

Weekly Events Sunday

Sun School 9 AM
Nursery 10 AM
AM Worship 10:15
PM Worship 5 PM
Youth Sunday
(Every Qtr, 4th Sunday)
Men's Class 4 PM
(1st, & 3rd Sun)
Ladies Class 4 PM
(1st, & 3rd Sun)
Christian Stars 4 PM
(1st, & 3rd Sun)
Christian Emeralds
4 PM
(1st, & 3rd Sun)

1st Sunday

Teacher's Meeting

Wednesday

Bible Study 12PM
Bible Study 7PM

5th Friday

F.R.U.I.T.
6-9 PM

Thought for the week

Happy Holidays

God's Plan of Salvation

You should know that:

The faithful church will:

Worship in spirit and in truth; John 4:23, 24
Meet on the 1st day of the week; Acts 20:7, Heb 5:17
Pray; James 5:16; Acts 2:42; I Tim. 2:1-2; 1 Thes. 5:17
Sing making melody with the heart; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16
Eat the Lord's Supper; Acts 2:42; 20:7; Matt. 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 11:20-32 Give, liberally and cheerfully; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-5, 9:6-8

In the New Testament times there was:

One family of God; Eph. 3:15; 1Tim 3:15
One kingdom; Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:13-14
One body of Christ; Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23
One bride of Christ; Rom. 7:1-7; Eph. 5:22-32
One church of Christ; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23

The same church today:

Is guided by the same word; 1Pet. 1:22-25;
2 Tim 3:16-17
Contends for the one faith; Jude 3; Eph 4:5
Pleads for unity of all believers; Jno. 17:20-21 Eph. 4:46

Is not a denomination; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6
Is faithful to Christ; Lk 6:46; Rev. 1:20; Mk 8:38
Wears the name of Christ; Rom 16:16; Acts 11:26;
1 Pet 4:16

You can be a member of this church:

By doing what people did 2,000 years ago; Acts 2:36-47
Without being in any denomination; Acts 2:47;
1 Cor. 1:10-13

A child of God:

Can be lost; 1 Cor 9:27; 10:12; Gal 5:4; Heb 3:12-19
Is given a law of pardon; Acts 8:22; James 5:16
Is constantly cleansed by the blood of Christ as he walks in the light of God; 1 Pet 2:9-10; 1 John 1:5:10



If you are in need of a ride on the van please call Juanita Perry @ (708) 339-1447 PLEASE all preferably 24 hours in advance especially if you need to cancel.

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"DON'T GET SIDETRACKED!"

"Everyone is looking for you!" Mark 1:37 NIV

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger once quipped, "There can't be another crisis. My schedule's already full!" That can happen when other people determine your agenda. Jesus refused to live that way. During His early ministry when word spread about His miracles, "The whole town gathered...and Jesus healed many" (Mk 1:33-34 NIV). The next morning another crowd of needy people was waiting on His doorstep. But how Jesus responded this time might surprise you. "While it was still dark, Jesus...left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed...his companions went to look for him, and when they found him they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you!' Jesus replied, 'Let us go somewhere else...so I can preach there also. That is why I have come'" (vs. 35-38). What was He thinking! There were headlines to be made, people to be healed, and fans waiting to pat him on the back! Could *you* resist the lure of all that? Jesus did, because He followed God's agenda, not men.

Jesus loved people so much that one day He would die for them. But that didn't stop Him from saying no when He needed to. Appeasing people in order to win their approval is never a good idea; it puts somebody other than God in the driver's seat. Instead of getting sidetracked, Jesus: (a) made prayer and uninterrupted time with His Father a top priority; (b) recognized that doing God's will was more important than "being all things to all people;" (c) refused to let other people's definition of what was urgent, distract Him from fulfilling His life's purpose. So, don't get sidetracked.

Ministry Services

Benevolence Single Adult
Bros. Keepers Sista-2-Sista
Bus Golden Agers Youth
Jail/Prison

Individual Studies

Bible Correspondence Course
Personal Bible Studies

Training Classes

Teacher (one year course)

Missions

Lloyd Harris, Director
School of Religious Studies
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Little Rock, AK 72231

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Christ, P.O. Box 203,
Kingston 19, Jamaica, West
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WEEKLY STATISTICS

Sunday School	97
AM/PM Worship	197/67
Baptisms	1
Responses	7
Placed Membership	0
Visitors	3
Mid-week	67/17

BAPTISMS

Jeremy Barton 12/13/09
Darren Robinson 12/13/09
Malic Smith 12/20/09

Hostesses:

LaClaira Phillips
Mariah Byrd

Order of Service

Call to Worship
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Invocation
Sermon
Conf/Welcome
Communion
Offering
Announcements
Benediction

Servant

Darryl Martin
Bart Woods, Jr
Max Byrd, Jr.
Demond Johnson, Jr.
Robert Turner
Sean Hunter, Jr.
Wyfred Koonce, Jr.
Marcellus Hunter
Warren Woods
Richard Halloway

Collection & Communion

Demond Johnson, Jr.	Warren Woods
Richard Halloway	Marcellus Hunter
Sean Hunter, Jr.	Darryl Martin
Max Byrd, Jr	Dennis Starr

Our mission is to serve Christ and the Community by faith to secure our future today. We will achieve our mission by becoming God-focused Christians through worship, fellowship, discipleship, and evangelism.

10:15 AM

Nursery Staff

Infant: 0-2 years

Teacher: Verna Mayfield
Assistant: Corisha Mayfield

Preschool: 2-5 years

Teacher: Desiree Sconiers
Assistant: Corisha Morgan

Attendance

12/20 Antwan McHenry
12/27 Olivia Edwards/Kiara Legg
01/03 Mary Sutton
01/10 Sandra Holley
01/17 Anice Banks

Welcome to Our Visitors

The Monroe St. church of Christ wishes to welcome all of our visitors and would like for you to know that you are our **Honored Guest**. If we can be of any service to you or answer any questions regarding our worship services please feel free to ask. **If you are interested in a Bible study please let either the Minister or one of the Ushers know.**

What is the Church of Christ?

The church is not a denomination. We are a fellowship of Christians who want to understand and do the will of God. We limit ourselves by the Word of God; therefore, we do not interpret the Word through "traditional" ideologies. We are not bound to any man-made creeds or traditions nor, do we force our beliefs upon others. Our Lord expects us to look beyond historical positions and ideas which conflict with Scripture. Therefore, our concern always is **"What does the Bible say about the matter?"**

Announcements

To notify the church of illnesses or hospitalizations, Please call:
Anice Banks at **773-379-0375** or
Clara Tenard at **773-921-5397**.

REMINDER:

- Bro. Turner's one-on-one meetings: Wednesdays, 4pm-5pm, 5pm-6pm, 6pm-7pm
- New Year's Eve Watch Service, Dec. 31

Prayer

Focus



Sick-n-Shut-in

Thomas Dockens
Kathleen Stewart
Beulah Porter
Bertha McDonald
Percola Owens
Stephanie Mack
Ernest London
Cleveland Holley

Prayer List

Dennis Starr
Clifton Jones
Davonte Perry
Sandra Holley
Family
Cleveland Holley, Jr.
Mable Liggins
Barbara
Jean Legg
Elisha Legg
Mary
Val Marie Calvin
Rom, Grace Family
Pinson Family
Sonya Quinn
Tatyana Thomas
Family
Meredith Stevenson
Max Byrd Family
Rollie Simmons
Dolores Blake