

## God's People At Work

Jesus died on the cross, not only to save us from our sins, but also, *"that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works"* (Titus 2:14).

As a local congregation of God's people, we are striving to be active in every work that God says is good. For example, as a church we spend our efforts building one another up through the teaching of God's word (Eph. 4:12). We also work to make the gospel available to all so that all may hear about the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15).

But our work as members of the Lord's church goes far beyond the time we spend together. As individual Christians we strive to take advantage of every opportunity to do good to all men (Galatians 6:10). We use our personal time and resources to show care and benevolence toward those who have need. In all things, we strive to let the love and character of Jesus Christ be seen in what we do and in the way we live, giving glory to God.

This is a continual growing process, and we invite you to join us.

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## Bible Studies Are Available

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? We would love to study with you. You can visit us or you can set up a personal Bible study by contacting us with the information provided in this flyer.

God says that He *"desires that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim. 2:4). Therefore, our goal is simply to learn the truth from God's word and to share its good news with our neighbors.

## Visitors Welcome!

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Please feel free to visit us during any of our assembly times or contact us for more information.

### Assembly Times

Sunday: Worship Services..... 9:30 a.m.

Bible classes for all ages .....10:45 a.m.

Worship Services ..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible classes for all ages ..... 7:30 p.m.



## Avondale CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Committed to seeking and teaching truth from God's word in your community and the whole world.



## Please Allow Us To Introduce Ourselves

We are an undenominational congregation of Christians, striving to live and function the way God teaches us in the New Testament.

Please read on to find out more.

## The Bible Pattern

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The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write, “*And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him*” (Colossians 3:17). The phrase, “In the name of” means “by the authority of.” That means that God has given us a pattern to follow and that pattern is provided in His inspired word, the Bible. There are many popular activities, methods and ideas being used in churches today that are not found in the Bible. But doing all things in the Lords’ name means setting aside our own ideas, as good as they may seem, in order to follow His instructions. That is how we prove our love for God, “*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments*” (John 14:15), and show faith in Him, “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding*” (Proverbs 3:5).

Because of our desire to respect God’s authority, one will not find many of the activities so popular in the world taking place in this congregation. We strive to preach and do only what the Bible says. The Bible teaches us about the “*simplicity that is in Christ*” (2 Corinthians 11:3), and that the greatest joy for those who believe in God is knowing we are serving God according to that simple pattern.

The Bible also teaches that God’s word supplies us with “*everything pertaining to life and godliness*” (2 Peter 1:3), and that it is able to make us complete if we pursue it with all diligence (1 Timothy 3:16-17). In spite of the great confusion in the religious world, God also promises that if we seek His will in all things, then we will be able to “*speak the same thing...and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Because of this promise, we encourage all men to set aside their creeds, traditions and other human standards of authority and pursue the pattern delivered to us in the New Testament. What better way is there to serve God than His way?

## When We Come Together

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The church is the body of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27), and He is the head of the church (Colossians 1:18). Because of that relationship, when Christians assemble together as a church Jesus commands that we conduct ourselves the way He instructs us in the Scriptures. This especially applies to our worship, as Jesus said, “*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*” (John 4:24).

To worship God “*in spirit*” means to have the right attitude; a heart that seeks to glorify and honor Him. We worship Him in truth when we express that glory and honor the way He instructs us in His word, which is truth (John 17:17; Ephesians 1:13).

In the Scriptures, Christians are instructed to 1. sing with their voices and with their hearts (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19). 2. They often prayed for their needs and to express praise and thanks to God (Acts 12:12; 1 Timothy 2:18). 3. Every first day of the week (Sunday) they assembled together to “break bread” which is to eat the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). 4. On the first day of the week they contributed funds to support the Lord’s work (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9). 5. They also spent time teaching and learning from God’s word (Acts 20:7; 2 Timothy 4:2).

Though these may seem simple, they are the things that God has said glorify Him. To do anything other than what He said would be a dishonor. When Christians worship Him this way, because it is so simple, it is also very beautiful. The best way to give glory and honor to God is by doing what He asks.

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*“Give unto the Lord the glory due His name;  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”*

-Psalm 29:2-

## The Gospel By Which We Are Saved

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The word “gospel” means “good news.” The good news is that God, according to His great power, offers us the forgiveness of our sins through His Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Bible says in Romans 1:16 that the gospel is “*God’s power unto salvation for all who believe.*”

Salvation is made possible because Jesus came to earth, lived as a man, and taught us about the will of God, all the while performing many mighty works by the power of God. He was then sentenced to death on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. He rose from the dead on the third day, proving that He is the Son of God. He then instructed His disciples to proclaim repentance and remission of sins in His name to the whole world. He wants all to have the opportunity to hear and believe that He is Lord and Christ, repent of their sins, and obey His commands for salvation (Mark 16:15-16; Hebrews 5:9).

The gospel was proclaimed by the apostles and prophets during the first century A.D. During that time it was recorded in the Scriptures so that every generation could read and understand how to have salvation in Jesus Christ.

According to Galatians 1:8, there is only one true gospel. Therefore, not just any gospel can save. Salvation can only come through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12) and by believing the faith that He has delivered once for all (Jude 3).

Do you desire salvation and to have a right relationship with God? If you believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, then you can be saved. The gospel teaches that we must do the following:

1. Hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17)
2. Believe in Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:10)
3. Repent of our sins (Acts 2:38)
4. Confess Jesus as Lord (Rom. 10:9)
5. Be baptized for the remission of sin, (Acts 22:16; Col. 2:12).
6. Live faithful according to the word of God.