



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 Sermon:
Samson's Fatal Flaws
Judges 16:16-22

PM Sermon:
"Faith in Facing the
Fiery Furnace"
Daniel 3

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:

"Placing Membership"

Once upon a time, there was a man who fell "sort-of-in-love" with a woman. I say, "sort-of-in-love" because he would never make a commitment to her. They dated for a long time, enjoyed each other's company, shared the same interests, had the same hobbies, and spent hours together every week. However, whenever the subject of marriage was introduced, the man hurriedly changed the subject. In fact, he expressed his belief that marriage was unnecessary. He tried to reassure his female friend that there wasn't anything wrong with her, he just liked the freedom of single-life. He didn't want to be "tied down," and he didn't want to have to answer to anyone for his actions. He wanted to come and go as he pleased and didn't want to be burdened with the obligations and responsibilities that come with marriage. Yet at the same time, he wanted this woman that he was "sort-of-in-love" with, to continue to devote her time, energy, and attention into his life and to meet all of his needs.

Likewise, once upon a time there was a man who began attending a congregation of God's people...

From time to time, I hear some people express their disdain for the process of "placing membership" with a congregation. They want to visit, attend worship services, participate in special activities, but they don't want to be accountable to anyone. They don't want to accept responsibility for involvement in the local work of the congregation, and contribute little more than their sporadic attendance to the local church, yet they want the church to continue to meet all their needs. But friends, responsibility is a two-way street. We wouldn't tolerate an eldership who tried to overstep their bounds and "shepherd" sheep from another shepherd's flock. We would quickly remind these men that there's no such thing as a "brotherhood eldership" or an "at-large eldership," and that they are to shepherd the flock that is "among them" (1 Peter 5:2). But now, that raises some questions:

If we will not tolerate a "brotherhood eldership" or an "at-large eldership," then why would we be inclined to tolerate an "at-large membership?"

How can elders do no more and no less than shepherd the flock that is among them, when the sheep refuse to acknowledge they are a part of the local flock?

While I certainly understand that one should be very cautious before submitting oneself to the care of an eldership. I also understand that in coming to a wise and prudent decision, a certain amount of time is needed to learn about the congregation and its shepherds. However, I am also aware that there comes a time when one should submit himself, not just to a local eldership, but to the divine plan of God for the church.

Article borrowed from Bro. Steve Higginbotham, from a brotherhood website.

Bro. Gene Cooper
If God be for us, who could be against us...

“RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD”
 THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE -HABAKKUK



#33 The book of Habakkuk recounts the prophet’s dialogue with God. Writing in the days preceding Judah’s captivity in Babylon, Habakkuk was troubled by the problems of evil and injustice, particularly the specter of God using the wicked Babylonians to punish His people. God assured him that, in His time and in His own way, those who did evil, including the Babylonians, would answer for it. In the end, the prophet praised God for His power and glory and announced his intention to wait patiently for His justice. The book presents a valuable lesson of faith in perilous times; in all ages and at all times, the just shall live by faith (Hab. 2:4).

Bro. Melvin Otey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potential Church Facility. Viewing immediately following AM services.

Fundamentals of the Faith Class, TODAY, 3:30PM. “Taking Care of Your Temple.” Maurice will be teaching. All are welcome, particularly recent converts.

Singles’ Bible Study 3/20 7:30PM. “Lessons from Solomon” (1 Ki. 4:29-34; 3:12). @ Bro. Ford’s home. See Brian for details.

Door Knocking, Sat, 3/21 and 3/28, 9:45AM-12:00PM. Let’s hit the street!

OPEN HOUSE, Sun, 3/29, 1-4PM. Come and help us welcome our neighbors.

College Min. Bible Study, Thursdays @ 7PM, HU School of Bus. Rm. 548.

PRAYER REQUESTS



WORSHIP LINE-UP

AM

Usher	M. Thweatt
Song Leader	M. Williams
Announcements	M. Otey
Invocation	O. Eaton
Scrip Reading	O. Eaton
Message	G. Cooper
Lord’s Table	A. Brown
Assist	M. Davis
	S. Keaton
Giving	A. Brown
Benediction	B. Crutcher
Usher	C. Merriweather
Song Leader	B. Crutcher
Announcements	G. Cooper
Invocation	A. Johnson
Scrip Reading	A. Johnson
Message	M. Otey
Lord’s Table	M. Williams
Assist	M. Davis
	K. Wall
Giving	M. Williams
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

STATISTICS

March 8, 2009

Sunday Class: 48 AM Worship: 61 PM Worship: 43 Wed Class: 48

Cleaning:

Jody Hestick & Jewellisa

Communion:

Mary Moore & Danielle Davis

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Canned tuna, chicken, fruit, and vegetables. Also, powdered drinks.