

Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Worship Services

Sunday Bible Study	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	10:45 am
Sunday Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

Classes for all ages

Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizer

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Learn the truth (Hear) (John 8:32; 17:17; Rom 10:14-18)
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24; 20:31; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent of all sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4; 2 Cor 7:9,10)
4. Confess faith in Christ (Rom 10:10; Acts 17:30; Matt 16:16)
5. Be baptized into Christ for remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
6. Live faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

7 THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER!

- 1 LORD. "There is one Lord." (Ephesians 4:5)
- 2 THIEVES. "There were also 2 others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death."
(Luke 23:32)
- 3 CROSSES. (Luke 23:39-43; Ephesians 1:7)
- 4 PARTS of HIS GARMENTS. "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier, a part, and also the tunic." (John 19:23)
- 5 WOUNDS. His head was crowned with thorns. His back was scourged.
His side was cut open. His hands were pierced. His feet were pierced. (John 19-20)
- 6 HOURS of AGONY. Christ was crucified at the 3rd hour and died at the 9th hour.
(Mark 15:25-37)
- 7 SAYINGS of The CROSS. (Matthew 27:46; Luke 23:34, 43-46; John 19:26-30)

FOR OUR OWN GOOD

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Sunday Morning

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Sunday Morning Worship Only

Birthdays

- 11 Ken Rowan
- 13 Anita Montague
- 19 Becky Monroe
- 29 Zephan Monroe

Anniversaries

- 4 Tony & Tina Smith
- 22 Melvin & Becky Monroe

Prayer List

Kaitlin Baker
Gen Stanley
Nora Wiseman
Jean Adkins
Jamie Hall
Kaitlyn Hall
Ashley Hall
Nick Hall
Tina Smith
Kathy Grove
Betty Davis
Mike Foes
Debbie Rowan
Charlotte Williams
Mack Stanley
Linda Holt
Lisa Shreve

Sometimes people seem to think that God just sits in heaven waiting for us to sin so He can strike us down. God takes no pleasure in the death of the unrighteous (Ezekiel 33:11). God is love and God is Holy. A Holy God demands that we seek Him and obey His Commands. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Have you ever thought about the fact that what God expects from us is for our own good?

Notice the following: "To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?" (Deuteronomy 10:13; see also Deuteronomy 6:24).

God did not pull a set of rules out of the thin air just keep us from having fun. God knows what is best for mankind. I am afraid there are those who feel the Bible "cramps their style." Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus knows that a life of sin not only destroys our soul but fills our days with disappointment and hardship. "Good understanding gives favor, but the way of the transgressor is hard" (Proverbs 13:15).

The transgressor or person who lives a willful life of lies, adulteries and drunkenness will find that life is difficult. For example, the drunkard will often make unwise decisions such as gamble away his living, go after strange women, lose his job, wife, and often loses his own health or life! (See Proverbs 23:29-35). In the end, the transgressor who lives this life apart from Christ, not only has many heartaches here, but a dreadful future in eternity.

I certainly do not mean to imply that the Christian life is carefree and without trouble, but the troubles will not vanish because we are living in rebellion to God's commands. When we obey the commands of God our lives will have an orderly and happier existence because it is for our own good. When we obey the laws of the land as the Bible tells us (Romans 13:1ff) we live in harmony with the police and the government. When God's marriage laws are honored the family is happier and life is easier (Matthew 19:3-19; 1 Corinthians 7:2ff). When husbands love, provide for and protect and honor their wives and wives love and respect their husbands we live in better harmony (Ephesians 5:23-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7). When moms are keepers at home and love and care for their children, children stand a better chance of growing up to be responsible men and women (Psalms 113:9; 1 Timothy 2:15; 5:14; Titus 2:3-5). When children obey their parents, which is the first commandment with promise, they will enjoy a smoother way in life because they follow the wisdom of their parents (Proverbs 22:16; Ephesians 6:1-4). God is wiser than man and has designed the order of the church, home and society for our own good. The next time you read the Bible remember these things.

Have you learned about Jesus?

Jesus died for our sins so that we do not have to pay the terrible cost for our sins in hell (2 Corinthians 5:21). Have you learned about Jesus? Jesus promises an eternal home for His faithful followers. Sin burdens mankind down and it leaves a stain on the soul one cannot remove alone. Jesus understands the burdens of your sins and the guilt which causes hopelessness about your eternal future. What are your plans for after this life? Apart from Christ, you have only one "plan", whether you planned it or not. The road leading to eternity divides right in front of you. If you do not choose Christ, the other road is the road you will travel by default and end up in eternal torment (Matthew 7:13-23). Only Jesus can get you off the road to hell. What do you have to do? Upon hearing and understanding the gospel, one must come to Jesus in full faith, turning from sin, confessing faith in Jesus, and then be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins (Romans 10:17; Acts 8:36, 37, Acts 2:38). Living faithfully for Jesus then makes for a better life here as we avoid the pitfalls of living in willful rebellion against God in lies, hate, deceit, and the lust of the flesh. Knowing that your future is only going to get better after leaving this world makes living for Jesus a pleasure. Jesus said, "...For my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30). John the Apostle said that Jesus' commandments are not "burdensome" (1John 5:3). Want to learn more? Got questions? We can study about it. Remember, the Bible is written for your own good.