

From The Minister's Pen



Abraham --Friend of God

In God's Word, Abraham is called a **Friend of God** (James 2:23). Friendship with God is a worthy and admirable position for all mankind. Our being able to one day go to heaven relies upon our not becoming God's enemy but His friend like Abraham. The qualities of Abraham's life that made him a friend of God can identify the qualities needed within the lives of those today who also desire to be God's friend.

Abraham was the friend of God because he was not a friend of God's enemy. What kind of friendship exists between two when one is a friend of the other's enemy? At best the relationship will be strained. Total fellowship between friends would be impossible (Amos 3:3). The **world** is **God's enemy** (James 4:4). Abraham had not become so attached to his city, family, and friends that he would not leave them when God told him to do so (Gen. 12:1). Abraham was willing to give up all and live in the wilderness. It would have been easy for Abraham to have been so attached to his world that he refused to leave it. But Abraham was a friend of God not a friend of God's enemy! God has commanded us to

separate ourselves from the things of the world around us (1 John 2:15; 2 Cor. 6:16-18). Our friendship with God is inversely proportional to our friendship with the world—the more our friendship with the world the less our friendship with God.

Abraham was the friend of God because he **trusted** God. God had promised Abraham that in his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed (Gen. 12:2-3). Abraham demonstrated his reliance upon God when he took Isaac, his son of promise, and was going to offer him as a sacrifice to God as God had told him to do (Jam. 2:23). Abraham would have offered up Isaac but God stayed him from doing so, and so it was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. Biblical faith, faith that comes from God's Word (Rom. 10:17), means a complete reliance upon what God says (2 Cor. 5:7). Biblical faith is an obedient faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26). If we are to be God's friend today we must possess the same truth.

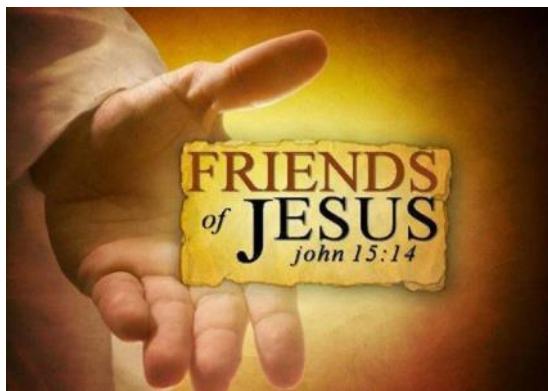
Abraham was the friend of God because he **obeyed** God. Abraham's response to his faith was that he obeyed what God said to do (Heb. 11:8-10). Abraham's obedience is an example unto us because of the many

New Testament references to him. The lack of obedience is because of the lack of faith. Abraham was truly God's friend because he truly trusted God; and because he trusted God, he did exactly what God said to do.

Do we want to be God's friend? Friendship does not come without some effort. It takes two for complete reconciliation to occur. God's hand has always been outstretched—from Eden until today—and will continue to be held out for us until the day of judgment. Are we willing to take His hand and allow Him to pull us back to His side? We are given the choice as to whom we will serve (Josh. 24:15). The Almighty is pleading with us to make the right choice.

If we want to be God's friend we must learn from Abraham's example. We cannot be God's friend if we are friends with the world. We must trust God, and we must complete our friendship by doing all God has told us to do (John 15:14).

Friends, our Father in heaven has done and continues to do more than enough to bring us back to Him. His hand is outstretched. We must take hold of it by giving to Him what is rightfully His—our allegiance, trust and obedience.



WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

In A.D. 33, Jesus established His church upon earth (Acts chapter 2). He had so promised in Matthew 16:18. It is **His body** (Eph. 1:22,23). **Salvation** is found herein (II Cor. 5:17; II Tim. 2:10).

Paul warned that many would depart from the faith, (I Tim. 4:1-4). This happened in 606AD with the establishment of the Roman Catholic church.

In the late 1700's and early 1800's, a restoration movement began in America and Europe to restore New Testament Christianity.

The desire is to call **Bible things** by **Bible names**. We desire to do **Bible things** in **Bible ways**. Why? Because, God will one day judge us by His word, (John 12:47-48; Rev. 20:12). We want to be **biblical** in all things religious. Therefore, we call ourselves the churches of Christ, (Rom. 16:16). We strive to always give **book, chapter, and verse** for everything that we believe and practice biblically (I Pet. 3:15).

