

- ◆ Today is our potluck fellowship meal.
- ◆ Today is also the birthday of Gizel Attedjro
- ◆ While tomorrow is the birthday of Alicia Douglas.



Next Congregational meeting
May 21st, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 Susan McLellan birthday	3	4	5 Vision Channel 9:30 am	6 Danella Attedjro b'day Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9
7 Potluck Gizel Attedjro b'day	8 Alicia Douglas B'day	9 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	10	11	12 Vision Channel 9:30 am	13
14	15	16 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	17	18	19 Vision Channel 9:30 am	20
21 Congregational meeting	22	23 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga Jonah Simmons-birthday	24	25	26 Vision Channel 9:30 am	27 Women's Prayer Breakfast @ 9
28	29	30 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	31	1	2 Vision Channel 9:30 am	3 Men's Prayer B'fast @ 9am

Bible Mad Gab: Jay Cop Tease Eve Delay Ben

On for cleaning..... Kemberley Simmons and the boys

Food Bank Items: Peanut Butter; Soup; Kraft Dinner; Condiments; Canned Meats/Fish/Fruit; Dry Spaghetti/Sauce

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The Church of Christ meets here at
48 Convoy Avenue,
07th May, 2017

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Is the Church a Social Club?

By David Cariaga

In my experience in the ministry, many of the people who do not know God's way and want "their own way" are often hurt if the truth is revealed. It sometimes bothers me because there are good people around that we want around us, but hate to hear the truth about "God's Way." It has caused conflict and deep prejudice to the Truth because most of these people want to hear what they want and not "God's way." Sometimes, I thought about "sugar coating" the discussions just not to drive people away, but my conscience is often bothered with the question: AM I TELLING THE TRUTH? Topics like Alcohol/Vices, Fornication/Adultery, Homosexuality, Gambling, Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage, Instruments in Worship and many others, just to name a few, can offend and drive people away. With these issues, a topic is going to be discussed whom to please – God or Man?

We all know that in Christendom, our goal is to PLEASE GOD. This is the most important act for a "Follower of God." In the Old Testament, Joshua expressed his desire who to serve and please God in Joshua 24:15 as he said *"as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."* Joshua has chosen God over the world. In the early Christian times in Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles answered *"We ought to obey God rather than men."* Notice our Lord Jesus Christ as He said *"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"* (Matthew 10:37 NIV). Matthew Henry Commentary exactly says the words we needed to hear today - *"Religion is worth every thing; all who believe the truth of it, will come up to the price, and make every thing else yield to it. Christ will lead us through sufferings, to glory with him.... Let us boldly confess Christ, and show love to him in all things."*(Commentary on Matthew 10:37)

Compromising God's truth because of the feelings of the world could lead God's people to disaster. If you read about **Jehoshaphat** in 2 Chronicles 17:3-4, he sought the Lord and faithfully followed God's way. He removed idols from the land and sent out teachers to instruct people in God's law (17:7-9). When a prophet rebuked him for his wicked partnership with Ahab (16:10), Jehoshaphat accepted and went to do religious reforms (19:2-11). His heart was devoted to the ways of the Lord. He served faithfully in the fear of the Lord. His relation with Ahab endangered him, but in the end, he chose to serve God. If he endured the danger of not compromising to the world, then all of us are not exempt as well.

Whom should we please? If God is our answer, whatever man says, instructs and commands, it will always be God who will be followed. If we stand for the truth, we are not a Social Club but a True Church, truthfully serving our God because the truth will set God's followers FREE!

Order of Worship

Prayers for those we love...



Bible Class

9:45-10:30am Sundays

David Cariaga (Acts Chapter 1)

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays
David Cariaga



Worship

11:00 am Sundays



Prayer Time

12:00 pm—12:15 pm Sundays

Leadership for Worship

Song Leader.....Wayne Taylor
Worship Prayer.....James Bortey
Presiding at the Table.....Jeremy VanSlyke
Assisting.....Scottie Simmons
Scripture Reading.....Lee-Andrew Duncan
Exhortation.....James Bortey
Collection.....Jeremy VanSlyke
Closing Prayer.....Dennis Peters
Announcements.....Dennis Peters

John 4:24

**God is a Spirit: and they that worship
Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

1. Wisdom for the spiritual Leadership of all the churches.
2. Our bible class teachers and students.
3. Church evangelism, spiritual growth and unity.
4. Missionaries—Joel Osborne, Ruth Zimmerman and Ron and Karen Clayton.
5. Key to the Kingdom program, teachers and students.
6. Wisdom for the leaders of our country and the military.
7. Those not worshipping with us today.
8. All Brethren living in isolated areas.
9. That Sel's dad will be healed of his prostate cancer and that her mom will have the strength to live through the process.
10. That Jocelyn's Brother-in-Law will be saved and God will ease his suffering.
11. That the Evacuees of Fort McMurray will find homes, financial help or new jobs, and have their needs met.
12. That Corey and Claudia will become strong in the faith again.
13. Those of our congregation travelling.
14. That Gizel Attedjro would stay focused and grow in faith as she studies at the Great Lakes Christian college .
15. That Paul & Heidi Taylor would return to Jesus's Church.
16. Pray that the families of Erma Gorman and Carol Peters see the need for Jesus and return to the Lord's Church.