

# Those To Serve

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

## Morning Worship

### Announcements

Zac Hall

### Song Leader

George Thomas

### Opening Prayer

Ed Hanson

### Preside

Ed Hanson

### Assist

Zac Hall

### Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

## Evening Worship

### Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

### Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

### Lord's Supper

George Thomas

## Wednesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

### Song Leader

Singing

### Invitation

George Thomas

## Building And Communion for The Week of March 1<sup>st</sup>

George Thomas

## Lawn And Ground for The Week of March 1<sup>st</sup>

Zac Hall

# The Park Street Proclaimer

## Prayer List

Susan Tigner, Ed Jones, Tina Thomas, and Loren Hall

## Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer and Marty Britt

## Shut – Ins

Debbie McGuire and Millie Robertson

## Upcoming Events

Questions and Answers – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Singing – 25<sup>th</sup>

Ladies Digging Deep – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

Ladies Day at 39<sup>th</sup> street church of Christ – March 7<sup>th</sup>

Gospel Meeting at 39<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

## Birthday

Meredith Hall Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

Cody Carr Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

Brycen Smith Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> (Julia's Grandson)

## Passage to Ponder: Acts 10:34

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

## Sunday Sermons

Am – God is Consistent in His Justice

Pm – Questions and Answers

## Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 9:11

Wednesday Night – Singing



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

**Preacher: Zac Hall**

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**Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17  
Believe – John 8:24  
Repent – Acts 17:30  
Confess – Romans 10:9-10  
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21  
Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

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## Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to [olathecoc@gmail.com](mailto:olathecoc@gmail.com)

Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

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# Ancestry Not Applicable...

Morne Stephanus

Who are you? What defines you as a person? Probably not a question most of us get asked regularly, if at all. Yet it is a question that delves into the core of our psyche, how we answer often defines how we act and how others view us, for better or worse. Some view themselves as incredibly important or have an inordinate opinion about their worth and estimations based on their social standing, wealth, etcetera. This mindset goes both ways, as some deem themselves “unworthy” because they do not possess the “finer” things or run with the “in crowd” when they’re out. Another erroneous view worth spotlighting has to do with who our ancestors were. Some believe their lineage determines their superiority or inferiority. In recent times, some have used this mindset to indict Caucasian individuals whose ancestors may have been slave owners. Consequently, they were viewed as racist and treated with disdain, not based on their actions but the actions of their ancestors. Thus, their inferiority, unworthiness, and character were defined by their great-great-grandpappy. Furthermore, the popularity of ancestral tracing in our society only highlights how much emphasis is placed on genealogies.

On two separate occasions, the apostle Paul warned young evangelists Timothy and Titus to avoid disputes about genealogies; Nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith (1 Timothy 1:4). But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless (Titus 3:9). The Jews and Gentiles took great pride in their lineage especially in an attempt to show their prestige. On one occasion, some of the Jews touted Abrahamic lineage to erroneously prove their emancipated state (John 8:33). Paul warned that trying to establish from what stock you were would only culminate in contentions and disputes. Who your ancestors were does not define who you are. It has little to do with what you can accomplish in life or your righteousness or unrighteousness. This is the thesis of the book of Romans, that righteousness is in the Gospel and it only (Romans 1:16-17). However, no one person bears this out more than Jesus the Christ.

Just a glance at the lineage of Jesus will highlight the futility of basing one’s worth and ability on ancestry. In the lineage of Christ, you will find Judah, the one who had sexual relations with Tamar (Genesis 38:18). One might say this is not something out of the ordinary. However, amidst the highly convoluted actions portrayed in the account, the Bible tells us that he slept with Tamar, thinking she was a prostitute (Genesis 38:15). One of Jesus’ ancestors thought it was ok to solicit a prostitute. Then, there is David whose actions need no introduction. David committed adultery and tried to cover it up by lying, deception, and ultimately murder (2 Samuel 11). David bore a son and named him Solomon. He followed in his father’s footsteps and became a notable polygamist (cf. 1 Kings 11:1-3 and 2 Samuel 5:10). Subsequently, Solomon also engaged in idolatrous worship. For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David (1 Kings 11:4). Rehoboam’s disdain for God’s people precipitated the split of the Kingdom of Israel (1 Kings 12). Rehab, who (before the conquest of Canaan) made a living running a brothel and prostituting herself, is also an ancestor of Christ (cf. Joshua 2 and Matthew 1:5). Time and space will not permit us to look at the history of everyone in Jesus’ lineage, but these are sufficient to establish the premise.

The ancestry of Jesus is disreputable in certain instances. Yet, we do not read anything in the way of the Lord’s character, actions, and life being anything like his forefathers. What we read is exactly the opposite. We read of His loyalty to the Father (Luke 22:42 and John 4:34). We also read of His unmatched faithfulness (Hebrews 4:15) and His unyielding love for mankind (Titus 2:13- 14). Who Jesus was and what He did while on earth was not determined by His genealogy. The Christ chose His reputation of righteousness; He chose a life of faithfulness and ultimately chose to die on the cross to save us all. Every individual, regardless of social status, economic standing, or genealogy, can walk in righteousness. We are not our forefathers; we are not even our parents! We are free moral agents who have the ability and opportunity to do right and live right no matter our origins. It is not where we come from that defines us, but what we do in life. “Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous” (1 John 3:7). Indeed, in the matter of righteousness, ancestry is not applicable.