

# 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*

August 16, 2020

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Ted Bowen

No Sunday Evening Worship

## 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

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

### Anniversaries

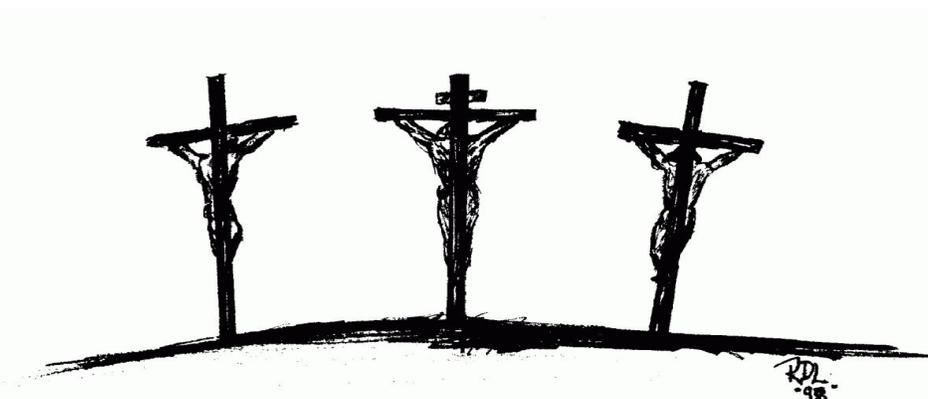
- 4 Tony & Tina Smith
- 22 Melvin & Becky Monroe

### Prayer List

Kaitlin Baker  
Gen Stanley  
Nora Wiseman  
Mary Feasel  
Isaac Advay  
Jean Adkins  
Tracey Briggs  
Jamie Hall  
Kaitlyn Hall  
Ashley Hall  
Janet Baker  
Nick Hall  
Tina Smith

### Soldiers Serving Abroad

Cody Lyons  
Mercedes Speck



## THE LORD' S MEASURING STICK

Jordan Lawson

In our American culture, there seem to be many measuring sticks to see how “valuable” someone is. Some of these measuring sticks include (but are not limited to) financial income, economic status, social status, physical beauty, political views, how others react to you, etc.

Some of these measuring sticks society places on us are so crude, they devalue someone because of their race or ethnicity. No one can control what race they are. All are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26). Some measuring sticks are so crude as to say someone is not worth much because of the town or city he comes from (Jn. 1:46)!

What is the Lord' s measuring stick? Does the Lord judge us by our social status, physical appearance, income level, etc.? I believe as we look to God' s divine word for the answers, we can grow in the peace that passes understanding.

In Luke 9:23, the Lord says, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.” We need to put our selfish desires aside and follow after the Lord' s example, including His suffering (1 Pet. 2:21-25).

The Lord also says, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free” (Jn. 8:31-32).

In Mark 8:34-35, Jesus stated, “Behold my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

In Matthew 18:3-4, the Lord says, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Are we noticing a pattern? Even from this small sample of Scripture, we see the Lord is concerned with something different than what enthalls our American culture. Jesus is concerned with our obedience and our spiritual well-being.

He is concerned with our spiritual well-being to the degree that He said if seek God' s kingdom and righteousness first, then all our physical needs will be met (Matt. 6:33). God will take care of us.

What is the Lord' s measuring stick? The Lord' s measuring stick is His word. We could even say that Jesus' measuring stick is Himself because we are to be “conformed to the image of His Son” (Rom. 8:29). We are to walk as He walked (1 Jn. 2:6).

Earlier I mentioned that knowing this will help us grow in peace that passes understanding. How is this possible? As a Christian, God is not going to judge us based on our economic status, our income level, our race or ethnicity, our hometown, etc. God will judge us on how we kept His word (2 Cor. 5:10). God will judge us based on if we were obedient to Him or disobedient and unbelieving (Jn. 5:27-29). This should bring us peace. We are judged based upon what we have done, and not based upon the things we cannot control!

The Lord' s measuring stick is refined, narrow, objective, and razor-sharp. It' s not all over the place and swayed by the opinions of fallible men and women. It is concrete, unwavering, and it leads to salvation and an eternal inheritance (Rom. 8:17).

So, if we are continuously stressed about how we stack up to worldly people based on man derived, man-imposed ideals, let' s change our focus. Let us be focused on pleasing the Lord and the rest will take care of itself.

Man-made ideals are stupid and inconsistent (Psa. 49:10, 94:8; Jer. 10:21-23; Matt. 23). Our culture promotes pornographic use, drunkenness, the uncertainty of riches, homosexual rights, public degradation of women, abortion, hatred, oppression of the poor, atheism, partying, illicit sex, etc.? Let' s not use these false, hypocritical, sinful standards as our measuring sticks.

Let' s humble ourselves before God, and in due time, He will lift us up (1 Pet. 5:6).