

# OTHERS

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

(Philippians 2:3-4)



2024

CEDAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Offering To Help Everyone Receive Salvation

# Plan of Salvation

Hear - Romans 1:16, 10:17

Believe - Mark 16:16; John 8:24

Repent - Acts 2:38, 17:30-31

Confess - Matthew 10:32-33

Baptism - Acts 2:38, 22:16

Faithful - Revelation 2:10

Please let us know how we can  
help you with your spiritual  
needs.

*ROMANS 16:16*

“the churches of Christ  
greet you”

# Guide

OTHERS  
2024

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# WELCOME

OTHERS  
2024



The apostle Paul was encouraging the church to be more like Jesus who emptied Himself and came to serve others by becoming a sacrifice for the sins of the world. He taught, “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). This teaching is based on the example that Jesus left for us. Paul continues in verse 5, “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...”

Jesus did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). In living this way, we are modeling what the Christian life is all about. Sometimes we are inward focused on our own life and we forget about the needs of others. Our aim for 2024 is to focus on Offering To Help Everyone Receive Salvation.

Thank you for embracing this theme and serving one another in the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

## SERMON SERIES

		<b>OTHER SERMON SERIES PLANNED</b>
January	Influencing Your Spouse <b>Eph. 5:22-25</b>	
February	Influencing Your Children <b>Eph. 6:4</b>	The Parables of Jesus
March	Influencing Your Friends <b>Prov. 27:9</b>	Questions Asked of Jesus
April	Influencing Your Coworkers <b>Matt. 5:13-16</b>	Conversions in Acts
May	Influencing Your Neighbors <b>Gal. 5:14</b>	The Fruit of the Spirit & Works of the Flesh
June	Influencing the Erring <b>Jam. 5:19-20</b>	Minor Prophets: A Sunday evening series
July	Influencing on Social Media <b>II Cor. 5:11</b>	Question Night: Once a month on a Sunday evening
August	Influencing the Church <b>Heb. 10:23-25</b>	Bible Reading Plan: Once a month series
September	Influencing New Converts <b>Acts 4:32-35</b>	
October	Influencing the Older <b>Tit. 2:1-8</b>	
November	Influencing the Younger <b>Tit. 2:1-8</b>	
December	Influencing the Widows/Widowers <b>Jam. 1:27</b>	

# BIBLE STUDY

Opportunities for  
spiritual growth

## **NEW CONVERTS CLASS**

This is a second adult class on Sunday at 9:30 AM to help those new to the faith develop strength in their walk with Christ.

The teaching schedule is:

- Q1 - Fit for the Master's Use
- Q2 - Foundations for Growing Christians
- Q3 - Be Strong in the Lord
- Q4 - Committed to Spiritual Growth

## **FAMILY LIFE - BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE**

Grow in a small group study on the marital union and the home. We will also address parenting skills and how to choose a godly mate for those considering marriage. Schedule TBA.

## **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

We begin class on Sunday at 9:30 AM and on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. All adults are invited to attend these sessions on various topics throughout the year. The teaching schedule is:

- Q1 - The Book of James
- Q2 - The Beatitudes
- Q3 - Sermon on the Mount
- Q4 - Christians in the Workplace

## **KIDS CLASSES**

On Sunday and Wednesday, there are also classes available for all age groups. We begin class on Sunday at 9:30 AM and on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. All children are invited to attend these sessions on various topics throughout the year. Each age group will study age-appropriate Bible material provided by the teachers of each class.



# SERVICE

SERVICE IS ANOTHER  
WORD FOR MINISTRY

## THE WORK OF SERVICE

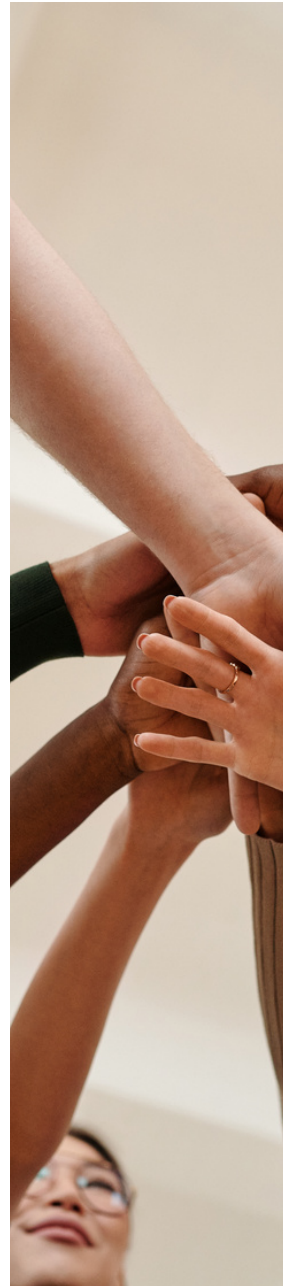
The Bible speaks of the saints being equipped for the work of service. We are taught so that we have the tools and skills needed to minister to the needs of others. We are also equipped for every good work by the word of God. We want to make it our aim to find more ways to serve one another by seeking these opportunities.

