

## Fortune Road Church Of Christ

# This Is Your Invitation!

In extending an invitation for you to visit the services of the church at Fortune Road, we would like to give you an idea of **who we are** and **what to expect** during the services...

### SIMPLY CHRISTIANS

We are simply Christians, without denominational names and practices. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and we try to follow it as our only authority in religion. Since we find no denominational names in the Bible, we wear no such names. We have no human creeds to set forth doctrine because the Bible contains all the Christian is to believe (**2Ti 3:16-17**).

### THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

We accept Jesus Christ as Lord and respect His authority. Jesus said, “*And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*” (**Lk 6:46**). Adding to, or taking from, the simple instruction of Jesus is to fail to honor Him as Lord. We have no conferences, synods, councils, nor earthly headquarters because Christ has not authorized these. Also, such

man-made systems only serve to compete with Christ’s authority and often bind human traditions upon others, which Jesus condemned (**Mt 15:3-9**).

### THE GOSPEL FOR ALL

We proclaim the message of the crucified and risen Lord. We urge all to accept God’s gift of eternal life in His Son (**Ro 6:23**).

God’s plan for salvation involves:

- Repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ (**Ac 20:21**)
- Confessing Jesus as Lord and that God raised Him from the dead (**Ro 10:10**)
- Baptism into Christ for the remission of sins (**Ac 2:38; 22:16**)
- Followed by a life of faithful service to Christ (**Re 2:10**)

We understand that in order for our faith to be pleasing to God we must trust Him to the extent of obeying Him (**He 5:9**). It is through such faith that we become God’s children. “*For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*” (**Ga 3:26-27**)

Baptism, as an expression of obedient faith, is the culminating act by which God places one in a proper relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you have questions or concerns about your salvation, we would be happy to study the Bible with you concerning the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ and how one should respond to it.

## THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

All who are in fellowship with Christ are members of His spiritual body, the church universal (**1Co 12:12; Col 1:18**). The universal church is a spiritual entity, with Jesus as its head and saved people throughout the world as members of His body (**Ep 1:22-23; Ac 2:47**). As such, the universal church has no earthly or physical organization.

Wherever Christians extend fellowship to each other in worship and work, we find a congregation or local church. In the Bible we read about churches in Jerusalem, Rome, and other places. These were not different kinds of churches (as prevalent today), but congregations of Christians in various places.

These congregations were independent and self-governing, each having a plurality of elders (also known as bishops and pastors) watching out for their souls (**Ac 20:17,28; 1Pe 5:1-4**). Assisting the elders were deacons who ministered to the needs of the congregation (**Ph 1:1; 1Ti 3:8-13**). The members were dedicated to following the example of the Lord in their daily lives (**Ep 5:1-2**).

The church at Fortune Road seeks to be such a congregation -- **a church of Christ** -- in our community.

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN OUR SERVICES

You can expect to be treated as our honored and respected guest. You will not be embarrassed in any way.

In keeping with our effort to carefully follow the Bible, our worship consists only of those

activities authorized by command or example in the New Testament.

First, we offer **Bible classes** on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening for all ages. From age one and up, we offer an opportunity for your systematic study of God's Word. We are blessed to have a group of dedicated men and women who take their teaching of God's Word seriously and prepare their classes accordingly. However, if your children feel more comfortable sitting with you in the adult class, we certainly understand.

If your visit is on **Sunday**, the first day of the week:

- We will praise God and edify one another through **singing** (**Co 3:16**), and offer **prayers** of supplication and thanksgiving (**1Ti 2:1-2**).
- There will be a **sermon** to exhort one another to "*continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine*" (**Ac 2:42**).
- We will observe **the Lord's Supper** each Sunday as a memorial of our Savior's death (**Ac 20:7; 1Co 11:24-26**).
- Only on Sunday do we take up a **collection**, and this is so members of the church can give as they have purposed in their hearts (**1Co 16:1-2; 2Co 9:7**). As a visitor, you are our guest, so please do not feel under any obligation to give.

During our services, two principles govern all that we do:

- "*Let all things be done for edification*" (**1Co 14:25**)
- "*Let all things be done decently and in order*" (**1Co 14:40**)

We trust that you will feel welcome at any and all opportunities that you have to visit. If you have comments or questions, feel free to discuss them with us during your visit, or telephone Mark Copeland at **407-319-1725**.

Why not accept this invitation to visit and investigate the church at Fortune Road?

### ~ Fortune Road Church of Christ ~

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#### Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30am  
Morning Worship 10:30am  
Evening Worship 6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00pm

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