

Tipp City Church of Christ

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As a body the Church of Christ strictly follows the ways of worship as described in the New Testament. It's their belief that the New Testament is the only rules for faith and practice in religious matters, and that God's Word must authorize all that is done in Christian worship.

The Tipp City Church of Christ operates under those same guidelines, and though their style of worship may differ from some of the traditional norms the central message is still all about Christ.



Robert Vincent has served as the preacher for 11 years and takes great pride in working towards the goals set before him. "We are seeking to be the church we read about in the New Testament. We believe in Christ, as the son of God and that the Bible is God's inspired Word," said Vincent.

The Church of Christ uses no musical instruments; all the singing is done a cappella, as was done during the times of the New Testament. (speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and song from the spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19). Many first time visitors are pleasantly surprised by how much they enjoy the sound of just the voices, which can make it easier to focus on the songs meaning. "I've had people say, 'You can actually understand the words'," said Vincent.

All worship and classes at the Church of Christ are centered on the Bible. Vincent's sermons are pulled directly from the Bible as he teaches verse by verse. Bible classes are also held for every age group, from young children to adults. The classes are non-denominational; every lesson is based simply upon the Bible.

Communion is served every Sunday, just as they did in New Testament times (On the first day of the week we came together to break bread...Acts 20:7). It's considered a highlight of the week to be able to commemorate Christ's death and celebrate His promised return.

Upon first arriving at the Tipp City Church of Christ, Vincent was immediately struck by the friendliness of the congregation. An effort is made to be very 'visitor friendly' church. "When people visit they find a warm and friendly welcome," said Vincent.

Vincent was called into the ministry during his freshman year of college at the Ohio Valley College, which is now Ohio Valley University. He graduated in 1985 and shortly after got his first

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job as a full time preacher in Galion, Oh. His next church was in Caldwell, Oh for almost 12 years and then in Marietta for six years before coming to Tipp City.

Married for 28 years, Vincent met his wife, Debbie, in college and was married after graduation. They have three children, twin daughters and a son.

The Tipp City Church of Christ was built at its current location, 6460 S. County Road 25A, in 2001. The church had previously met on Third Street. In 2008 a multi-purpose room and more classrooms were added on to the building.

In the ministry since 1985, Vincent still takes great pleasure in making a positive impact on others. "I enjoy working with people to share God's love to affect their lives for all of eternity," he said.

Worship at the Tipp City Church of Christ is at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays with Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.