



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 Costs of
Betraying Jesus"
Matthew 26:14-16

PM: "Soul Winning
101"
John 4:1-7

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:

"I Refuse to Worship With Hypocrites"

How many times have you heard: "I'm not going to church because the church is full of hypocrites." Safe to say, on several occasions, we've heard this complaint as an excuse for not going to church or becoming a Christian.

"Hypocrite" is an ugly word. It refers to someone who is pretending to be someone that they are not - in short, someone who is lying. No one likes being around a hypocrite. So who could blame a person for not wanting to go to a church if it is full of hypocrites? This excuse may sound good, but I have some problems with it.

For one, most churches that I have personal knowledge of are not full of hypocrites. They are full of good people who are trying their best to do what they believe is right. No one is perfect. Good people make mistakes from time to time. And any sensible person knows that a lack of perfection is not hypocrisy. If, in fact, a church has hypocrites among their membership then they have a serious problem that they need to address immediately. Christians are to let their light shine both as individuals, Matt. 5:16 and collectively as a church. Jn. 13:34-35, 17:20-21. When we don't address problems, more severe issue arises, 1 Cor. 5:1; 1 Tim. 5:14, 6:1.

Second, even if it was true, and all the churches were full of hypocrites, that would not change a person's need to become a Christian! My sin is not anyone's hope. If my conduct or teaching misleads someone, I will have to answer for that in judgment, Matt. 18:6-9; Jam. 3:1. But my hypocrisy does not release any one of their obligation to obey God. We are not made righteous in the eyes of God because we have found others worse than ourselves to judge ourselves by. Regardless of what others do, we are responsible for our own salvation, Phil. 2:12.

Third, the person is looking at the wrong source. We can't learn about Christ by studying the faults of others. We learn of Christ by studying Christ.

Finally, does the person who uses hypocrisy as an excuse not to go to church follow the same rule in other areas of their life? Hypocrites can be found everywhere. The presence of hypocrites will not keep them from going to work or school, it will not keep them out of the grocery store or the shopping mall, it will not keep them out of the bank or hospital, it will not keep them from going to the movies or to a sporting event. Is the church the only place that hypocrites can be found? No. But chances are it is the one place that these folks don't want to be found. And that's the real issue.

Bro. Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS - SINGLE VOL. COMMENTARIES

#6 Single volume commentaries on the entire Bible can be very helpful. They usually contain introductory and background information on each book and its writer. For example, single volume commentaries may tell you when, where, why, and under what historical circumstances a book was written. They will also provide an overview of the book, outlines, key words and major themes. Whenever one uses a commentary, it is important to be circumspect about its suggested interpretations of scripture, but a good single volume commentary can provide useful information for better understanding a particular book.

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men’s/Women’s Classes & Cong. Meeting, Wed, 05/28, 7PM. Please come prepared for separate men’s and women’s studies and a cong. meeting.

New Converts Class. Today and each Sunday at 4PM.

Singles Min. Outing, Univer-soul Circus, Sat, 05/31, 8PM. Capital Plaza Mall, Landover Hills, MD. \$18/ticket. RSVP by Tues., 05/27, and give pmt to Sis. Mosby or Bro. Crutcher. www.universoulcircus.com.

Reminder re: Bldg. Please straighten your area before leaving.

PRAYER REQUESTS

WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	M. Davis
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	M. Davis
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	L. Clemons
Scrip Reading	L. Clemons
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	S. Pierre
Assist	D. Rogers
	I. Thompson
Giving	S. Pierre
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

May 18, 2008

Sunday Class: 30 AM Worship: 49 PM Worship: 34 Wed Class: 35

Clean Up This Month:

Brian Crutcher and Kamal Wall
Communion:
 Ivy Johnson & Lateisha Williams