depends on the condition of the lamp. If the lamp is dim, we won't see very clearly. If our eye is dim, (diseased), the whole body will be darkened. Similarly, if the lamp is burning brightly, we see things as they are. We recognize the books upon the table and the photographs upon the wall. But if the lamp is flickering or smoky, everything is distorted or obscured; so it is with the eye. If we are color-blind, we cannot see the glorious redness of the rose. If we are nearsighted, we cannot see the friend who is signaling to us from a little distance. If we suffer from impending cataracts, we cannot clearly distinguish a friend sitting next to us. Still, the rose is red, though we cannot see it in our color blindness. Still, the friend is waving to us or seated by our side. There is nothing the matter with reality. The trouble is that we are seeing badly. So Jesus tells us that the eye can be either single (healthy), or it can be evil. As the eye brings good or evil impressions to the body so the heart of man is that organ by which the spiritual self is enlightened. The heart can be single or evil.

Our Records (last Sunday)	
Morning Worship	98
Evening Worship	42

Upcoming Events	
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).

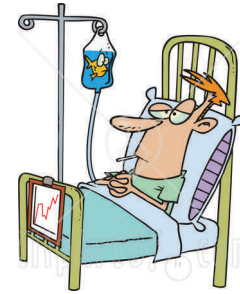
Guided by God's Spirit, he apostles preached the good news of the resurrected Christ. They showed Jesus to be the fulfillment of the ancient messianic prophecies. Three thousand Jews were convicted of their sins and driven to cry out, "what shall we do?" Peter answered them, Repent ye, and be baptized 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
Bro. Cedric Nix
Sis. Jessie Taylor

Faith And Strength

Life is hard. It can throw you for a loop
Relationships flounder, trouble comes when
Jobs are lost and money is tight and kids rebel.
When life gets so tough and seems to overwhelm you
Remember that God has control of everything and He can do anything.
Faith without works is dead. Faith and strength can point you
Toward the solution to all problems
Remember God has the power to fix anything
So pick up the pieces of your life and let God
Put them back together.

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

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 March. 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 **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 **Brookhaven Church of Christ** will their First Annual April Awareness Health Fair on April 18 from 12 – 4 pm. Please respond by March 16 @ 832 563 0955. Singing groups are invited to sing 2 - 3 songs.

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.



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

The Church of Christ is Divine in Origin - Part 2

It was God's plan from eternity to make His will known to men through the church (Ephesians 2:10-11). It was predicted by the Hebrew prophets that His church would be established in the last days of the Jewish state, in Jerusalem (Is.2:2-4).

Daniel foresaw a kingdom not made with hands (i.e. divine in origin) that would become great and fill the whole earth (Dan. 2:34-35). Christ made preparation for His church while on earth. In His death on the cross, He purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28). He established it through His chosen Apostles

God appointed His Son "to be head over all things to the church..(Eph. 1:22). Today He reigns both as Lord and Christ (Acts 2:26) over His church kingdom. He has all authority in Heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18).

Christ's Church Is Universal In Its Origin

Daniel's vision the kingdom of heaven, which began as a little stone, became a great mountain that filled the whole earth (Dan. 2:34-35). God did not ordain different churches for different nations such as the church of England and church of Scotland. Rather He planned a church that all nations would flow into (Is. 2:2). On the cross, the savior "abolished the enmity...that He might create in Himself of the two races; Jews and Gentiles) one new man, so making peace and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross.." Eph. 2:15:16). In Christ's church there must be no social, racial or national distinctions. "There can be neither Jew nor Greek...bond nor free..no male and female; for ye are all one man in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). In His great commission Jesus sent the Apostles "into all the world" to "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). It is the mission of God's people to tear down the walls of separation, and never to be guilty of building them.

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

"Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body" - R. C. Cabot