



**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: "The Grace of Giving"

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

PM: "Who Is My Neighbor?"

Mark 12:28-34

**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:

**"In Spirit and In Truth"**

"As long as we are sincere, the building is clean, the music is beautiful and harmonious, the prayers are clear, then I know for a fact, God accepted our worship." "While the choir was singing, I felt like the angels were carrying me away. God was definitely in that place." "With what my eyes were made to witness, I can say assuredly, God was well pleased with our worship." Those statements and so many others are sincerely made often while endeavoring to explain New Testament worship to a denominationalist.

In John 4:21-24, Jesus reveals the practicing of God directed worship by making three observations. First of all, the place of worship is of no significance, for Jesus said, "... the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father," (v.21). Men can worship God under a tree in Africa just as well as in a building in the US.

Then, Jesus said that we must worship God "in spirit," because "God is spirit." "In spirit" denotes worship that comes from the spirit of man, or that which is a product of his intellect, will and emotions. Such worship cannot be done without thought, intent and effort. When man worships "in spirit," there is fellowship between two spirits -- "God is spirit; man worships in spirit."

And, finally, the same Jesus who said that worshippers must worship "in spirit" also said that they must worship "in truth." "In truth" means according to the revelation of God who is absolute truth. The object of one's worship surely has the right to say how He wants to be worshipped. Even primitive people did what they thought pleased their gods and if something happened that, to their thinking, indicated the displeasure of the gods, they changed their action. The one true God of the universe has revealed himself to man in that which we know as "The Scriptures." A disrespect and disregard for His will leads men eventually to worship and serve the creature rather than the creator (Romans 1:25).

Determining worship that is "in truth" must be done by looking to the New Testament and carefully observing instruction given to Christians. The New Covenant does not instruct Christians to keep a seventh-Sabbath day, nor to sacrifice animals and observe feast days, because we are not under the Old Law, the Law of Moses (Colossians 2:14-17; 2 Corinthians 3:6-18). Therefore, finding the kind of worship that was acceptable under the Old Covenant is no authority for our practice today. The Old Law was made with Israel, not with us (Deuteronomy 4:13; 5:1-22) and we are under a better covenant, with better sacrifices that was established by a better mediator and ratified by a better sacrifice.

The feeling in a man's heart does not change erroneous worship into "in truth" worship. God does not change His requirements to suit the feelings of man. It is also true that a man can worship by a true act but only worship in form -- no feeling, not with the spirit. Each would be just as wrong and there can never be a choice between two wrongs -- one is no better than the other. Pleasing worship to God is not done ignorantly nor accidentally -- it is done in spirit and in truth.

Bro. Gene Cooper

***If God be for us, who could be against us...***

**“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”**

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS - CHRISTIAN MAGAZINES

#8 Christian magazines can be an excellent, and inexpensive, source of Bible study material. Good publications address a wide range of topics and feature writers who are strong Bible scholars. They are more easy to carry around than books and make excellent replacements for some of the magazines that appeal to worldly instincts. They also address hot topics in the brotherhood more quickly than other print resources. Good, sound publications with quality, substantive articles suggestions include *The Spiritual Sword*, *The Gospel Advocate*, *Christian Woman*, and *Think*.

Bro. Melvin Otey

***Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptized recently.** Raynard Jones and Christian Geh.

**Placed Membership recently.** Mike Klesta and Danielle Moore.

**Marriage Ministry Gathering, Fri, 06/13, 7PM.** @ the Otey home.

**“Women in the Word,” Sat, 06/14 & 6/28, 12:30-1:30PM.** Sisters, see Sis. Johnson or Mosby for details. This is an excellent learning/evangelism opportunity.

**Summer Bible Class for Teenage Girls, Sun, 06/15 - 09/14.** All girls (13 yrs-17yrs) are encouraged to attend this class each Sunday at 9am. See Sis. Mosby for a syllabus.

**Adopt-a-Block, Sat., 6/21, 9AM.** If you missed the first community clean up, then you missed a good time in the Lord! Help us keep our neighborhood clean. Bring your gloves and your Georgia Avenue t-shirt.

**Nursing Home Visitation, Sun, 6/22, 2PM.** We will visit the Washington Center for the Aging monthly for the remainder of the year. Please help make this outreach effort a success. We will leave from the building at 1:45pm. If you are interested in attending, please see Sis. Mosby.

**Summer Series/Vacation Bible School, 7/21 - 7/25.** Please plan to be in attendance each night and invite as many young people as you can.

PRAYER REQUESTS

STATISTICS

June 1, 2008

Sunday Class: AM Worship: PM Worship: Wed Class:

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	M. Davis
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	M. Williams
Scrip Reading	M. Williams
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	D. Rogers
Assist	I. Thompson
	M. Thweatt
Giving	D. Rogers
Benediction	J. Green

PM

Usher	M. Davis
Song Leader	K. Wall
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	B. Crutcher
Scrip Reading	B. Crutcher
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	L. Clemons
Assist	M. Klesta
	D. Rogers
Giving	L. Clemmons
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

**Clean Up This Month:**

Y. Weir and B. Alford

**Communion:**

Rosslyn Davis and Family