

## Announcements – Bulletin News

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Despised and Rejected of Men, Continued;**

It is a very fearful thing to despise and reject the Son of God, and yet many people do. There are many people who reject the divinity of Jesus Christ. Many religious and nonreligious people fail to believe that Jesus is God the Son. The angel also prepared Joseph by saying “And she shall bring forth a Son, an thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins”. The angels also stated that the name would be Immanuel, which means “God is with us” (Matt.1:21-23).

After Jesus was baptized the voice of God proclaimed, “This is My Beloved Son, in who I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17). From these passages and others, it is difficult to understand how, not only the house of Israel could reject the Messiah, but also how intelligent, rational people today can still reject and despise the Savior of the world. John the apostle in J. 2:22, “who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is Christ? He is anti-Christ, that denieth the Father and the Son.” Not only do many reject the divinity of Jesus, but many reject the authority of Christ. While he was still on earth, just before His ascension, Jesus said, “All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth” (Matt. 28:18). Yet again He said, “For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; and hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man” (John 5:26-27).

Yet this great authority is despised by millions today. Many would rather accept the teachings of Martin Luther, Mary Baker Eddy, Joseph Smith and Charles Taze Russell rather than accept the teachings of Christ. The apostle Paul warns “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ, unto another Gospel, which is not another; but there be some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you, let him be accursed” (Gal.1:6-8). It cannot be denied

that there are many gospels being preached in which Paul, nor any of the apostles, ever preached!!

The worship which is ordained by Jesus Christ has also been despised and rejected. In John 4:24 Jesus said, “God is a spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth”. From passages such as Acts 2:42; Col. 3:16; 1Cor. 11:23-26; 1Cor. 16:1-2; Acts 20:7 we find New Testament worship consisted of public prayers, the reading and preaching of God’s Word, singing, giving of their means, and remembrance of the Lord’s death, burial and resurrection in the Lord’s Supper. There is no misunderstanding of this simple, yet impressive order of worship. Even while Jesus was in His personal ministry He had to rebuke people who tried to impress others with their empty prayers and hypocritical show of worship (Matt. 23:14-33).

No one has the right to worship God as he desires. One may be sincere and honest in their worship but they can be honestly and sincerely wrong!! Leviticus 10:1-2 tells us “And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron took each of them his censer and put fire, therein, and laid incense thereon, and offered strange fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded them. And there came forth fire from Jehovah, and devoured them and they died before the Lord.” They made the tragic mistake of failing to worship the way God authorized.

When we worship to our feelings, likes and dislikes, we despise and reject the teaching of Christ. The worship of the New Testament church was simple in Bible times and it should be today. No instruments of music. No choir singing in the worship service, No Praise Teams; but according to Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16, they (each member) sang from the heart to praise God and encourage one another.

Barry L. Gainey, Minister

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### **Up Coming Events**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship;** Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, immediately following morning worship. It will be a Potluck Dinner. There are sign-up sheets in foyer for dishes and desserts, servers and clean up crews. See Bro. LaVance Adkins or Sis. Ineta Roberson. There will be no evening service.

**Bridal Shower** for Dorothy Burgess-Forbes April 23, 2017 at 3pm. in the Ladies Lounge. Sis. Webb.

**Church Picnic-** the picnic that was scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> has been canceled and will be rescheduled later.

**VBS Planning:** There is a VBS planning committee sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those interested in being on the committee. Bro. Neely

 **Meetings & Classes Authentic Manhood;** Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am.

**Ladies Bible Class;** 9:30am – 11:30am; Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Church Fellowship Committee Meeting;** for all of those who would like to work on the committee there will be a meeting on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> after morning worship in room 14. Bro. LaVance Adkins.

### **Area Wide Events**

**52<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Regional Singing** Oct. 6-8,2017; Double Tree by Hilton, Overland Park, Room Rates: Singles & Doubles: \$115 plus tax triple & quads: \$135 plus tax. Phone: 913.451.6100, ask for Midwest Regional Singing 2017.

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Retreat & Seminar:** November 10-12, 2017. Information & sign-up sheet on table in the foyer.

**Check the table in the foyer for other events.**

### **April Schedule**

**Ladies Baptism:** Shawna Wooden, Yolanda Adams

**Bereavement:** Melissa Martinez, Monique Bethea

**Medical Staff:** Daria Gainey

**Brothers;** the Order of Worship is available on line on Fridays

after 3pm @ [www.chisholmtrailcofc.org](http://www.chisholmtrailcofc.org)

**Blood Pressure Check**

First Sunday of each month

**Open Pantry;** April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm



**Tiffany, Joe and Don (family of Alene**

**Burton)** thank you for all your cards, calls and prayers.

We do not take it for granted what an amazing church this is. Grandma has moved to Atlanta with us, she says she misses and loves you. 1270 Edmund Lane Atlanta, GA. 30319.

**LaDonna Dozier;** thanks to all of you for all acts of kindness and support I received while I recovered from surgery. You have been a blessing to me and my family.

### **From the Minister’s Desk**

**“Despised and Rejected of Men”**

(Isaiah 53:3-5)

There is no passage of scripture from either the Old Testament or the New that shows the way Jesus was despised and rejected of men, better than the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Isaiah. The great man of God, the prophet Isaiah was able to look down the stream of time, about 700 years before the birth of Christ, and write as though he was an eye witness of the cruel and shameful way Jesus died for the sins of humanity. The apostle John wrote of Jesus; “He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name” (John 1:11-12).