## COMMUNITY EFFORTS

While we want to serve our brethren, the Bible teaches that we do good unto all men. This means that we want to challenge our members to get involved in helping others in our community. All of us have gifts and talents so we need to find unique ways that we can be an active part of making a difference in our neighborhoods.

## HELPING OUR SENIOR SAINTS

We want to make a special effort to serve those who are elderly or shut-in from our congregation. It is easy to overlook those who struggle to care for themselves as they age. Take some time to find out what you can do to make a difference in the lives of our older congregants. This will go a long way to making sure that we are not neglecting these important members of the body of Christ. Offer to help, send a card, provide for their needs.



# ASSEMBLIES

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU VISIT WITH US

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Each week, our congregation assembles for worship on Sunday at 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM. During these times, you will hear important announcements, prayer being offered to the Lord, songs being sung from the heart, the Lord's Supper being observed in remembrance of Jesus, an offering being made by our members, and a lesson preached from the word of God.

To learn more about our assemblies for worship, please open the camera on your smartphone and scan the code to find a link to more details.

As members of the local church, we must not neglect these assemblies so that we can find ways to stir one another up to love and good works.

All guests are welcome to join us. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.





# OUTREACH

## EVANGELISTIC GOALS

### HUNGRY FOR MORE, NOT JUST HOPING FOR MANY

Developing a deep longing to reach lost souls instead of just praying and hoping to see the church grow.

### CONVERSATION, NOT JUST PROCLAMATION

Not content just to proclaim the truth from our pulpit to those in the pews, but we want to talk and ask questions about the faith and give others that same opportunity.

### BELONGING, NOT JUST WELCOMING

Not only inviting people from our community to attend our services, but we are opening our lives to them to show them the love of Christ.

### EXPERIENCE, NOT JUST EXPLANATION

We cannot afford to only explain theology, doctrine, or a system of beliefs, but people need to feel the grace and love of Jesus and see the gospel in action.



### FRUITFUL, NOT JUST FACTUAL

Be known by our fruits, not just the facts of our faith. We need to produce fruit and this requires living by what we believe and seeing results in blessing others

### WE, NOT JUST ME

This is going to take effort on the part of each member of the church to assist in implementing our outreach work.

### UNITY, NOT JUST UNIFORMITY

The aim in reaching others with the gospel is a unity in Christ, not a uniformity to our culture by administrative imposition. We need to know the difference.

Scan the code above for a  
FREE Bible study



# GROWTH

**Bible Class**

**Sunday: 9:30 AM**

**Wednesday: 7:00 PM**

**The teaching schedule for 2024  
is as follows:**



## **The Book of James (January-March)**

James is one of the most practical, hard-hitting books of the Bible. To James, Christianity was a daily life to be lived. It's been referred to as the "gospel of common sense," the "how-to" book of the Christian life, the "New Testament book of proverbs." The message of James will hurt one's feelings, but at the same time, strengthen one's faith beyond measure.

## **The Beatitudes (April-June)**

The Sermon on the Mount is unquestionably the greatest sermon ever preached. And how Jesus begins this sermon -- with the Beatitudes -- represents God's plan for maximum living; how you and I can find genuine life-fulfillment.

## **The Sermon on the Mount (July-September)**

It is arguably the most remembered sermon of all-time, and Jesus gets to the heart of what it means to walk with God. His message was designed to confront, gain attention, and then ultimately, be a call to action. While it may be the most remembered sermon, how often do we live it? The Sermon on the Mount changed lives then. And it still does today.

## **Christians in the Workplace (Oct.-Dec.)**

Do we see our individual lives consisting of distinct, separate areas: a home life, a social life, a work life, and a church life? Christians must recognize their entire life is to be devoted to Christ, and that they are to be directed by the will of Christ in every phase of that life. Every job and work environment is different, and the goals in this study include how to identify and endeavor to overcome the spiritual challenges of our main vocation, be a more Christ-like example to our co-workers, and make more godly decisions while in the workplace.

# KEY DATES

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## **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

**Spring:** Paul Blake

March 17th - 20th (Sun. - Wed.)

**Fall:** Andrew Roberts

September 8th - 11th (Sun. - Wed.)

## **FAMILY BIBLE WEEK:**

Mark Hatfield

June 12th - 14th (Wed.-Fri.)

