

# The Church of Christ @ Fremont

3361 W. State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

## Worship Services

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

Classes for all ages

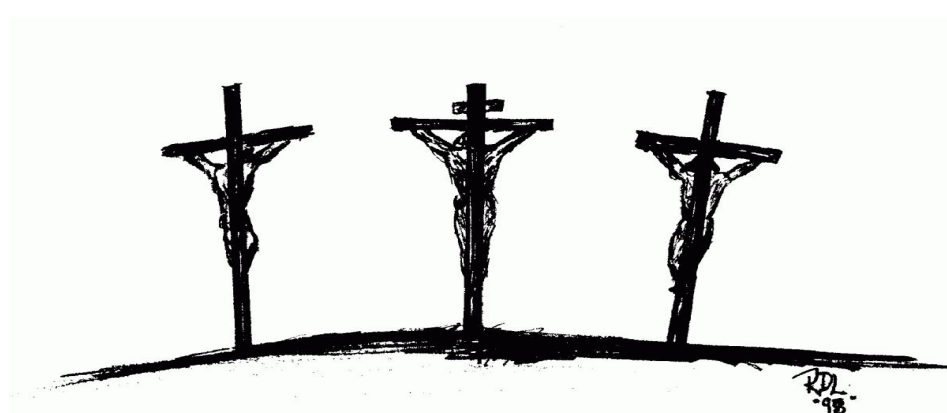
## Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizer

### 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)



August 14, 2022

Songs: Melvin Monroe

Lord's Supper: Melvin Monroe

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Wednesday Bible Study

### Birthday

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

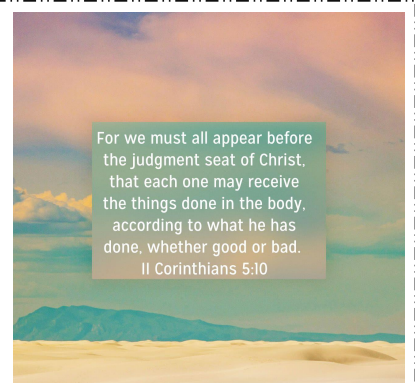
### Anniversaries

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

### Prayer List

Gen Stanley  
Jean Adkins  
Tina Smith  
Betty Davis  
Kathy Foos  
Mack Stanley  
Jacob Runion

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.  
II Corinthians 5:10



## IDLE WORDS

Craig Thomas

In Psalm 39 David expresses concern for things that very, very few people have even one iota of concern. In the first verse he says,

*“I said, ‘I will guard my ways,  
Lest I sin with my tongue;  
I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle,  
While the wicked are before me.’ ”*

I do not know about you but when I see all the evil going on in today’s society I want to scream. I want to shout at the lawless liars ravaging our culture to “STOP!!!” It is extremely hard to control those urges, but we must. It is not that we remain totally silent, but we must be incredibly careful what we say, how we say it, and when we say it. One of Jesus’ most stark and profound statements is found in Matthew 12:36-37:

*“36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

Whatever upset David was so disquieting that his heart was “hot within” him (v. 3). He said it “burned” like a “fire” (v. 3). When my mother was upset, she would often say, “That just burns me up!” That was what David was experiencing. That is the natural reaction of any righteous person who sees injustice, lying, and other sin running rampant. This type of reaction is not wrong. However, we must be extremely careful insofar as our response is concerned.

In verse 3 David had all he could take so he says, “Then I spoke with my tongue.” “Boy O boy” now he is going to give it to them with both barrels! Right? No, wrong! Instead David breaks out in prayer which runs from verse 4 to the end of this Psalm. What does David pray for? He prays first that the LORD will help him recognize the brevity of life and his weakness and lack of control over the events of life (vv. 4-6). Upon reflection that seems like a most appropriate response to Jesus’ words in Matthew 12:36-37. We need to exercise extreme caution about spouting off “idle” words given that life is our only preparation ground for eternity and the time is so truly short. Second, he prays for the wisdom to recognize his own sin and his need for the LORD’s forgiveness (vv. 7, 8). He pleads with the LORD to help him control his tongue lest he become just like the wicked who have him so upset.

Next in verses 9-11, among other things, he calls on the LORD for the wisdom to accept divine correction for his own sin. In other words, he is practicing what Jesus taught in Matthew 7:1-5. You know, before correcting sin in the lives of others, we need to make sure our own house is in order. Finally, he calls on the LORD to remind him that he, like all of us, is merely a stranger and pilgrim in this fleetingly brief life. We only pass this way one time and that time is as brief as a “vapor” (Jas. 4:14). Like Jesus said, *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”* (Jn. 9:4) Let us keep our total focus on our own brief lives and make sure our relationship with God is what it should be so that when Jesus comes again, we will not be ashamed. Those that had raised David’s ire, those that raise the ire of the righteous today, will eternally regret their short sojourn in this life. If we truly “hunger and thirst for righteousness” we know Jesus is coming again and that “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (2 Cor 5:10) How shall we respond? We need to live right and we need to warn others. That is what Paul did. In 2 Corinthians 5:11 he said, *“Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.”* That is a much better response than saying some “idle word” we will regret forever.