

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

March 6, 2022

Songs & Lord's Supper :

Melvin Monroe

Speaker: Sean Rizor

Sunday Morning Only

Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizor

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)

Birthdays

- 3 Kevin Foos
- 8 Gen Stanley
- 11 Bobby Leach
- 16 Jordan Appelhans
- 24 Betty Davis
- 24 Tracey Briggs
- 31 Mylie Frantz
- 31 Paul Rowan

Anniversaries

- 5 Ken & Connie Rowan

Prayer List

Gen Stanley
Jean Adkins
Tina Smith
Betty Davis
Kathy Foos
Charlotte Williams
Mack Stanley
Linda Holt

"TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST"

Jason Garcia

...it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for works of ministry, to build up the body of Christ... (Eph. 4:11-12).

Various roles are named here—three of which are still functional today.

Consider their purpose: "to equip the saints for the works of ministry" (v. 12).

Somewhere along the way I fear many Christians got the idea that evangelists, pastors, and teachers do the "real" Gospel work because they're "professionals."

Such thinking is unbiblical. Timothy, as an evangelist, was commanded to “fulfill his ministry” (2 Tim. 4:5), but “ministry” is not a word reserved strictly for preachers or Elders or Deacons. It's for ALL saints!

Every Christian must be a participant in works of ministry—which is just another phrase for works of service. In many Bibles the original word is translated as “service” instead of “ministry.”

The point is that every individual member of the body of Christ has work to do. In Ephesians 4, Paul reveals that all members should be “building up the body of Christ” (v. 12).

As each of us is equipped by and with the Word of God, we “speak the Truth in love,” so that we “grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ” (Eph. 4:15).

Service isn't just for Deacons, it's for every one—“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER” (Gal. 5:13).

Teaching isn't confined to a select few, but to ALL—“I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and ABLE TO INSTRUCT ONE ANOTHER” (Rom. 15:14).

We tend to lionize “big name” preachers or certain Elders. Maybe it's because what they do is more visible, so we think their work is more glamorous or relevant.

Again such thinking is unbiblical. There's no such thing as irrelevant Christians engaged in “small,” irrelevant works according to Jesus (Matt. 10:42).

So what does Paul highlight as “works of ministry” in the rest of the letter? What service must Christians be prepared and equipped to do, according to the Holy Spirit?

- Put away slander, falsehood, and white lies. Speak truth from a loving heart (Eph. 4:15, 25).
- Give our best effort in the workplace for Christ (4:28; 6:5–8).
- Put to death stinginess and share what we have with others (4:28).
- Don't engage in dirty jokes, profanity, and other “unwholesome talk,” but continually offer thanks to God (4:29; 5:4).
- Be kind and forgive one another, remembering Jesus' mercy toward us (4:32).
- Avoid being deceived by false doctrine (5:6).
- Love our wives and submit to our husbands (5:22–33).
- Raise our children to honor Christ (6:4).
- Treat employees with fairness (6:9).

THESE are “works of ministry.” They MATTER because GOD says they matter.

When two young mothers stop comparing and competing with one another, and start loving and serving each other—that is as relevant and pleasing to Christ as the work of Elders.

When a man refuses to tell a dirty joke or gossip, but instead chooses edifying words that give grace—that is as relevant and pleasing to God as a sermon on purity.

When you do your job cheerfully—whether it's punching numbers into a spreadsheet or patrolling in your cruiser—as an act of devotion to the Lord, THAT is relevant and pleasing to Him.

Real ministry is the devoted husband striving to lead his wife and family closer to God. Real ministry is the loving wife choosing to honor her husband, when she could easily speak about his shortcomings.

Real ministry is inviting members to a meal after assembling, sharing the Gospel with a neighbor, or sending a card or email to a discouraged brother.

None of these things look flashy or glamorous from a human perspective.

But God sees not as man sees.

He's revealed what service He deems significant. Let's be satisfied with His answer, and resolve to get to it (Eph. 5:15-17).