**The first Wednesday of each month is our song practice. In 2024, those dates are:**

January 3

February 7

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 3

August 7

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

**The dates for when the new teaching quarter begins in 2024 are:**

Sunday, January 7

Sunday, April 7

Sunday, July 7

Sunday, October 6



# OUR ELDERS

”For the overseer must be above reproach as God’s steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.“

Titus 1:7-9

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## **JIM FRENCH**

You may have heard it said that the work of an elder is a grueling and thankless job. But I can assure you that has not been the case in working with the church here at Cedar Avenue. And that is mainly due to all of you because you walked in faith, and have made this an easy flock to shepherd. May your walk of faith continue to grow stronger as we embark on a new year with the theme of considering OTHERS. May we all live as Paul instructs in Ephesians 4:25-32 so that we may be the fruitful people that God expects us to be.



## **STEVE THOMAS**

I wish everyone a great 2024 and thank you for your continued service from last year! The church locally and universally is in need of people willing and able to teach, preach, serve as elders and deacons, and I hope you can set these roles as goals for you and your family members. The next generation is facing difficult challenges and needs a strong set of workers! (Luke 10:2)

# OUR EVANGELISTS

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"But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

2 Timothy 4:5



## STEVEN MATTHEWS

As my family and I enter into our first full year working with the church at Cedar Avenue, it is an honor to be the pulpit minister, serving the brethren here in that capacity and working alongside Bro. Mark. I am excited about our theme for this year, and I would encourage everyone to consider how we influence OTHERS, no matter who they are or what their walk of life looks like. We all have a circle of influence; is your circle made better because of who you are and who you point others to -- Jesus and what He offers?



## MARK HATFIELD

Having served in the church of Christ for over 25 years in various roles of Christian ministry and outreach to the community, it is an honor to be an evangelist at Cedar Avenue. Working alongside our pulpit minister, Steven, the current function that I am responsible for is a community and media presence for the church in evangelism, a Bible class teacher for discipleship, and equipping the saints for outreach to fulfill our mission of reaching lost souls and bringing them to Jesus for salvation.

# OUR DEACONS



John Drake



Eddie McDonald



Jeff Beeson



Drew Gilbert



Ardith Cecil



Tyler Wilson



John Miller

The Bible describes the role of deacons as servants of the church. These men can be assigned to various responsibilities in the church to make sure that the tasks that need to be completed are handled properly and promptly, without requiring the minister to leave the word of God or the elders to have to forsake their spiritual oversight to tend to these miscellaneous works.

Deacons are appointed based on the qualifications found in the book I Timothy 3:8-13. These men meet these character traits and offer their heartfelt service to the church to help us function as a congregation.

The following men and their assignments are listed below:

John Drake - *Inside building maintenance*

Eddie McDonald - *Inside building maintenance*

Jeff Beeson - *Assistant treasurer*

Drew Gilbert - *Media / Webmaster*

Ardith Cecil - *Outside building maintenance*

Tyler Wilson - *Outside building maintenance*

John Miller - *Service and visitation*

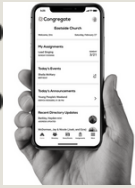
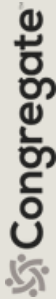
Please direct any questions or needs in these areas to these men and be sure to thank them for their efforts at Cedar Avenue.

“These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.”  
(I Timothy 3:10)



Tune into AM 1170 every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. to hear our radio program, hosted by Steven Matthews, where you can listen to a short lesson from the word of God.

# CONNECT



Go to the app store on your smartphone and download the free congregate members app today. Using your standard login and password you can access information about the congregation, noteworthy news, and upcoming meetings. We want to utilize this app to help us communicate more effectively. The app is free and we have many tools at our fingertips like the directory, assignments for the duty roster, special dates, and so much more.



The church is online and provides a website where you can find all kinds of useful resources including recent and archived sermons, Bible classes, current news and announcements, podcasts, a Bible reading plan, and outreach materials. If you are a member of the congregation, you can also access our members only section. This area will take you into a private portion of the website, giving you access to the church directory, a calendar, duty roster assignments, special classes, and many other useful tools to help us serve one another and offer information to guests of the church. Visit the website today to learn more at [www.CedarSower.com](http://www.CedarSower.com).

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# OTHERS

“Lord, help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for—Others.

Refrain

Others, Lord, yes others,  
Let this my motto be,  
Help me to live for others,  
That I may live like Thee

Help me in all the work I do  
To ever be sincere and true  
And know that all I'd do for You  
Must needs be done for—Others.

Refrain

Let Self be crucified and slain  
And buried deep: and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again,  
Unless to live for—Others.

Refrain

And when my work on earth is done,  
And my new work in Heav'n's begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won,  
While thinking still of—Others.”

Refrain

Charles Meigs 1917



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