

## Offering

(I Corinthians 16:2 & II Corinthians 9:6-9)

We will collect an offering if the need so requires, as is outlined in *I Corinthians 16:1-2*. Please don't feel compelled to give but feel at ease in simply passing the collection plate down the row. We have no authority to have an undesignated fund for the church use. When an offering is taken, it is taken for a specific purpose, which is announced before the plate is passed.

## Bible Classes

(Hebrews 10:23-25; II Timothy 4:2)

Bible classes will also be held and are separated by age groups. We are told in *Hebrews 10:24-25* that we are to "provoke one another unto love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, but exhorting one another..." This is the purpose of Bible classes. In all classes we use the Bible as the source and exclusive authority for all studies. This keeps us in God's will (*Matthew 7:21-23*). For smaller children's classes, we use the Bible supplemented with biblically sound class material to help with the lessons.

As our guest, you may or may not participate in the service. You may feel comfortable taking part in some things and not comfortable taking part in others. This is quite all right. Following the service, if you have any questions regarding what was said, done or any other question please feel free to ask any member and we will answer your question from the Bible. If your time is short and we can not answer the question to your satisfaction on the spot, we will set up a convenient time and examine the Scriptures with you to find the answer from God's Holy Scriptures.

We hope that you will make the time to come.  
Our service and study times are:

### Sunday Morning

9:30 Bible Study  
10:30 Service

### Sunday Evening

6:00 Service

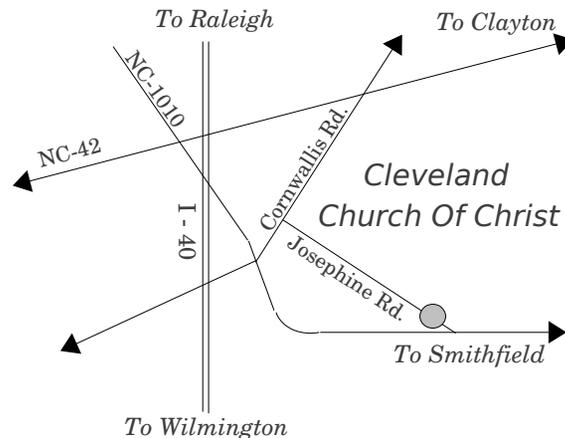
### Wednesday Evening

7:30 Bible Study

## Cleveland Church of Christ

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# Welcome!

to the

# Cleveland Church of Christ

Have You Ever Wondered What  
You  
Would Find When You Visit Us?

We Hope This Will Answer Any  
Questions You Might Have

Welcome to the Cleveland Church of Christ. We know that anytime we visit someplace different we all have questions and concerns about what to expect. These feelings are normal for everyone and this is our effort to answer some of those concerns, and in doing so, we hope to make you feel more comfortable.

The church of Christ was founded in 33 AD by Jesus Christ and His apostles on the day of Pentecost, as we read in the Bible's book of Acts, Chapter 2. Jesus Christ gave His apostles instructions about how the church was to be organized (*I Corinthians 11:1-3*), what was to be taught (*I Peter 1:18-25*) and how members of His church were to behave (*I Timothy 3:14-15*). The apostles wrote all these things down and it became what we know as the New Testament of the Bible. We, as His church, use the Bible exclusively to find all answers to the questions about how we are to live to please God. There is no body of men who make rules for the church of Christ; there is only God's Holy word.

Our Sunday services consist of the following:

## Prayer

(James 5:16 & I Thessalonians 5:17)

We pray to God thanking Him for those things that we hold dear. We also have a list of needs that we pray for. We invite you to also list your prayer requests for items that are of particular interest. We are told in *James 4:1-3* that we should ask for things that are in line with God's wishes.

## Singing

(Ephesians 5:19 & Colossians 3:16)

We follow the Bible in our singing. You will find a songbook for your use in the holder on

the chair in front of you. The song leader will announce the number and if you wish you may turn there and join us in singing praises to God. We do not utilize choirs. The entire congregation sings, just as it is set out in God's word. You will also notice that there are no instruments used in the service. This may seem strange to you, but we are singing as the church in the New Testament did and we find no reference to instrumental music in the New Testament. We are sure that you will find the singing meaningful and we would encourage you to participate.

## Bible Reading

(I Timothy 4:6 & II Timothy 2:15)

The Bible reading is usually a Scripture from the sermon topic and is read aloud by one of the men in the congregation that has been tasked with the duty. Scripture is our only source of authority in what we do and teach.

## Preaching

(Mark 16:15)

Our preachers are just Christians, and like any other male member, they have no title. We sometimes refer to another member as 'brother' or 'sister', but most likely by their first name. The Bible teaches that all members of the Church are responsible for preaching the Gospel (*Matthew 28:19-20*), and hold no special office or title in that task. The sermon usually lasts 25 to 30 minutes and you are encouraged to bring a Bible to follow along, or take notes on the lesson. All must have its source in the Bible; *"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that*

*God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."* (*I Peter 4:11*) This we endeavor to do with all diligence. Please ask any questions that may arise as a matter of the lesson or anything done in the service.

## Invitation

(Mark 16:16)

At the conclusion of the sermon the preacher will offer an opportunity for anyone in the audience to respond to the gospel. We will stand and sing a song to encourage those present. While traditionally we extend an invitation at this time, those who hear God's word may surrender their lives to Christ at any time by following the plan of salvation set out in His word.

Should someone respond to the gospel, everyone will be asked to wait while the one responding confesses before all his/her belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (*Romans 10:8-13; Acts 8:37*), repents of sins (*Luke 13:5; Acts 2:38*) and is baptized for the forgiveness of those sins (*Acts 22:16, I Peter 3:20-21, Mark 16:16*). We may offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God and sing songs of praise as we support them in completion of their response.

## Lord's Supper

(I Corinthians 11:23-26 & Acts 20:7)

We will sing a song to prepare our minds for partaking of the Lord's Supper. We observe this memorial on every first day of the week. We do this following the example set in the New Testament (*Acts 20:7*), having the Bible only as our guide. It teaches that early Christians met on the first day of the week. History also supports this in showing that in the first century church, Christians celebrated the Lord's supper every Sunday.