



# *Privileged To Serve As We Worship*

**March 15, 2015**

**AM**

ShaMarcus Thompson  
 Jacobe Jerkins  
 Delvin Criner, Sr  
 John Lemon  
 Mallory Barnes  
 Malcolm Robins, Sr  
 Royce Lemon  
 Terrell Robins  
 Mallory Barnes  
 Jarvis Lemon  
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 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  
 Carnell Nealy  
 Isaiah Cooper  
 Terrell Robins  
 Dorion Criner  
 Royce Lemon  
 Isaiah Cooper  
 JaMallory Barnes  
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 Jarvis Lemon  
 Tadarius Robins  
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 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!

## **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.

<b><i>Our Records</i></b> (last Sunday)	
Morning Worship	75
Evening Worship	44

<b><i>Upcoming Events</i></b>	
Youth Day Seminar (ages 18- )	Mar 28
April Gladness	Apr 4-26

## **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 - continued

### The Pattern of Christianity

Those that promote the agenda of change for Christ's church deny that God has given us a divine pattern which we are expected to follow. Some would ridicule those who believe otherwise. In their derision they call them *patternist* and their approach to serving Christ "*patternism*". Of course this is the way members of the church of Christ have been serving Christ since the beginning of our back to the bible movement. It is also the procedure God in His word teaches us to follow.

To reject the idea that God has given us a divine pattern to follow is to reject what is clearly taught in the following scriptures:

\* Paul exhorted Timothy to "**Hold the pattern of sound words** which thou hath heard from me...(II Tim. 1:13). The Greek term translated "*pattern*" is *tupos*, which strong defines as "a model (for imitation)."

\* The author of Hebrews quotes God who said to Moses, "**See...that thou makest all things according to the pattern** that was showed thee in the mount." (Heb. 8:5). His lesson to Christians was that they too must observe God's New Covenant pattern.

\* Paul reminded the Christians in Rome that their conversion, they had obeyed "from the heart...**that form of teaching** whereunto (they) were delivered" (Rom. 6:17). Thus there is a pattern for being saved!

\* The brethren in Thessalonica were commanded to withdraw their fellowship from every brother that walked disorderly and "not after the **traditions which they received of us**" (II Thess. 3:6).

Paul believed that Christ used him (Paul) as an example of them that should thereafter believe on him..II Tim. 1:116). He often exhorted disciples to imitate" his example (II Thess. 3:7; I Cor 11:1).

Peter tells us that Christ left us "an example that (we) should follow His steps" (I Pet. 2:21). Such examples are intended to be followed!

Students of the Old Testament know that when God ordered Moses to build Him a tabernacle, i.e, a portable house of worship, he said, "According to all that I show thee, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall ye make it" (Ex. 25:9). If God gave Israel a pattern and expected them to follow it, is it reasonable that He would do the same for us who serve him under Christ? The reason we need a pattern is that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23).

All of these verses teach us that God has given us a pattern or example of what He expects of us and that it is our duty to conform to that pattern.

**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



## 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 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 today. If you are not able to honor your pledge today, you can bring it until the end of March. 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 **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."

**Note:** We will have a Youth Day Seminar has been changed to Saturday, March 28 for our youth and young adults, ages 18 to 30. The time will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 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 **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 at 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.

The **Bryan Church of Christ** (Bryan, TX) has invited us to their Family and Friends Day on April 26. Guest speaker: Bro. George Williams (Austin, TX).

## A Changed Disposition

An excellent story of a good man's deliverance from the tyranny of bad temper is told by Dr. Alexander Whyte in his James Fraser, Laird of Brea. It seems that Fraser, a minister, was at times, by his own admission, of a sullen and peevish (irritable) disposition. One day when he was visiting his people, he called on one of his elders to have a conference with him. All the time Dr. Fraser was talking, the elder sat patting a pet dog to whom he paid more attention to than his minister. When his wife came into the room to give them tea and ventured a word or two in the conversation, he turned on her with an angry look and curt remark that sent her out of the room with reddened cheeks. Fraser rode slowly back home that night giving himself time to think. "After all my evangelical preaching," he said to himself, "to see an elder of mine such a brute at home!" But gradually Fraser began to see that it was a case of like minister like elder; at any rate, in the matter of mulishness and glumness at home. The minister was much later than usual in arriving home that night. But from that time, his whole household connected that night with a great change in the head of the house. A sermon he preached on the following Sunday was so conspicuously blessed to the bad-tempered elder that his household also took immediate note of a miracle. James Fraser and his elder had entered into newness of life.

Let Your Faith  
Be Seen in  
2015