

## Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler  
Usher: Delbert Leavens

### RECORD

Attendance: **70**

Contribution: \$ 3318.45

**Weekly Budget: \$ 2363.00**

### *Thought for The Day*

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

*PAUL*  
GALATIANS 6:10

## Church of Christ of Venice

**4301 SR 776**  
**Venice, FL 34293**

### MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Mike Weber

Songs: Joe Austin

Sermon: Ted Wheeler

Closing Prayer: Marvin DeMeester

### EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Glen Law

Songs: Joe Austin

Sermon: Ted Wheeler

Closing Prayer: Tim Simmons

### COMMUNION

Kerry Keathley Dick Navarre  
Delbert Leavens Merritt Bailey

# Church of Christ of Venice

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## Set Thine House In Order

*"...Thus saith the Lord, set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."* Isaiah 38:1

These words from the pen of Isaiah the prophet were addressed to Hezekiah, the king. Death plays no favorites, his sickle reaps the king on the throne, and the slave working in the field. It claims the elderly on the bed of pain and suffering, but it takes a tragic toll of young people as well, for the young die too. In the democracy of death, some one has said, that all men are equal. The rich man is divested of his wealth, and Lazarus lays aside his rags, and every person gives account of himself to God (2 Corinthians 5:10). Surely, every sensible, and intelligent person needs to give consideration to this challenging command, *"Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."*

Remember that those who are prepared to die, are most fit to live. Thousands spend their lives in pursuit of sinful pleasures, without ever giving a thought to *"setting their houses in order."* Jesus once spoke of a certain man who said, *"Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry, but God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."*

Such fools have always been plentiful. One may say there is no God, (Psalms 14:1), while another says "God is dead" and

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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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## When Evil Triumphs - What Shall We Do?

Garland Elkins

The answer is: "Commit thy way unto the Lord.- trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass." (Psa. 37:5) In this passage of scripture there is an all inclusive, satisfactory, and constructive philosophy of life in times that too easily produce disillusionment, discouragement, and doubt. Instead of following the impulse to worry, to lose faith, to be despondent, and to drift from the sure anchorage set out for the Christian in the New Testament, let us look at the simple directions.

**"Fret not."** Let us as Christians overcome our worries and anxieties, and let us put the Lord, and His kingdom first. Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Mat. 6:33) Paul, wrote, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called, according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

**"Trust also in him."** Solomon wrote, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Pro. 3:5-6) We must solve our problems not only by thinking right (Phi. 4:8), but also by the right action. (Mat. 7:21-27) As the psalmist wrote, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." (Psa. 37:3)

**"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."** (Psa. 37:5) The final act is self-dedication. In such a dedication worries and depression will pass away eventually. As the psalmist wrote, "... weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." (Psa. 30:5) Paul was confident that in spite of all of the difficult problems, and dark influences of evil men he not only could, but he was persuaded that he would overcome. He wrote, "For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed. for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Tim. 1:12) Like Paul we need to be able to say, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me; and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me." (Gal. 2:20)

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continues to make a mock of sin, (Proverbs 14:9). The way of every fool is right in his own eyes, (Proverbs 12:15). The drunkard tries to justify his drunkenness, the adulterer his infidelity, the thief his dishonesty, and the liar his falsehoods.

Isaiah gave a remedy for such sinners when he said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him turn unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7

Let's set our house in order, and keep it in order.



## In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to bro. Jimmy Parker and family at the passing of his grandmother, Louise Bishop, on Friday evening. Jimmy was blessed to baptize his grandmother into Christ several months back.

The family is in the process of making the final arrangements. Please remember the entire family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to:

Jimmy Parker  
125 Grand Oak Circle  
Venice, FL 34292

SERMONS

Report on Ghana Floods  
*Galatians 6: 9-10*

1st Thessalonians 2  
*2 Thessalonians 2: 12-13*



Bro. Niipaak trying to visit area churches on his motorcycle

## Remember in Prayer

SONNY HAHN  
FRANCES LEAVENS  
LARRY DAVIS  
ROY WINGO  
JACK HOBBEY  
RUBY CACY  
HELEN WILLIS  
VALERIE FINLEY  
BENNIE HOUSE  
BUDDY WARD  
DORIS WHITE  
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH  
FRANK SMALL  
IVA & LEM TURNER  
PATRICIA FORD  
JEANETTE THOMPSON

## Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Sep 30: Song Service - 6:00p
- ✓ Sep 30: Area-Wide Sing @ Lehigh Acres. 2:00-4:00
- ✓ Oct 7: Fellowship Meal
- ✓ Oct 18: Booster Banquet @ Florida School of Preaching
- ✓ Nov 3: Teen Progressive Dinner. See Tim & Penny for details

— COMING SOON —

**Panama Slides & Report**

Tim Simmons

**Ghana Slides & Report**