

Golden Gate Church of Christ

Welcomes guests, visitors, friends,
relatives and members to the
3rd Annual Gospel meeting

Dec. 7-9, 2012

The overall theme:

**THE CHURCH THROUGH
THE AGES**

The Church Yesterday

Introduction

- **1. At present, many are confused on many issues and philosophies especially with the immergence or proliferation of modern technology. Religion is not exempted from this challenge.**

- 2. Take note that the “ CHURCH” denotes a group of people that are saved from the bondage of sin. Meaning that they heard the gospel, believed, repented of their sins, confessed Christ, and are baptized into Christ, and finally endure to serve God till the end of their life. These are fundamental processes for salvation.

Discussions: The Church Yesterday

- 1. As prophesied by the prophets:
 - **Daniel 2:44-45**
- “In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Dan. 7:14

- He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and people of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Isa. 2:2-3

- In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.
- Many people will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Joel 2:28-29

- “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.
- Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

2. As Promised by Jesus Christ

- **Mt. 16:18**

- **” And I tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

Its fulfillment

- **Acts 2:47**

- Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

3. As confirmed by the apostles:

- A. **Acts 2:47-** Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
- B. **Col. 1:13, 14, 18-** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

4. Some Marks That Matter

- Founder- Jesus Christ**
- Where- Jerusalem**
- When- 30 A.D.**

Names Applied to the Church

- Christ called it:
 -
 - **My church- Matt. 16:18**
 - **My kingdom- Lk. 22:30, John 18: 36**
 - **The kingdom of heaven- Matt. 16:19**
 - **The kingdom of God- John 3:5, Lk. 22:16**
- Apostles called it:
 - **The church- Col 1: 18, Eph. 1:22;3:10**
 - **The church of the Lord- Acts 20:28**
 - **The church of God- 1 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:13**

- **Churches of Christ- Rom. 16:16**
- **The house of God- 1Tim. 3:15**
- **The household of God- Eph. 2:19**
- **The household o faith- Gal 6:10**
- **The kingdom of God- Acts 28: 23, 30**
- **The kingdom of God's dear Son- Col. 1:
13**
- **A kingdom that cannot be shaken- Heb.
12:28**

Membership- Persons who:

- Hear the gospel- Rom. 10:17
- Believe the gospel- Heb; 11:1, 6,
- Repent of their sins- Acts 2:38, 17:30
- Confess Christ- Rom.10:10; Acts 8:37

Are baptized:

- Buried- Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12
- In water- Acts 8:36- 39; 10:47, 48
- To wash away sins- Acts 22;16

Names Applied to Members

- **Christian-** Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16
- **Disciple-** John 15:8;
- **Saint-** Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1
- **Priest-** 1 Pet. 2:8-9; Rev. 1:6; 8:10
- **Children of God-** Gal. 3:26; 1 John 2:1

The Works of the Church

- **Evangelization-** 1 Thess 1:8
- **Benevolence-** Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 5:16
- **Edification-** Eph. 4:11-16

Organization in the Church

- Organically independent of every local church
- Self-governing under Christ, the heavenly bishop- Acts 14:23; 1 Pet. 5:4
- With bishops, elders, pastors, presbyters- Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Acts 14:23
- With deacons to serve- 1Tim. 3: 8-13
- With members who minister the Word- 1 Cor. 12: 24-27

Doctrine- New Testament

- **Christ is the lawgiver-Eph. 4: 7-16**
- **The H. S. is the revealer- 1Cor. 2:13;
Eph 3: 1-6**
- **The apostle's teaching is its manual-
Acts 2:42;Eph. 2:20**



Message- Derived from the Gospel

- **Facts to believe:**
 - **Death of Christ- I Cor.15:1-3**
 - **Burial of Christ- I Cor. 15: 4**
 - **Resurrection of Christ and its evidence- I Cor.15:4-9**
- **Commands to obey:**
 - **Believe in Christ- Mk. 16:16; Acts 16:31**
 - **Repent of sins- Acts 17:31; 2:38**
 - **Be baptized- Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Pet.3:21**
- **Promises to enjoy:**
 - **Remission of sins- Acts 2:38; 3:19**
 - **Communion of the Holy Spirit- 2 Cor. 13:14**
 - **Eternal Life- Rev. 2:10; 22:14**
-

