

## CONTRIBUTION

The only service in which a collection is taken is on the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:1,2) in the Lord's day worship service. At this time the members of the church are permitted to give of their means as the Lord has blessed them, purposing in their own hearts how much to give (II Cor. 9:7,8). These contributions are for the work of the church. No one but a member of the church is expected to give.

## AN INVITATION TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

At each service an invitation is extended to all that are not Christians to obey the Gospel and become followers of Christ (Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17). The backsliders, likewise, are also urged to return to the Lord (Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19, 20; I John 1:9). This is done in such a way so as not to embarrass those present, but to allow anyone to let his wishes be known, if he wants to obey the Lord.

## CHRISTIANS ONLY

We wear the name "Christian" as disciples of Christ (Acts 11:26; 4:12), and we understand that those who obey the Gospel are added to the church by the Lord (Acts 2:47). Christ we honor as the head of the church and the savior of the body. (Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23).

## YOU ARE WELCOME!

**Our doors are open to all who are interested in salvation. Please come and be with us. You will find a warm welcome at all of our services. Please come soon.**



# An Introduction To Our Services

Many people are hesitant to visit a church without knowing something about it. We have prepared this little article to help you understand more about us.

When you attend the services of the Church of Christ, you will find them conducted in a simple, dignified and orderly way. Also, you will see in the members a deep respect for God's Holy Word. We recognize the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice, and our services are observed in "spirit and truth" (John 4:23, 24; John 17:17).

## SINGING

Our singing is done as a congregation, without the aid of a mechanical instrument of music. In acapella singing we praise God making "melody in our hearts to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). The songs we sing are selected with care, so that they convey our feelings of devotion and worship. And we hope that you will be inspired by the singing.

## TEACHING

In our public worship services the men do the instructing in truth and righteous living. The women keep silent as learners, along with other men and children (I Cor. 14:35; I Tim. 2:11, 12). You are welcome to bring your Bible and follow the teaching as we study from God's Word.

## PRAYER

The prayers of our service are led by one man at a time. The minds of all the other worshippers are directed by the one leading. We seek to pray with the spirit and understanding in a decent and orderly way (Acts 2:42; I Cor. 14:15, 40). In prayer we speak to God to thank Him for His goodness toward us and invoke His mercy on us and His blessings on our service and efforts for Him.

## THE COMMUNION

Each Lord's day (first day of the week) we strive to observe the Communion in the same way it was instituted by Jesus and bound by the apostles (Acts 20:7; Matt. 26: 26-28; I Cor. 10:16, 17; 11:1, 2, 23-28). A man serves at the Lord's Table. He takes bread (unleavened) and gives thanks, breaks off his portion and eats, and then each other Christian also partakes in the same way. Then he takes a cup containing the fruit of the vine (grape juice), expresses thanks, drinks a portion, and then gives it to the other communicants who also drink. This is a joint participation in the body and blood of Jesus, a memorial of His great sacrifice on the cross (Matt. 26: 26-28; Luke 22: 17-20; I Cor. 11:26). Thus, we follow the simple pattern given us in the Bible.