

Franklin **Street**  
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# GOSPEL MEETING



**December 10-13, 2017**

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# The Church of Christ

The Church of Christ dates back to the days of the New Testament (Romans 16:16). It was founded by Christ on the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 33 (Acts 2), just after His ascension back to heaven. In the years that followed, it rapidly grew to fill Jerusalem, then Judea, Samaria, and finally the whole Roman Empire (Acts 1:8; Colossians 1:23). It was first established in America in the late 1700s, in the New England states.

The Church of Christ is noted for its emphasis upon returning to New Testament Christianity and for its desire to unite all Christians into one body (1 Corinthians 1:10). We believe that the New Testament is the only rule for faith and practice in religious matters (2 Timothy 3:17; I Peter 4:11) and that it must authorize all that is done in Christian worship (Colossians 3:17; Revelation 22:18–19). Thus we try to strictly follow the New Testament. For this reason, only acappella music is used in worship assemblies and the Lord's supper is observed every Sunday. We believe the Bible teaches that sinners are saved by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism (John 3:16; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9–10) and that a Christian must remain faithful to the Lord after conversion (Revelation 2:10). The Church of Christ is organized with elders, deacons, preachers, and members as in New Testament times (Philippians 1:1).

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:30– 31), that the Bible is inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16– 17), and that Jesus will return to take His kingdom (church) home to God (1 Corinthians 15:24). We emphasize sincere worship (John 4:24), every-member evangelism (Acts 8:4), godly living (Titus 2:11–12), love for each other (John 13:33–34), and helping those in need (James 1:27). We believe that it is possible to have religious unity in a day of division by simply following the New Testament pattern and putting aside human traditions.

To put it simply, the **Franklin Street church of Christ** is seeking to be the same church one reads about in the New Testament. We aim to restore its doctrine, its practice, its lifestyle, and its zeal.

We are a family linked by our common need for a Savior – Jesus. We are all on a spiritual journey seeking God, accepting Jesus, and being empowered by the Holy Spirit. As a result, we desire to restore the life and spirit of the New Testament church.

We are an independent group who just want to be Christians. We want to be nondenominational. We believe that unity is possible with a common faith and a gracious love for one another.

We want to be Christian in its purest sense – “Christ-like.” We try to be people of growth, integrity, purity, service, evangelism, and spiritual relationships. It is our dream that God will continually give us a vision of what it means to be a caring, compassionate people committed to serving and meeting the needs of others.

# CHURCH OF CHRIST WORSHIP IS ACCORDING TO THE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN

*It opposes all items of worship not authorized in the New Testament. The worship of the first century Church consisted of:*

## *\*Singing*

"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19

## *\*Praying*

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42

## *\*Preaching*

"And now behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." Acts 20:25-27

## *\*Communion*

"Now on the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight." Acts 20:7

## *\*Giving*

"On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come." 1 Corinthians 16:2



# **TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN YOU MUST:**

## **Hear the Gospel**

*“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17).*

## **Believe It**

*“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6).*

## **Repent of past sins**

*“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.” (Acts 17:30).*

## **Confess**

*“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10).*

## **Be Baptized**

*“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).*

## **Be Faithful**

*“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

*(Revelation 2:10).*

# Welcome

Welcome visitors to our worship service. We are so excited and thankful to God that you have chosen to be with us today. It is our prayer that today's worship will inspire you to become part of this unique group of believers.



**Bereavement:** Fleming, Smith & White, Johnson, Lumbard, & Thomas family

**Health Related:** Dora Talamantes, Gail Bernard, Shirley Stewart, Anita Davis, Tanya Nunnery, Willie Nunnery, Barbara August, Bernadette Givens, Austin Banks, Gwentiona Sylve, Reuben Woodward, Cecelia Jefferson, Gail Cook Brown, Toni Major, Claudette Bradley, Cleveland Hardin mother, Quinette Collins, Liz Jenkins, Dino Jenkins, Leroy Stewart, Gaby Lombrage, Velma Hicks, Chastity Ramsey, Alexis grandma, Sherley sister Pat, Louise Banks, Mrs. Veranesse daughter, Willie Handy, Carolyn Wilson, Torren Hunter, Glenda Issac, Annie McQuieter, Juana Moreau, Sheila Jones, Mary Nelson, Brenda Brown, Janice Thomas, Emily McQuieter, Misselie Clermon, Sadie Smith, Trina Pierce daughter, Jannie Young, Thomas Brown, Olivia McQueen, Kim Franklin, Sheila Jones, Gail Cook, Lynn Moore, Mark Lance, Gayle Harney, Pat Hakim, Darrell Weatherspoon, Glenn Bowens, Mona Ivery, Nancy Victor, Robin Lewis, Kim Marshall

