

## Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler  
Usher: Delbert Leavens

### RECORD

Attendance: **99**

Contribution: \$ 3176.25

**Weekly Budget: \$ 2820.00**

### *Thought for The Day*

“The mark of a saint is not perfection, but consecration. A saint is not a man without faults, but a man who has given himself without reserve to God.”

WESCOTT

## Church of Christ of Venice

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## PHOTOS

See Jim Parker to have your photo taken for the new directory.

# TODAY

### MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Bill Burnside

Songs: Dick Navarre

Sermon: Delbert Leavens

Closing Prayer: Glen Law

### EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell

Songs: Dick Navarre

Sermon: Delbert Leavens

Closing Prayer: Larry Jenson

### COMMUNION

Mike Weber Marvin DeMeester

Dale Schwartz Kaden Simmons

# Church of Christ of Venice

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## How Does One Receive Jesus?

Many of the world's preachers tell the seeking sinner who needs to be saved to "accept Jesus as your personal Savior" or "just receive Jesus," but fail to tell people how to do it. The human creature needs to be told the specifics. That's why the Scriptures spell out specific steps a person must comply with in order to be saved. Why can't the preachers spell out these same biblical steps? As a result, most religious people do not really understand how one receives Jesus.

If denominational preachers do attempt to tell folks how to receive Jesus, they usually make some vague reference to prayer and instruct the sinner to say something like, "Jesus, I now receive you into my heart," or they tell him to "pray this prayer" and proceed to give him a man-made model prayer to pray. Such a prayer for the alien sinner cannot be found in the pages of God's Word. In fact, God never authorized the alien sinner to pray for his salvation. He does not have such a privilege. Prayer is the privilege of sons (Romans 8:14-17). Prayer is not the way to receive Jesus!

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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-I 11:00 am  
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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### Outreach:



The instruction to "receive Jesus" is Biblical. John says, "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). But this instruction alone is not enough. The Bible also tells how to "receive Jesus." When we tell people to receive Jesus, we need to also tell them how to do so according to the Bible's instructions. It need not remain some kind of a mystery to them.

The key to the "how" in receiving Jesus is seen in John 1:11,12. Receiving Jesus involves the same process as becoming sons of God. One becomes a son of God by faith. This faith includes the obedience of baptism: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:26,27).

Most people, after they have heard the good news of Jesus Christ, know that in order to enjoy its benefits they will have to receive Jesus. Why don't preachers tell them what they must do? It is a tragedy for religious teachers to bring a sinner right up to the point of crying out for their sins to be forgiven them and then fail to tell them how, (or give them a substitute plan not found in the Scriptures). The New Testament teachers had no such problem. When the sinners cried "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" they were told in no uncertain terms, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:37,38). They were not told "receive Jesus." They already knew they should do this. But how? By allowing their faith to lead them to repentance and baptism.

Why can't preachers simply repeat the very same thing to those today who ask "What must I do?"

*Marvin Rickett*

### Sermons:

The Magnificent Gospel of Christ = The Cross of Christ #1  
1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The Magnificent Gospel of Christ = The Cross of Christ #2  
1 Corinthians 15:1-4

## Mark Your Calendars

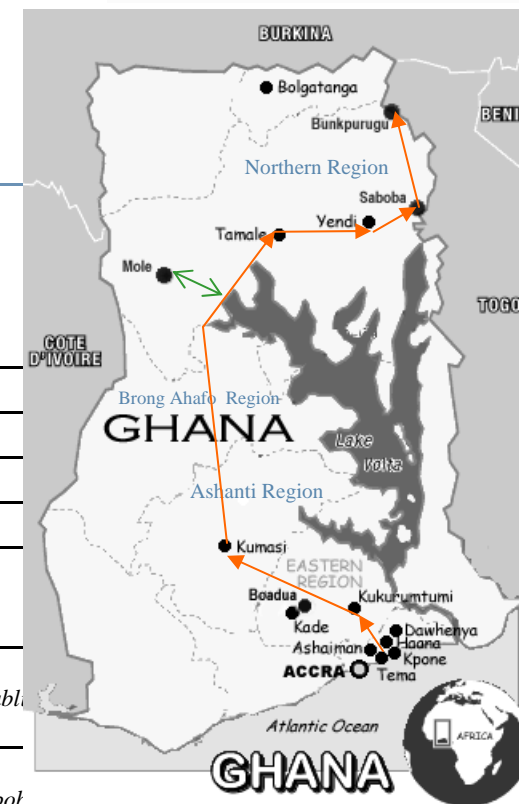
- ✓ Feb. 16-Mar 2: Ghana Trip
- ✓ Feb. 25: Song Service
- ✓ Mar 17: Teen Progressive Dinner. 5-9 pm  
Theme: "The Amazing Race". See Tim & Penny Simmons for more details.
- ✓ Jun 3-9: Bible Camp @ Weeki Wachee
- ✓ Jun 14-Jul 9: Ghana Campaign 2007



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| <b>Sun - 18</b> | Ted ... Radio Program @ 5:30 am<br>AM - Ted @ Vertical Centre COC<br>AM - Daniel @ Accra Rd COC<br>Fellowship @ Tema<br>PM ... Joint Meeting @ Kpone with Haana & Dawhenya COCs |
| <b>Mon - 19</b> | Kukurumtumi, Eastern Region (3 1/2 hrs)   |
| <b>Tue - 20</b> | Travel from ER to Yendi/Saboba, NR (10 hrs)   |
| <b>Wed - 21</b> | Saboba  |
| <b>Thu - 22</b> | Travel from Saboba to Bunkpurugu (3 hrs)  |
| <b>Fri - 23</b> | Bunkpurugu (Well-drilling & Evangelism)<br>Ted > drive from Bunkpurugu to Tamale, fly to Accra then drive to Tema   |
| <b>Sat - 24</b> | Bunkpurugu<br>Ted @ 25th Anniversary of the church being established in Ashaiman  |
| <b>Sun - 25</b> | AM: Bunkpurugu, Daniel preach at Gbetimong<br>Ted > fly from Accra to Tamale then drive to Saboba<br>Daniel > drive from Bunkpurugu to Saboba<br>PM: Saboba COC                 |

## Remember in Prayer

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



Note: Ted & Daniel will be preaching at a church or in a village every night from Feb 18th - 28th.