

## God's People At Work

Jesus died and rose from the dead, not only to save us from our sins, but also, *"that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works"* (Titus 2:14).

As a local congregation of God's people, we are striving to be active in every work that God says is good. As a church we spend our efforts building one another up through the fellowship of worship and teaching God's word (Eph. 4:12). We also work to make the gospel available to all so that all may hear about the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15).

The work of God's people also goes beyond the time we spend together. As individual Christians we strive to take advantage of every opportunity to do good to all men (Galatians 6:10). We use our personal time and resources to show care and benevolence toward those who have need. In all things, we strive to let the love and character of Jesus Christ be seen in what we do and in the way we live, in all things giving glory to God.

This is a continual growing process made possible in Jesus Christ. It begins when one obeys the gospel and Jesus Christ invites you to be a part of this work (Matt. 11:28-30).

## Opportunities to Learn

God says that He *"desires that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4). If you are interested in learning more about this salvation, or about the Bible in general, we would love to study with you.

You can visit us or you can request a personal Bible study by contacting us at the address, telephone number, or email address provided in this pamphlet.

## Visitors Welcome!

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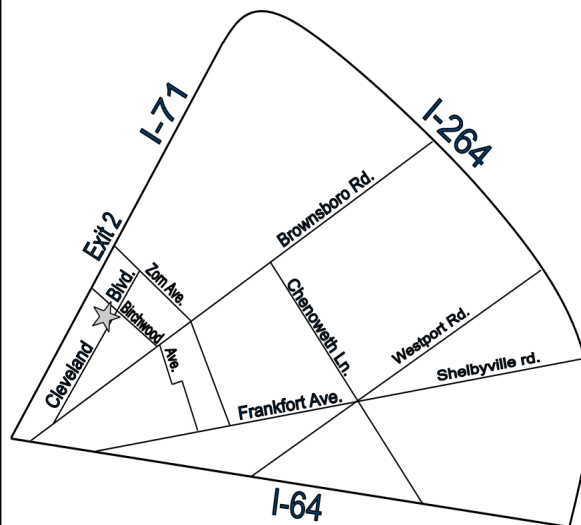
*Please feel free to contact us  
with any questions.*

### Assembly Times

*You are welcome to visit us  
during any of our assembly times.*

Sunday:   Worship Services..... 9:30 a.m.  
          Bible classes for all ages... 10:45 a.m.  
          Worship Services..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible classes for all ages..... 7:00 p.m.



## CHURCH OF CHRIST

at Birchwood Avenue

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A non-denominational congregation of Christians, striving to learn, to live and to serve the way God teaches in the New Testament.

Herein you can read about the authority we appeal to, the gospel by which we are saved, and the work and worship we conduct ourselves in as the Lord's church.

*Please read on to find out more.*

*"If you abide in My word,  
you are My disciples indeed."*

- John 8:31 -



## The Bible

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In the religious world today there are many different ideas about how to serve God. It can be very confusing. To help us overcome the confusion, the Holy Spirit says, *“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”* (Colossians 3:17). The phrase, “in the name of” means “by the authority of.” That means that God shows us what is right in the Bible and He desires that we follow that pattern.

Doing all things in the Lord’s name means setting aside our own ideas, as good as they may seem, in order to follow His instructions. Jesus said that this is how we show our love for Him: *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments”* (John 14:15). The wise man also said that this is how we put our faith in God: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding”* (Proverbs 3:5).

In the church at Birchwood Avenue, we strive to do and to teach only what the Bible says. Just as Paul exhorted the Corinthians not to depart from the *“simplicity that is in Christ”* (2 Corinthians 11:3), we strive to serve God according to the simple pattern that He shows us in the Bible.

At times, men will go outside the Scriptures to fulfill some need which is not addressed in the Bible. But God says that through His word He supplies us with *“everything pertaining to life and godliness”* (2 Peter 1:3). The Scriptures are able to make us complete if we pursue God’s word with all diligence (1 Timothy 3:16-17).

Because of this promise, we encourage all men to set aside their creeds and human traditions and pursue the pattern delivered to us in the New Testament (1 Thess. 4:1-2; 2 Thess. 2:15). What better way can there be to serve God than His way?

## The Gospel

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The word *gospel* means *good news*. It is the good news that God, according to His great power, provides salvation for men through His Son, Jesus Christ. This is God’s power *“unto salvation for all who believe”* (Romans 1:16-17).

Salvation is made possible because Jesus (God, John 1:1) came to earth from heaven and lived as a human being (John 1:14). He revealed to us the Father, while performing many signs and mighty works by the power of God. He allowed Himself to be offered as a sacrifice for sins by dying on the cross. He then rose from the dead on the third day, proving that He is the Son of God. Before He ascended into heaven He instructed His disciples to proclaim repentance and remission of sins in His name to the whole world. He wants all to have the opportunity to hear and believe that He is Lord and Christ, and to respond to His invitation (Mark 16:15-16).

The gospel was proclaimed by the apostles and others who followed Christ. That good news was revealed through Jesus Christ and recorded in the New Testament Scriptures so that men in every generation can have salvation in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:2; Ephesians 3:4, 5).

According to Galatians 1:8-9, there is only one true gospel. Salvation can only come through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). It can only be received by those who believe in Him and, by faith, obey Him as Lord and Christ.

Do you desire this salvation? If so, you need to come to Jesus Christ in order to make your life right with God. In the Bible, God says that those who would be saved must do the following:

1. Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17).
2. Believe in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:10).
3. Repent of sins (Acts 2:38).
4. Confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10).
5. Be baptized for the remission of sin, (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Colossians 2:12).
6. Live for God in Christ (Galatians 2:20).

## Worship

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Worship is the way we show God the honor that He deserves. But if our worship is to be for God and not for ourselves, then we must worship Him in His way. Therefore, Jesus said, *“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth”* (John 4:24).

To worship God *“in spirit”* means to have the right attitude, a heart that seeks to glorify and honor Him. We worship Him *“in truth”* when we express that glory and honor the way God commands in His word. As Jesus said, *“[God’s] word is truth”* (John 17:17).

In the Scriptures, Christians are instructed to

- 1) **Sing** with their voices and with their hearts (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19).
- 2) **Pray** for their needs, for the needs of others, and to express praise and thanksgiving to God (Acts 12:12; 1 Timothy 2:18).
- 3) **Observe the Lord’s Supper** every first day of the week. Therefore, Christians assemble every Sunday to “break bread”, which is to eat the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
- 4) Have a **collection**. This is also done on the first day of the week. Christians contribute funds to support the work that God gave the church to do (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). God said that this giving must not be forced on people, such as with the tithing system (2 Corinthians 9:7). When Christians give it must be of their own free-will and from a cheerful heart.
- 5) **Teach and learn together for the building up of the body**. The church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). To teach and learn more about God and His will is the very basis of what it means to be a disciples of Jesus Christ. Therefore this is an essential part of New Testament worship (2 Timothy 4:2).

These comprise the worship which we read about in the New Testament. By most modern standards this may seem very simple, but it is what God wants. And when we worship God in this way, it not only glorifies Him, but also helps to strengthen those who worship. Our God is truly a great God!