

## Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler  
Usher: Delbert Leavens

### RECORD

Attendance: **105**

Contribution: \$ 3248.00

**Weekly Budget: \$ 2920.00**

### *Thought for The Day*

“The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them.”

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

“Why not invite a friend to services?”

Ted

## Church of Christ of Venice

4301 SR 776  
Venice, FL 34293

### MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Bill Burnside

Songs: Tim Simmons

Sermon: Ted Wheeler

Closing Prayer: Marvin DeMeester

### EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell

Songs: Tim Simmons

Sermon: Ted Wheeler

Closing Prayer: Larry Jenson

### COMMUNION

Marty Wingo Delbert Leavens

Mike Weber Dick Navarre

### *Sermons:*

Have You Heard Of Job, *James 5:7-11*  
Real Faith Obeys, *Romans 4:1-8*

# Church of Christ of Venice

"A friendly church, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ"

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### Elders

Delbert Leavens  
Wayne Vowell  
Ted Wheeler

### Minister

Ted Wheeler

### Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am  
Worship-I 11:00 am  
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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## The "Dreamer"

A story is told of a man who had engaged in riotous living for many years. He was a drunkard. And then one evening at a tent meeting Gospel Revival, he came forward to be washed in the name of Jesus and was born again. Soon after, his former drinking buddies who thought it strange that he no longer ran with the pack, would heckle and ridicule him each morning on the corner as he passed by on his way to work.

This went on for several weeks, until one day, his wife found out about it! She followed him from a distance and heard the chant of one of his former friends saying, "*There goes that dreamer!*"

After he had passed by, they glanced over to see the wife coming straight toward them! "*Sirs, may I speak to you?*" she asked.

*"That man who just passed by is my husband! He used to be a drunkard. He used to spend all of the money he made on whiskey. Sometimes he would come home late at night after drinking with some of*

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

*you, and he would hit he. I spent most of the time crying. My children didn't have one decent pair of shoes between them or any nice clothes to wear to school, and we were behind on most of our bills. There was rarely any food in the house. We were near the point of despair. It was then that I began to pray as never before!"*

*"Then, at a local tent meeting, a marvelous thing happened! My husband heard a message of hope and deliverance and responded by faith and repentance in obedience to the invitation of Christ! And that man who was once enslaved by alcohol and in bondage to sin was buried with Christ in baptism and arose from that watery grave a FREE man - to walk in newness of life! The shackles were gone!"*

*"Today, my children have new shoes and new clothes! We were able to catch up on our bills. Our pantry and refrigerator are full and there is always enough to eat. He is home every night spending quality time with the children and me. We actually enjoy being around him now, and we do things together. We are finally a family!"*

*"So, I want to ask you to do something for me. If this man is dreaming, whatever you do, **don't wake him up!**"*

### **WHAT A DIFFERENCE CHRIST CAN MAKE IN ONE'S LIFE!**

*"If anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a NEW CREATION! The former things have passed away, BEHOLD all things have become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

He can make a difference in YOUR life if you will allow Him. He WILL make a difference if you will believe in Him (Acts 16:30-31) and trust Him, repent of your sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), be baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), and continue to follow Him for the rest of your life (1 John 1:7).

**Remember, some dreams DO come true!**

*David Sargent & M. Eddlemon*

## **Paradox of Spiritual Starvation**



Somewhere I have read that a bird can go 9 days without food, a dog 10 days, a turtle 500 days, a snake 800 days, a fish 1,000 days and some insects 12,000 days (about 33 years!). For many, the limit is about 14 days.

Notice that sooner or later all of God's creatures must have food or perish. Each of us has probably been hungry enough for physical food at some time that we could think of nothing else. So it is with all of the animal world. Although a man may be basically honest, if he becomes hungry enough, he will steal his food if he cannot get it otherwise. This is one of the most urgent and compelling instincts to be found in man and beast.

One might think that the soul that is shriveling and dying from spiritual starvation would experience a similar yearning for nourishment, but here is the paradox. The soul that is most undernourished generally has the least appetite for spiritual food. The person whose soul is pygmied for lack of bread from heaven is least likely to be hungering and thirsting after righteousness. The Christian who has remained a babe in Christ over the years has the least inclination toward maintaining a hearty diet of spiritual delicacies. Those who need them the most could hardly care less whether we even continue our program of Bible classes on Sundays and Wednesdays. They imagine themselves as people who have no need of such childish pastimes when really they are most in need of them. They identify themselves with various life forms; some like the turtle, have taken little nourishment in 500 days, others are like the snake or the fish or even the insect.

How long has it been since you were in Bible class or since you studied your Bible at home?

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## **Remember in Prayer**

KERRY KEATHLEY

JANET WEBER

DORIS WHITE

CLARENCE RIGGENBACH

PATRICA SMITH

FRANK SMALL

IVA & LEM TURNER

PATRICIA FORD

JEANETTE THOMPSON

TED WHEELER

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- ✓ Jan. 28: Song Service
- ✓ Feb. 4: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Feb. 25: Song Service

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*