We offer God's salvation to all— **Hear** the gospel of Jesus Christ (Mk. 16:15); **Believe** (Mk. 16:16); **Repent** of past sins (Acts 2:38); **Confess** Christ (Rom. 10:9,10); and **baptism** for remission (forgiveness) of sins, (Acts 2:38, I Pet. 3:21) that God may add us to His Son's body, the church (Acts 2:47).

We preach faithfulness to God's word, (Rev. 2:10; II Pet. 1:5-10). We invite you to come and investigate the Church of Christ! You will be happy you did.

Church News and Views



Thank You 
Dr. Washington

You are our **Leader, Preacher, Counselor, Teacher, Listener and Friend.** The *Lord* works in wondrous ways through you. You are an expression of *God's Love.*



Think About It!! Our minister, **Dr. Washington**, never gets to say "I'm off duty". He never gets to punch out at 5 o'clock. Never gets to have a normal schedule. We don't know how many sleepless nights he spends on his knees praying for the congregation. How much opposition he faces. How many family opportunities he may miss to meet with hurting people. We can't carry his burden for him, but we can do what the Bible tells us to do: **Pray for him. Encourage him. Support him.** By blessing him, we will only be blessed in return!

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! (Isaiah 52:7)



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kevin Jones, Sr.

Today, the Golden Heights congregation welcomes our keynote speaker, **Bro. Kevin Jones, Sr.** of Pembroke Park, FL. Bro. Jones will deliver each of today's sermons and will teach the adult Bible classes. Bro. Jones has spoken to us numerous times and we again look forward to hearing his delivery to God's divine Word.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Dr. Harvey Jackson
Mound Bayou, MS



GUEST SONG LEADER

Chris Turner

Today we will be led in our singing worship by **Bro. Chris Turner** of Burlington, NJ. Bro. Turner is known throughout the church brotherhood for his outstanding singing ability. We welcome him and will join him in praising Almighty God through song.

UPCOMING
Speakers
Wednesday PM

October 16th

Lloyd Bryant
North Miami, FL

October 23rd

Kevin Jones, Sr.
Pembroke Park, FL

WELCOME FRIENDS!!



The Leadership and members of New Golden Hts. Church of Christ welcome each visitor in our Friend Day worship service. You will find our worship to be scripturally-based and all that you see and are taught is found in God's Word. Don't let today be the last time that you come. Ask your friend to bring you again in the future. Also, let us know if we can be of any assistance to you during your visit today.

Bible Questions??? Don't hesitate to ask questions about anything that you see or hear in today's service that you don't understand or want explained. The minister will gladly address it with a Bible answer — not opinions, philosophies or traditions. Ask to speak with the minister after the worship service. You also may schedule a one-on-one Bible class that addresses the question, **"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"** Schedule yours **today!**

Bible Correspondence Course: Learn more about what the Bible says by enrolling in our free home Bible Correspondence course. Simply check the appropriate box on your visitor's card to indicate your interest. Lessons will be mailed to you and you will receive a certificate upon course completion.

Free Sermon CD—If you are not a member of the church of Christ, you may receive a free CD of today's sermon Listen to it throughout the week to gain a better understanding of the lesson. If you have questions later, simply call the minister. To obtain your CD, simply ask for directions to the Evangelism Office.

Media Programs—Please watch and listen to our daily and weekly media programs. A schedule appears on the back cover of your church bulletin.

THANKSGIVING CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Donations of the following are needed:

JELLIED CRANBERRY SAUCE
CANNED GREEN BEANS
CANNED CORN

Pray One For Another

• James 5:16 •

"Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick" (John 11:3)

Shut-In:

Charles Davis, Camille Ewers, Paul Frances, Martha Moore, Ermine Mullins, Joyce Parrish, Lillie Jackson

Prayer Requests:

