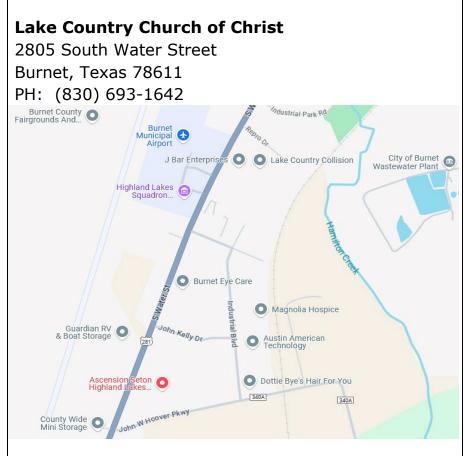
PHYSICAL LOCATION & MAP



MEETING TIMES

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30 am Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 am Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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OUR BELIEFS

We believe the Bible is fully God's inspired word, 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 and that the Bible has not been corrupted. As such we follow the Bible as the only source of authority and we do not accept any human creed, nor any man-made doctrine. We are Christians; members of the church that Jesus established. We are not any denomination or Catholic or Protestant or Jewish.

We confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and the head of the church. Ephesians 1:22. That Jesus, as head of the church, has all authority over the church, and we must do as he has authorized (Colossians 3:17). That the New Testament contains the pattern that we as Christians are to follow.

We respect the silence of the scriptures. The New Testament specifically provides the example that when God is silent on a matter, then we have NO authority to do it. In worship, all actions in which the Bible is silent, are actions that we have no scriptural right to employ in worship in the church (Hebrew 7:14, Matthew 15:09).

The steps to Salvation, to become saved and become a member of Christ's Church, one must:

1-Hear the Gospel, Acts 18:8
2-Believe the Gospel, Mark 16:15-16, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
3-Repent of Sin, Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30, 2 Peter 3:9
4-Confess Jesus Christ as The Son of God, Romans 10:10, Acts 8:37
5-Be Baptized into Christ, Gal 3:27, Colossians 2:12, Acts 2:38

WHAT TO EXPECT

If you visit a Sunday worship assembly you would find a group of Christians gathered together for the purpose of exalting our Creator. In John 4:23-24 we read that God desires worship that is offered in spirit and in truth. Our goal as a congregation is to give Him what He is seeking.

When we gather together to worship on the first day of each week we follow the pattern that is shown in the New Testament by engaging in the following five avenues of worship:

Congregational Singing: As Jesus has authorized, we sing a cappella and do not use mechanical instruments in worship. In worship Christians are instructed to sing, "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19).

Prayers: Various men of the congregation will lead prayers during the worship service to express our thanks, cares and concerns to our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Peter 5:7, 1Timothy 2:1-2, 8).

The Lord's Supper: The church in the New Testament observed the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7) to commemorate the death of Christ. We follow their Divinely guided example (1 Corinthians 11:17-34).

Sermon: The preaching is to encourage, inform, build faith and rebuke if necessary. This time is spent in the presentation understandable studies from God's word (1 Peter 2:2; 1 Corinthians 1:18-21).

Giving Back: A freewill offering will be taken up from the members of the congregation during the worship assembly every first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Visitors are not asked or expected to contribute. The New Testament teaches that, while tithing has ceased, Christians are to give as they have been prospered to further the work of the Lord (2 Corinthians 9:7).

WHY BE A CHRISTIAN?

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In Isaiah 62:1-2, Jehovah God promised to give His people a new name. We see this promise fulfilled in the book of Acts when those who obeyed the gospel were called Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28). Sadly, this divinely bestowed title has been traded in for sectarian designations given by men, many of which are not found in Scripture and serve only to divide. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). The Lord has invited each of us to come to Him and yoke ourselves to His teaching (Matthew 11:28-30). Why should you be a Christian?

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This dark world needs the light of Jesus Christ reflected by His followers (Philippians 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:12). Everyone who wears the name of Christ should strive to be kind, compassionate, selfless, benevolent, holy, loving, peaceable, hardworking, honest, pure and gentle. You should become a Christian so you can have the greatest impact on the world around you.

Next, the Holy Spirit compares Christianity to an athletic event. In sports, most athletes will step up to a challenge and give their very best when they are competing for a prize or a title. Did you know that it's no different in the spiritual realm? In speaking of the Christian race Paul said, "know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians 9:24). Christianity takes even more determination and discipline than Olympic athletes display! You should become a Christian in order to rise to the highest challenge.

Lastly, the best reason to become a Christian is seen in 1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." As God's children we can approach His throne of grace for help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). We can draw near to Him in every circumstance and know that He will draw near to us (James 4:8). Our Father has invited us to cast our cares upon Him and assured us that He cares (1 Peter 5:7). You should become a Christian so you can enjoy an intimate relationship with your Creator.