

## Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler  
Usher: Delbert Leavens

### RECORD

Attendance: **81**  
Contribution: \$ 2834.00  
Weekly Budget: \$ **2820.00**

### *Thought for The Day*

“There are two sources of changeless happiness: first, the belief in God, and second, hard work toward useful ends.”

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## Church of Christ of Venice

4301 SR 776  
Venice, FL 34293

### MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Mike Weber  
Songs: Tim Simmons  
Sermon: Ted Wheeler  
Closing Prayer: Bill Burnside

### EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Glen Law  
Songs: Tim Simmons  
Sermon: Ted Wheeler  
Closing Prayer: Dale Schwartz

### COMMUNION

Marty Wingo Delbert Leavens  
Marvin DeMeester David Coffman

# Church of Christ of Venice

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

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## Mark 2:5 - A Visible Faith

Once more Jesus had returned to the city of Capernaum. When the crowds learned of His where about, they pressed near the house where He was, jamming even the doorway, and He proclaimed the word to them (Mark 2: 1 ff). Being aware of the Lord's power to effect miraculous healing, some benevolent men were determined to bring one of their friends - an invalid -



into the Master's presence. Because of the crowded doorway, they could not gain access to the room in which Christ was teaching. Not to be dissuaded by the circumstance, they went up on the housetop, "Uncovered the roof" (i.e., opened a passageway), and lowered their friend into the company of the Great Physician. At this point the inspired writer has a very significant statement. He says: "And Jesus seeing their faith said to the one sick of palsy, Son, your sins are forgiven" (Mark 2:5). Note the expression, "Seeing their faith," and underline it. Jesus saw their faith. What does faith look like? What color is it? What shape does it take? These are foolish questions, of course. Faith is an intellectual/

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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.

### Elders

Delbert Leavens  
Wayne Vowell  
Ted Wheeler

### Minister

Ted Wheeler

### Sunday Services

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

### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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### Outreach:





A few weeks ago British Airways was kind enough to reissue my plane ticket from July. With my doctors permission on Feb. 16th. I will be traveling to Ghana with Daniel Stearsman. We will be visiting a number of the churches that we are work-

ing with throughout the country. We will also be traveling to the Northern Region to follow up on the work done by Tim and the group in July. During this time we will be meeting with area churches; following up on the water wells we are having drilled & Lord willing taking the gospel to some new villages. We also hope to purchase 2 motorbikes (\$1400 each); lumber for benches (\$20 per bench) & Bibles (\$3 each). The motorbikes will be used to send brethren to the villages to preach & teach. Timber is scarce in the NR and the benches will help them in assembling for services. The Bibles will be left to help them in their studies. Please keep this work and our travels in your prayers. *Ted*

<b>Friday – Feb 16</b>	Leave Tampa @ 4:00 pm ( <i>Tampa &gt; Miami &gt; London</i> )
<b>Saturday – Feb 17</b>	Arrive Accra @ 8:00 pm ( <i>London &gt; Accra</i> )
<b>Sunday – Feb 18</b>	Wheeler ... Radio Program @ 5:30 am Wheeler @ Vertical Centre COC / Stearsman @ Accra Rd COC Fellowship @ Tema PM ... Joint Meeting @ Kpone COC + Haana COC & Dawhenya COC
<b>Monday – Feb 19</b>	Kukurumtumi, Eastern Region ( <i>3 1/2 hrs</i> )
<b>Tuesday – Feb 20</b>	Boadua, Eastern Region ( <i>3 1/2 hrs</i> )
<b>Wednesday – Feb 21</b>	Travel from ER to Yendi/Saboba, Northern Region ( <i>10 hrs</i> )
<b>Thursday – Feb 22</b>	Saboba
<b>Friday – Feb 23</b>	Travel from Saboba to Bunkpurugu ( <i>3 hrs</i> )
<b>Saturday – Feb 24</b>	Bunkpurugu
<b>Sunday – Feb 25</b>	AM ... Gbetimong Travel from Bunkpurugu to Saboba ( <i>3 hrs</i> ) PM ... Saboba COC
<b>Monday – Feb 26</b>	Travel from Saboba to Mole, Brong Ahafo Region ( <i>7 hrs</i> )
<b>Tuesday – Feb 27</b>	Travel from Mole to Tema ( <i>11 hrs</i> )
<b>Wednesday – Feb 28</b>	Tema
<b>Thursday – Mar 1</b>	Depart Accra @ 11:00 pm ( <i>Accra &gt; London</i> )
<b>Friday – Mar 2</b>	Arrive Tampa @ 5:00 pm ( <i>London &gt; Miami &gt; Tampa</i> )

emotional disposition; it is not tangible. It cannot be seen literally.

What the Lord actually saw was the action of these men. From the divine vantage point, faith is acknowledged when it manifests itself in action.

This account agrees wonderfully with the challenge of James. *"Yes, a man will say, you have faith, and I have works: show me your faith apart from your works, and I, by my works, will show you my faith"* (James 2:18). God sees your faith, and honors it, when that faith is manifested in doing His will. These verses are quite at variance with the denominational philosophy that alleges: "faith alone saves." Thus, in the margin of your Bible, beside Mark 2:5, write: See James 2:18; valid faith acts.

*Wayne Jackson*

## Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Feb. 4: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Feb 10: Prayer Breakfast
- ✓ Feb. 16-Mar 2: Ghana Trip
- ✓ Feb. 25: Song Service
- ✓ Jun 3-9: Bible Camp @ Weeki Wachee
- ✓ Jun 14-Jul 9: Ghana Campaign 2007

## Sermons:

Do You Really Love God, #2

*1 John 2:3-5*

Real Faith Works

*James 2:14-24*

## Remember in Prayer

LARRY JENSON  
KERRY KEATHLEY  
JANET WEBER  
DORIS WHITE  
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH  
PATRICA SMITH  
FRANK SMALL  
IVA & LEM TURNER  
PATRICIA FORD  
JEANETTE THOMPSON

