

New Caney Church of Christ

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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine

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Know Your Bible: Answers

- 1. Simon the sorcerer (Acts 8:12-13)
2. Paul (1 Corinthians 10:1-2)
3. Lydia (Acts 16:14-15)
4. About 3,000 (Acts 2:41)
5. Ananias (Acts 9:18)
6. Cornelius (Acts 10:23-48)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Eddie Bowen
Announcements: Robert McCorkle
Encouragement Talk: Josh Emerson
Opening Prayer: Billy Lovell
Scripture Reading: Tyler Blazek
Colossians 3:1-4
Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco
Contribution: Brad Smith
Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale
Helper: Chris Beard
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

Aug 6 Parent Planned Youth Devotional
Aug 13 Visitation Day
Aug 20 Nothing
Aug 27 4PM Worship - Harper Flores to preach

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Jacob McAdams
Speaker: Josh Emerson



Standing Firm

Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm Ephesians 6:13

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Forgiveness

Have you ever been wrong and truly sought forgiveness for your actions? As children we all stumbled along and made mistakes which we earnestly desired to be forgiven of. I can easily remember approaching my parents seeking forgiveness. When we recognize we are in error (spiritual or otherwise) forgiveness is something we want but cannot make another give us. We are at the mercy of the other person. What we need to remember is we are often the other person!

One of the defining characteristics of our Lord is His forgiving nature! Even while hanging on the cross Jesus said, Father, forgive them... (Luke 23:34). We understand that we are to be like Jesus. He stands as our example of everything good and pleasing to God. As Christians we need to be forgiving. We are to be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32; also Colossians 3:13).

Jesus gave some strong teaching regarding our forgiving others. Luke 17:3-4 He says, If you brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, I repent, forgive him. It is true that the brother needs to repent, but we must want to forgive! So desirous that when we are mistreated several times in a day, we are still willing to forgive. Isn't this exactly like God's nature? Our sins He remembers no more when we repent. How hypocritical for us to seek His forgiveness for our trespasses and be unwilling to forgive others who have sinned against us! That is exactly Jesus' point in the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18:23-35. The man was to be tortured for his attitude. Jesus then said, So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart. Eternal torture awaits those who do not forgive. Perhaps the strongest of Jesus' statements on this topic is found in Mark 11:25-26, Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.

But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgression.”

At times Christians find these commands difficult, and they can be. It is almost like human nature is to hold a grudge, but I really think that is a learned behavior. As children we forgive quickly and completely. It is when we get to be adults we tend to lose the ability to forgive. Paul gives us the example of a man living in an incestuous relationship who was withdrawn from for his sin (1 Corinthians 5:1–13). He later apparently repented as he was a part of the congregation again in 2 Corinthians 2. Verse 7 of this chapter instructs “you should rather forgive and comfort him, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.” I often wonder if some Christians have ever made the application to themselves. When a lost soul returns to the Lord there should be no with-holding of affection or kindness. Sadly, some congregations maintain groups with the church that seldom reach out to returned lost souls, and those souls may again become lost due to the excessive sorrow. A person can only repent. They place themselves at our mercy (in a sense). True, God forgives them as He does us. Why is it Christian’s behave so unlike God and seem to ignore a person’s repentance? Do we forget that God will forgive us as we have forgiven others?

by Charles Willis

Our Gospel Meeting is September 10–13

With D.J. Dickerson from LaPorte

Meeting Theme: The Righteousness Of God

Sunday 9:30	Not Knowing God’s Righteousness
Sunday 10:30	Establishing Our Own Righteousness
Sunday 4PM	Not Going Beyond What Is Written
Monday 7PM	Establishing Our Own Righteousness: In The Home
Tuesday 7PM	Establishing Our Own Righteousness: In Humbling Ourselves Before God
Wednesday 7PM	Establishing Our Own Righteousness: Regarding Sin

Know Your Bible

Baptisms

1. What magician came to be baptized by Philip?
2. Who referred to the Israelites crossing the Red Sea as a baptism?
3. What tradeswoman was baptized by Paul?
4. How many were baptized on the day of Pentecost?
5. Who baptized Paul?
6. What Roman official did Peter baptize?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



TODAY

We shall do so much in years to come.
But what have we done today?
We shall give our gold in princely sum,
But what did we give today?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear;
We shall plant a hope in place of fear;
We shall speak the words of love and cheer;
But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the after while,
But what have we been today?
We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,
But what have we brought today?
Add to steadfast faith a deeper wroth;
We shall give to truth a grander birth;
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth,
But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,
But what have we sown today?
We shall build us mansions in the sky,
But what have we built today?
‘Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask;
But, here and now do we do our task?
Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,
“What have we done today?”

by Nixon Waterman