



Welcome

Welcome to the assembly of the church of Christ that meets at Georgia Avenue, where we strive to follow God's plan for the New Testament church as closely as possible. Thank you for coming. We are encouraged by your presence and invite you to search the scriptures with us.

Sermon Text & Title

AM: "Dealing with Giants in the Promised Land"
Num. 13:26-33

PM: "The Way of False Teachers, Pt. 2"
Jude 1:5-7

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun New Converts</i>	4 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Class</i>	7 PM

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

"My Theology of Preaching" Pt. 3

II. My Approach to Sermon Construction

If I were to preach anything more or less than the apostles' doctrine, it would be of no profit. If men and women are to be saved, they will only be saved by the gospel (Rom. 1:16; Jude 3). Therefore, every sermon must be firmly founded and constructed upon scripture. In every sermon, I begin by reading the scriptures that I intend to expound upon. Generally, I then attempt to show people what the scriptures meant to their original audience by examining context, the meanings of the original words, and other relevant passages of scripture. Lastly, I explain what the passage requires of us today.

This formula is simple and effective. It helps protect the speaker and the audience from substituting the commandments of men for the commandments of the Lord. Sometimes, topical sermons are necessary; however, I still try very hard to treat topics within the context of a passage of scripture that either discusses or illustrates the points that are to be made.

I also disfavor non-biblical stories when preaching. I do not contend that they are wrong, but I have found that the wealth of stories in the Bible are no less effective in making various points or illustrating basic truths; and, the added benefit of using biblical stories is that the practice increases the overall knowledge of the Bible for the hearer. On occasion, I will use some illustration from my own life or family. In those instances, I tend to focus on my shortcomings more than my successes as it serves to remind the congregation that I too am flawed, growing and in need of prayer.

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Stay tuned for Part 4 next week

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS - LECTURESHIP BOOKS

#14 Lectureship books are excellent Bible study tools. Lectureships typically feature several carefully selected speakers addressing various aspects of a timely biblical subject or a particular book of the Bible. In some cases, the organizers require speakers to submit manuscripts in advance of the lectures, and those manuscripts, which are usually more detailed than the lectures themselves, are bound and published. These books can make a valuable addition to one's library because they present carefully researched arguments surrounding a common subject in a single volume. Obviously, the quality of lectureships and the speakers vary, those that are sound tend to be consistent.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Series/VBS, 7/21 - 7/25, 7-8:30PM Nightly. Please plan to be in attendance each night and invite as many young people as you can. Let's make our first one a great success!

Women in the Word, Sat, 7/26, 12:30-1:30PM. Sisters, bring your friends for a study on bible basics at 766A Princeton PL NW. If you plan to attend, please contact Sis. Johnson or Mosby the preceding Fri. by 3pm.

Mid-Year Meeting, Wed, 7/30, 7PM. Please get your reports in asap and come prepared to share with the congregation.

Youth Min. Lock-In, Fri, 8/15. We will need chaperones and coordinators for this activity. Please let Bro. Otey know if you are interested in helping.

PRAYER REQUESTS

L. Hayes. Pray that I will always show Christ in my daily walk to help bring the people I have been studying with closer to Christ. Also pray for my sins as I repent. Lastly, a gentleman outside requested prayers. Pray that he may be open to attend worship. **N. Reyes.** Pray for my grandfather who suffered a stroke this week and is recovering in the hospital. **K. Campbell.** Please pray for my sister, Kaosha Campbell, as she grieves the loss of her newborn baby. **B. Crutcher.** Safe tavel to Germany returning July 22. **J. Eaton.** Pray for evangelistic efforts to my model friends as I continue to speak to them about Christ. **R. Davis.** Pray for Mr. Douglas Johnson, who has brain cancer. Pray that God allow us to study with him, and that he may obey the gospel, before it is too late. **M. Davis.** Prayers for my Uncle Eddie Giddins, who is in very poor health and currently in ICU. Also pray for his family during this challenging time. **M. Otey.** Prayers for VBS efforts. **O. Eaton.** Safe travel to and from Buffalo, N.Y., returning Sunday. **Our youth.** Keep our young people in prayer. They are facing many temptations and pressures.

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	I. Thompson
Song Leader	K. Wall
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	C. Merriweather
Scrip Reading	C. Merriweather
Message	M. Otey
Lord's Table	B. Crutcher
Assist	I. Thompson
	O. Eaton
Giving	B. Crutcher
Benediction	M. Thweatt

PM

Usher	I. Thompson
Song Leader	R. McQuirter
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	C. Bingham
Scrip Reading	C. Bingham
Message	G. Cooper
Lord's Table	K. Wall
Assist	D. Rogers
	M. Klesta
Giving	K. Wall
Benediction	W. Ford

God's Plan of Salvation**Hear the Gospel.** Rom 10:17**Believe in Jesus.** John 8:24; Heb. 11:6**Repent of Sin.** Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30**Confess Christ.** Rom. 10:9-10**Be Baptized.** Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38**The Lord adds you to the church.**

Acts 2:47

Live Faithful Unto Death. Rev. 2:10

STATISTICS

July 13, 2008

Sunday Class: 35 AM Worship: 47 PM Worship: 46 Wed Class: 32

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Clean Up This Month:

G. Cooper and J. Gibson

Communion:

D. and P. Armstrong