Barbara Adams, Annie Albritton, Raf Campbell, Naise Climes, Arnetta Cross, Thelma Daise, Brooklyn Delancy, Aletha Denmark, Kristin Dicks, Felisha Downer, Donna Eacho, Sharon Eason, Nelzene Edwards, Loerine Ellis, Destiny Eugene., Daniel Eugene, Marie Eugene, Bessie Everitt, Phillip Everett, Linda Frazier, Hanley Freeman, Grace Freeman, Ann Garner, John-Billy Glover, Linda Green, Cora Hargrett, Anthony Hightower, Dudley Hill, Joe Holland, Vernon Holland, Brad Johnson, Becky Johnson, Catie Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Ivory Johnson, Sr., Louis Johnson, Aden Jordan, Cynthia Jordan, Brenda King, Annie Lee, Kevin Larkins, Nancy Logan, Mary Lyons, Isaac McDowell, Elouise Mash, Suzanna Middleton, Sharon Monroe, Willie Mae Morris, Rosie Newson, Dianjalo Parrish, Patricia Reeves, Shay Roache, Akiko Robinson, Monica Robinson, Robinson Family, Peggy Rogers, Rachel Scoggins, Richard & Jean Sherman, Maxine Smith, Yvonne Stokes, Linda Stokes, Brandi Stroman, Morris Strong, Joe Sutton, Samantha Tobias, Rolinne Trompe, Roosevelt Tukes, Lewis & Jean Truttlng, Johnnie P. Walker, Lucille Walker, Ray Watson, Ranspord Webley, Mary Wells, Annie Williams, Betty Williams, Harold Winley, Jackie Williams

"We Come Into This House To Worship Him"
(John 4:24)

Month of SEPTEMBER

	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>EVENING</u>
<i>Announcements</i>	Reginald Johnson	Kevin Azille
<i>Song Leader</i>		
<i>Prayer</i>	Glenn Barbee	Booker Bess
<i>Scripture (Reading)</i>	Raymond Thompson	Raymond Thompson
<i>Song</i>		
<i>Sermon</i>	Dr. W. F. Washington	Dr. W. F. Washington
<i>Call To Obedience</i>	<u>Counselors:</u> K. Hutchison / C. Jean / W. Hamilton	
<i>Confessions /Prayer Petitions</i>	Keith Hutchison (Officiating)	Keith Hutchison (Officiating)
<i>Offering (1 Cor. 16:1,2)</i>	<u>AM —Officiating:</u> Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson	
<i>Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7)</i>	(1) Left, J. Franklin	(2) Left, D. Stokes
	(3) Left, T. Harris	(4) Left, M. Strong
	(1) Right, B. Byrd	(2) Right, E. Holcombe
	(3) Right, M. Hughes	(4) Right, D. Edwards
	<i>Alternates: G. Barbee,</i>	
	<u>PM —Officiating:</u> Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson	
	E. Thompson	C. Jean J. Franklin
	B. Davis	D. Stokes T. Harris
	<i>Alternates: G. Barbee, M. Strong</i>	
<i>Ministerial Announcements</i>		
<i>Doxology</i>	Dr. W. F. Washington	Dr. W. F. Washington
<i>Dismissal</i>	Tony Hugley	Tony Hugley
<i>Worship and Praise Leaders</i>	Keith Hutchison, Reginald Johnson, Lamont DeJarnett	
<i>Ushers</i>	<u>Head Ushers:</u> Booker Bess, Tony Hugley	
	<u>Auditorium:</u> Bros. T. Hugley, B. Bess, F. Williams, D. Adams, E. Thompson, R. Johnson, J. Outler, M. Jeanty, D. Gray, S. Wilson, D. Freeman, R. Rouse, C. Rouse	
	<u>Lobby:</u> I. Johnson, H. Penn	<u>Back Hall:</u> D. Brooks
<i>Hospitality Desk / Concierge</i>	Alice George, Sharon Evans	

BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT

FROM: The Education Department

October 6, 2019

CLASS	ATTENDANCE		COLLECTION	
	GOAL	NUMBER	GOAL	AMOUNT
Church Nursery		3		
Nursery Class(2 & 3)	10	-	\$ 12.00	-
Kindergarten	10	3	12.00	-
Grades 1 & 2	15	4	25.00	-
Grades 3 & 4	15	6	25.00	-
Grades 5 & 6	15	-	30.00	-
Grades 7 & 8	15	5	30.00	-
Grades 9 & 10	15	-	30.00	-
Grades 11 & 12	15	3	30.00	-
General Adult Class	175	106	500.00	-
*GOAL MET		Total: 130		\$ -

#1 CLASSES OF THE WEEK

ATTENDANCE
ADULT: General Adult
YOUTH: Grades 3 & 4

COLLECTION
ADULT: General Adult
YOUTH: Grades 11 & 12

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	OCTOBER 6, 2019	GOAL	ACTUAL
THE RECORD SPEAKS	Wednesday PM Bible Study	300	126
	Bible School	300	130
	Baptisms (2019)	100	26
	Placed Membership		5
	Visitors		-