

# 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 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)

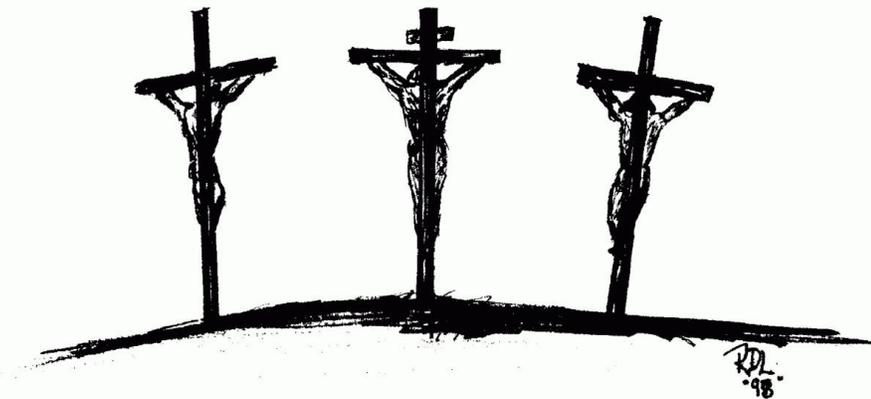
5 WOUNDS. His head was crowned with thorns. His back was scourged.

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)



November 25, 2018

## Order of Worship

AM

Song Leader : Melvin Monroe

Lord's Supper : Tony Smith

Speaker : Ted Bowen

PM

Song Leader : Greg Monroe

Speaker : Sean Rizor

Wednesday

Song Leader : Chris Frantz

Invitation : Chris Frantz

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you  
1 Thess. 5:18

## Birthdays

4 Nikolai Monroe

10 Jahred Monroe

15 Kaitlin Baker

25 Ted Bowen

30 Chris Frantz

## Woman's Bible Study:

December 13th @ 5:30 pm

Overview of the Bible - 1 Peter

## Prayer Requests:

Kaitlin Baker

Russell Pannell

Gen Stanley

Nora Wiseman

Charlotte Williams

Mary Feasel

Nick Hall

Zephan Monroe

Isaac Advey

Jean Adkins

Jordan Appelhans

## Gratitude

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In this life we have innumerable blessings for which we are to be thankful. And the Bible tells us that these blessings come from the God of heaven. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (Jas. 1:17). As we look about us, seeing what God has done, surely, we ought to be affected by his magnificent works. We should be overwhelmed with awe and reverence as we contemplate life itself - whether it be a tiny insect, a fragrant flower, or a human being who is so fearfully and wonderfully made.

I wonder, though, are we truly grateful for all that God has done? If we are honest and humble in heart, what changes have been made in our lives because of the goodness of God? It should lead us to repentance. "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Rom. 2:4) But the trouble with so many today is that instead of being humbled with repentance, they have become calloused in heart and drunk on materialism. Hence, they fail to "count their blessings."

The goodness of God should cause us to be generous with our time. But with regard to time and duties, some seem to always be saying, "I don't have time to study," "I don't have time to visit," "I don't have time to teach others," "I don't have time to attend all the services of the church," "I don't have time to encourage weak Christians," etc. Oh yes, we do have the time! Everyone's day is made up of twenty-four hours. Our time may be ill-arranged (especially as far as the work of the Lord is concerned), but we all have the same amount of time. The trouble is - we are not grateful enough to give it to Christ. We are being selfish and self-centered when we have time for television, camping, boating, fishing, golf, tennis, secular reading, movies, ball games and a host of other things, and yet, not enough time for the Lord.

Our gratitude should cause us to be generous with our money. However, in the matter of giving, can it be said that we are grateful to the Lord when we have spent so much on our own selfish desires that we are not able to give as we should? The Bible says that "God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). But no man can be a cheerful giver unless he has first acknowledged the great gifts of God to man. The trouble with so many of us is that we never take the time to fully reflect on how much we have received from God. When we take our eyes off ourselves and contemplate the goodness of God, our gratefulness for these blessings will be reflected in our giving.

All too often, when others perform deeds of kindness in our behalf, our attitude is that this is what we expected of them all along. In other words, "You owe this to me, therefore, it's not necessary for me to be grateful." Is this your attitude? Obviously, this kind of an attitude is reflected if we fail to express our sincere thanks for the kindness others have shown toward us. If this disposition of heart describes you, this is spoken to your shame.

It seems that the lack of gratitude has always been a problem. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, only one man (a Samaritan) was grateful enough to return and thank Jesus for his cleansing. The record says, "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks. and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole" (Lk. 17:15-19). Only ten percent of those who received the blessings here showed gratitude. All ten were ready to receive a blessing; all cried, for mercy; but nine were not concerned about giving praise and thanksgiving. Many today are far too much like these nine lepers.

A failure in thanksgiving for the blessings enjoyed in this life gives evidence of the alienation of man from God. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful" (Rom. 1:21). On the other hand, the Christian, realizing what God has done for him and the world, continually lifts his heart in praise and thanksgiving to God. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:18).