**Confession of Sin:** Harry Cook, Chanel Cook

**Placed Membership:** Dora Talamantes

**Spiritual Strength:** Alma Reneau, Gwentiona Sylve, Shawn Jefferson, Keara McQuieter, Eldric & Yolanda Cambrice, Shailyn Ruffin, Olivia Johnson, Ruth Crowder, Keishawn Sinegal, Alexis Gaines, Michael Sanders, Janice Pugh, Mona Ivery, Cynthia Lewis Crighton, Quinette Collins, Sona Sylve, Chanel Cook, Shirley Stewart, Emily McQuieter, Tracie Hunter, {Marshall, Brown, & Fairley families}, Annie McQuieter & family, Janice Thomas & family, Harry Cook, Joshua Cook, Kevin & Jacqueline Smith, Liz Jenkins, McNeal Lewis Jr., Phyllis Williams & Trina Moffet, Cynthia Creighton, Quindell Anthony, Juanita Butler, Tracie Hunter, Darrell Weatherspoon, Antonio Bowens, Michael & Rhonda Sanders, (Jarmala, Nail & Mike Sanders and their families), Shannon Lassiter, Erin Clark, Charlie Keels, Courtney Thomas, Tootie, Yolanda Cambrice, Nonina Atkins, Bertram Lee

**Thanksgiving:** Stacey Bastian, Dora Talamantes, Austin Banks Jr. (Graduation)

# PRAY FOR ME

# GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE CHURCH

**9am: Bible Study: Overview of Jonah**

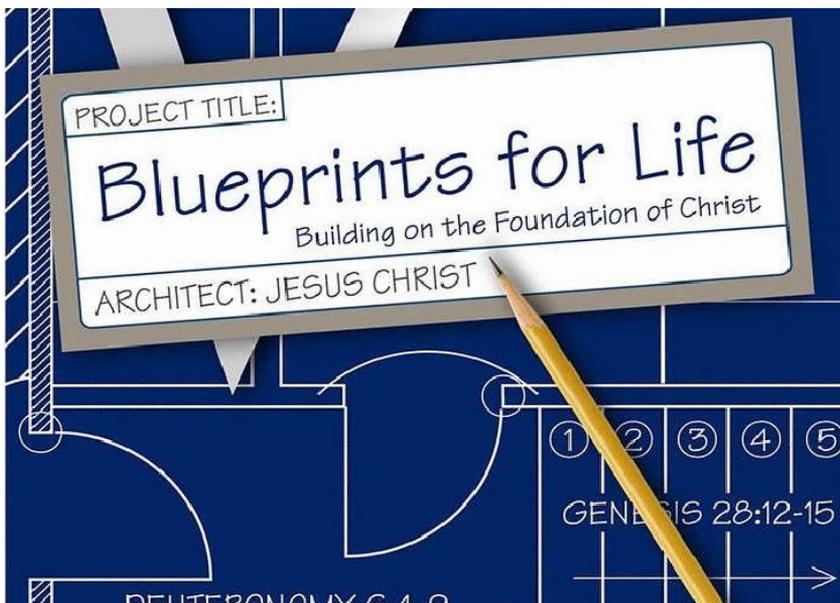
**10am: Looking through the eyes of GOD**  
2 Kings 6:8-23

**2pm: The Church of CHRIST**  
Matthew 16:13-19

**7pm: Monday: The power in the Church**  
Ephesians 3:14-21

**7pm: Tuesday: Kingdom living**  
2 Peter 1:1-11

**7pm: Wednesday: Church Destiny**  
Hebrews 12:22-29



# The Church of Christ:

## IT HAS NO CREED, BUT THE BIBLE

*The Churches of Christ in the New Testament were governed without human creed:* "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

*The Bible, alone provides for everything that man need for life and godliness:* "As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him, who called us by glory and virtue. 2 Peter 1:3

## IT BELIEVES IN SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS

*It speaks only the oracles of God:* "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11

*It holds fast to the form of sound doctrine:* " Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 1:13

## IT PLEADS FOR THE UNITY OF ALL BELIEVERS

*Jesus prayed that we all might be one:* " I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.." John 17:20-21

*The Apostle Paul pleaded that we all might speak the same things:* "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Corinthians 1:10

## Church of Christ Announcements

- **Franklin Gospel Mtg, Dec 10-13 (Sun is 9a, 10a, 2p)**
  - **Fellowship meal on Sunday**
  - **7pm each night – Mon-Wed**
- Brothers bible study, Friday, Dec 15, 7-8pm
- Sisters bible study, Friday, Dec 15, 7-8pm
- Youth Ministry is sponsoring a tour of the holiday Celebration in the Oaks. Sat., Dec 16. See bulletin board
- Marriage Ministry Mtg, Friday, Dec 22, 7pm
- Reflection Sunday, Dec 31
- Congregational Meeting, Sat., Jan 6, 1pm

We care for your soul. Your soul is more valuable than all the material possessions you might acquire. *“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”* (Matthew 16:26).





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Sinner's Faith, Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance, Luke 13:3

Sinner's Confession, Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism, 1 Peter 3:21

Christian's Work, James 2:24

Christian's Hope, Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance, Revelation 2:10

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# **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

## **Sunday**

Bible Class 9:00 AM

Morning Worship 10:00 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

## **Wednesday**

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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