



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: "Overcoming
Temptation"
Genesis 39:1-10

PM: "God's Wonderful
Word"
Psalm 119:129-136

Schedule of Services

<i>Sun Bible Study</i>	9 AM
<i>Sun AM Worship</i>	10 AM
<i>Sun (1st and 3rd) "Fundamentals"</i>	3:30 PM
<i>Sun PM Worship</i>	5 PM
<i>Wed Bible Study</i>	7 PM

Our Ministers

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK:

Be Ye Reconciled To God...

Part 1 of 2

The apostle Paul, describing the mission of all of the apostles, wrote, "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation. We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 6:19-20). The apostles preached salvation by the gospel of Christ (Mark 16:16, Rom 1:16-17). They showed that we are "redeemed by the blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:19). They wrote of being "justified" (Rom. 5:1), "forgiven" (Eph.. 1:17) and "remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). But surely one of the grandest terms the inspired apostles used is the one in our text: "reconciliation." "Reconciliation" brings on harmony and peace between one who has been offended and the one who offended him. In our spiritual walk, God is offended by our sins (Isa. 59:1-2). You and I are the offenders. Our estrangement is the result of what we have done that was offensive to God. Because of our sins, we are separated from God.. Then what can we do to make things right with God?

Our Need for Reconciliation. Sin separates man from God (Isa. 59:2). The apostle Paul said "There is none righteous, no, not one... For all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:10,23). The apostle John said, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us . . . If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:8,10). Safe to say, all of us have sinned and separated ourselves from God. Sin has destroyed fellowship and broken the relationship. Therefore, God pleads with all of us, through the apostles of Jesus Christ, "Be ye reconciled to God." If we would be reconciled, something must be done to remove the offense, to bring us back into a right relationship with God. The responsibility for reconciliation rest entirely on man! We cannot save ourselves, we cannot forgive our own sins, so God intervened, (John 3:16). God took the necessary step. He did for us what we needed and could not do for ourselves. He made reconciliation possible, through Christ.

God's Offer of Reconciliation. The Lord is ready to accept us when we will come back to Him. But He will not "force" reconciliation on anyone! It must remain our choice. He offers us reconciliation because He loves us and wants us to come back into His fellowship. Many picture God as wanting to punish sinners, but the truth is, "The Lord... is not wishing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). The reason Jesus came into the world and died on the cross was so that man could be reconciled unto God. He is ready to save us from the guilt of our sins when we will "call upon his name" (Acts 22:16; Rom. 10:13). God does not want us to be estranged from Him. He is the God of peace (Rom. 15:33) whose Son gave us the "gospel of peace" (Rom. 10:16). He wants us to have peace with Him. But there can be no peace with sin separating us from God. So, Jesus Christ, "the Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6) came to make peace for us by His own death on the cross, so that our sins could be forgiven. "He is our peace, who made both [Jew and Gentile] one. . . that he might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby" (Eph. 2:14-16). God offers reconciliation "in Christ." But we must accept His terms.

Bro.Gene Cooper

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

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE – OBADIAH



#29 Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament. The prophet preached warnings to Edom, a hostile nation bordering Judah to the mountainous southeast, for her violence against Israel. The Edomites were brothers to Israel because they descended from Esau. Yet, they refused to allow Israel to travel through their land when God brought them up out of Egypt and had helped outsiders attack and plunder their brethren. Israel had been persecuted, but God would restore His people. Notably, there is no promise of mercy from God given for the Edomites; they had reached the spiritual “point of no return.”

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the Family! Placed Membership: Kelley Williams (2/1). Please be sure to greet her.

College Ladies. Letitia and LaTeisha would like to meet with you briefly following AM service.

Nursing Home Visitation, TODAY, 2PM. Washington Center for the Aging. 2601 18th St., NE. The more, the merrier.

Fundamentals of the Faith Class, TODAY, 3:30PM. “The Problem of Sin”

Managing God’s Money Workshop, Sat, 2/21, 10AM-1PM. Topics: *Balancing Your Budget; Controlling Your Credit, and Saving Cents.* Invite your friends!

Men’s Worship Training, Sun, 2/22, 3:30PM. Looking forward to it brothers.

Food Pantry Items of the month. Rice, canned vegetables (esp. spinach), oat-meal, diapers/baby wipes, and toiletries (e.g., soap, lotion, toothpaste, etc.) .

“Women of Virtue” Cooking Classes, Sun 3/8. Brothers welcome. See Jania.

College Min. Bible Study, Every Thurs. @ 7PM, HU Sch. of Bus. Rm. 548. Be sure to attend, support and bring your friends! See Lawrence for details.



PRAYER REQUESTS



WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	R. McQuirter
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	L. Clemons
Scrip Reading	L. Clemons
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	A. Brown
Assist	M. Davis
	S. Keaton
Giving	A. Brown
Benediction	B. Crutcher
Usher	A. Brown
Song Leader	R. McQuirter
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	L. Hayes
Scrip Reading	L. Hayes
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	A. Johnson
Assist	M. Davis
	B. Crutcher
Giving	A. Johnson
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

Cleaning:

Antoine & Ivy Johnson

Communion:

J. Eaton, C. Saunders & V. Bingham

STATISTICS

February 8, 2008

Sunday Class: 38 AM Worship: 62 PM Worship: Wed Class: 39