Unity- Undenominational

- The Savior prayed for it- Jno. 17:20, 21
- The Apostle plead for it- I Cor. 1; 10
- The Apostle present the plan of it- Eph. 4: 4-6
- One Body—unity in organism (parts)- Rom. 12: 4,6; I Cor.12:12-27
- One Spirit—unity in life- I Cor. 1:10; Gal. 5:22-24
- One hope—unity in trust- I Thess. 4:13-18; I Peter 1:3-4
- One Lord—unity in authority- I Cor. 8:5
- One faith—unity in message- Gal. 1: 6-12
- One baptism—unity in practice:
 - As regards subjects—believers- Acts 8: 12
 - As regards action—burial- Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4
 - As regards design—salvation- 1 Peter 3:21
- One God—unity in worship- I Cor. 8:5
- The faithful perpetuate it- Eph. 4:1-3
-

Destiny- Heaven

- By heaven's wisdom, it was purposed- Eph. 3:10-11
- By heaven's love, it was purchased- Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28
- By heaven's grace, it is kept- Rom 5:2; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 4:16
- By heaven's glory, it hopes- 2 Tim. 2:10; Heb 2:10
- In heaven, it will go- 1Pet 1:4; Col. 1:5
- In heaven, it will remain- 1 Thess. 4:17; 1Cor 15:24
- In heaven, it shall rest- Heb 4:8-11

Its Worship

- **Communion-** 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:26-30; Acts 20:7
- **Singing-** Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16
- **Praying-** Acts 2:42; 1 Thess. 5:17, 23 - 24
- **Teaching-** Acts 2:42; 1 Tim. 3:15
- **Giving-** 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; 2 Cor. 9:7

Its Devotion

- **To the word of Christ**
- **As the eternal word- Matt. 24:35; I Pet. 1:25**
- **As the inspired word- 2 Tim. 3:16; I Cor. 2:13**
- **As the life giving word- Matt. 4:4**
- **As the infallible word- Ps. 119:160**
- **As the saving word- Jas.1:21**
- **As the complete word- 2 Tim. 3:16,17**
- **As the sufficient word- 2 Tim. 3:16,17**
- **As the powerful word, Heb. 4:12; Rom. 1:16**
- **As the comforting word, I Thess. 4:14-18**

- **To the example of Christ- I Pet. 2:21**
- **Toward His family,-Lk. 2:51; Jno. 19:26,27**
- **Toward His heavenly Father- Jno. 5:30; 6:38; 8:29; Lk. 22:42**
- **Toward civil govt.-Matt. 22:15-22**
- **Toward His enemies- Matt. 5:43-48; Lk.23:34**
- **Toward lost men- Matt. 8:11; Lk. 15**
- **Toward the church itself- Eph. 5:25**
-

Its Universality- All nations

- **The commission of its heralds is worldwide-
Matt. 28:18-20**
- **Its scope involves every race, color and tongue-
Mk. 16:15,16**
- **Its invitation is to all- Rev. 22:17**
- **Its duration is age lasting- I Cor.15: 23-26**
- **Its fellowship is for obedience- I Jno. 1:7**
- **Its benefits are eternal- 2 Pet.1:10,11; Rev. 22:2**

Its Governance

- In heaven is its head- Eph.1:19; 4:8-10
- From heaven came its law-Eph. 1:22; 4:11-16; Rom. 8:2
- Under heaven it serves- Eph.5:23,24
- Toward heaven it worships-Jno. 4:24; Acts 12:15

Some Religious Organizations

Name of the Church	Date	Place	Founder
• Roman Catholic church	606 AD	Rome, Italy	Pope Boniface 111
• Lutheran church	1520 AD	Germany	Martin Luther
• Episcopalian church	1534 AD	England	Henry V111
• Presbyterian church	1536	Switzerland	John Calvin
• Congregational church	1550	England	Robert Browne
• Baptist church	1607	Holland	John Smythe
• Methodist church	1739	England	John Wesley
• Mormon church	1830	America	Joseph Smith
• Adventist church	1830	America	William Miller
• Christian Scientist	1866	America	Mary Baker Eddy
• Jehovah's Witnesses	1872	America	Charles T. Russel
• Iglesia ni Cristo	1914	Philippines	Felix Manalo

Summary

- We learned from the Scriptures regarding the Church yesterday.
- As prophesied by the prophets, promised by our Lord Jesus Christ, and as confirmed by the Apostles.
- Further, the Church yesterday has its own marks that may help you distinguish it from denominations.

Conclusion

- If and when you are satisfied on the presentation nor have a any concern regarding this matter, may I invite you to come forward while we sing the song of invitation