

# Welcome To our Services



## Service Times Are...

### Sunday:

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Worship
6:00 p.m.	Worship

### Wednesday:

7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
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## Our Worship

We want you to know that you are an honored guest here today! This pamphlet is to ease your mind and give you some information on what is about to take place. ***There are no assigned seats, so please sit anywhere you would like!***

Here, at the Cedar Avenue church of Christ, we strive to embody true non-denominational Christianity and represent the one church which Jesus built (*Matt 16:18*). While it says "Church of Christ" on our building, it is meant to be a description of the people, not a title. We are a few imperfect people trying to serve a perfect God. Here is what you can expect during our service.



### **Announcements:**

We try to adhere to Paul's request to the Corinthians to do all things "properly and in an orderly manner" (*1 Cor 14:40*). Prior to beginning our worship, one of our members will give the "order" of our services. This will include the men serving during the worship. He will also provide news that is relevant to the congregation. At the close of worship, he will again address the congregation with reminders before we are dismissed in prayer.

### **Singing:**

Each service, we participate in singing praises to God. We encourage you to participate with us. In the bookrack in front of you, you will find a songbook. The song leader will announce the number and lead us in the hymns. You may notice that we do not use instrumentation, but simply sing a cappella. A cappella is an Italian term that means "in the style of the chapel". God has commanded us to sing (*Eph 5:19; Col 3:16*) and that's what we do.

### **Prayer:**

Throughout our services, several prayers will be offered. The prayers will be lead by various men of the congregation. Paul told the Thessalonians to "pray without ceasing" (*1 Thes 5:17*).

## **Preaching:**

You may also notice our “preacher” is not called by a title like “father”, “pastor”, or “reverend”. He may be referred to as “brother” or “Mr.”, but will typically be addressed by his first name. We believe that all of our members are equal.

We encourage you to follow along with the lesson. Our goal is to teach biblical truth. Nothing more... nothing less! We ask that you help us make certain we are doing just that. We are determined to preach Christ crucified (*2 Cor 2:2*).



## **Invitation:**

At the conclusion of the lesson the preacher will likely extend an “invitation”. The invitation is actually the Lord’s Invitation (*Matthew 11:28-30*). There may be several who respond or none. Some may request prayers for difficulties in their life. Some may want to confess sin and ask for prayers of forgiveness. Some may want to be baptized. If a baptism does take place, it will be by immersion and it will be for the forgiveness of sins (*Acts 2:38*). If you, as our honored guest, are in need of any of these things, please do not hesitate to respond. Simply walk to the front pew and have a seat and the preacher or one of our elders will assist you during the invitation .

## **The Lord's Supper:**

The Cedar Avenue church of Christ observes "The Lord's Supper" every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). The memorial consists of two items. These items are meant for Christians to partake of to memorialize Jesus' sacrifice for us. First, the unleavened bread which represents the body of Jesus (1 Cor 11:23-25). A piece of the bread is broken off and eaten to remember His broken body. Second, the "fruit of the vine" (grape juice) is distributed in small cups to symbolize the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for us.

If you choose not to participate, please feel free just to pass the plate or tray to the person next to you or back to the server.



## **Offering:**

Again, each week the members of the Cedar Avenue church of Christ give back of their financial blessings from the Lord (1 Cor 16:1-2).

As our honored guest, you are not expected to make a donation. This is for our members. Please just pass the collection plate to the person next to you or back to the server.

## **What Will Be Expected of YOU?**

Absolutely nothing! You are welcome to participate, but do not feel obligated. You can simply come and observe if you prefer.

You may be asked to fill out a visitor card (which should be included in this pamphlet). This provides us with some information so the church here can acknowledge your visit. Please drop the visitor card in the collection plate or give it to one of our members. Please feel free to decline the request if you are uncomfortable with it. Your information is only for us and will not be shared without your permission.

### **Our Facilities**



- Sunday 9:30 AM and Wednesday 7:30 PM Bible classes
- Classes are downstairs for all ages starting at 18 months.
- Adult class meets upstairs.
- Restrooms located on both levels of the building.
- Nursery in back (opposite pulpit in women's restroom)
- Changing table in men's restroom.

### **Our Leadership**

While each of our members are equal in importance, the Cedar Avenue church of Christ is lead by our eldership.

Paul told Titus to appoint elders in every city (Titus 1:5). We have done that here at Cedar Avenue. Elder is not a title, but a

work/responsibility these men have.

The scriptures use other names to describe the work of an elder (Bishop, Shepherd, Overseer, and Pastor) 1 Tim 3:1; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:2.

The church here is lead by two elders. (Jim French, and Steve Thomas).  
If you have any questions, please see one of these men.



Jim  
French

Steve  
Thomas



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