

## The Oldham Lane Church of Christ

The Oldham Lane congregation was planted by the Baker Heights Church of Christ in 1995. Seventy members of the Baker Heights congregation started the Oldham Lane church. Jimmy Jividen came with them as the minister and continues to attend the congregation to this day.

We now have 3 full-time ministers, 7 elders, 21 deacons, and over 500 members. We are also blessed to have many retired preachers who bring great wisdom, knowledge, and experience to our family. Oldham Lane is a congregation filled with love and dedication to shining the light of Christ's Gospel to all men near and far.

It is that love that led to the establishment of the **Proof of Love Ministry**. Our congregation has been blessed with many material goods and talented people. We know that this blessing is something that God expects us to use in helping others, especially those of the household of God (**Galatians 6:10**). Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to God for this opportunity and we pray that we will use it to bring about great spiritual growth throughout the congregations of our Lord's church in our nation.

## MISSION EFFORTS TO HELP CONGREGATIONS

We understand that many small congregations would like to conduct evangelistic activities but lack resources to accomplish this desire. Proof of Love seeks to aid in this endeavor through domestic mission efforts. These efforts involve a group of Christians coming to work with you in order to reach out to your community and edify your congregation. Currently, there are two types of mission efforts that we offer:

### **Evangelistic Campaign**

This effort consists of a campaign to invite people to services and conduct Bible studies. There would also be a Gospel Meeting each evening in conjunction with this effort.

### **Vacation Bible School**

We send a team to your congregation to work with you on conducting a Vacation Bible School. This effort involves spending several days preparing and inviting the children from the area to attend. This is a great way to reach young families in your community.

## FUTURE PLANS FOR MISSION EFFORTS

We plan to add various workshops to our mission efforts. These will be focused on edifying the members of your congregation in many areas of Christian work.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.

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# Showing Proof Love By Helping Our Brethren

“But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.”

**1 John 3:17-18**

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# Helping Meet the Needs of Small Congregations

## **PROOF OF OUR LOVE**

The book of Acts and the letters to the first century congregations record commands and examples regarding the responsibility of Christians to help one another. The church in Jerusalem was dedicated to meeting the needs of its members (**Acts 2:44-45; 6:1; 4:34-37**). When the church expanded, the church at Antioch *“determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren in Judea”* with Paul and Barnabas (**Acts 11:29-30**).

There are many small congregations that are fighting on a weekly basis to maintain a spiritual presence in their communities. Biblical example and Christian love dictates that we should be driven to help these struggling brethren. Paul spoke to the Corinthians about their need to be desirous to help their brethren in Judea. Their generosity toward these brethren was to be the *“proof of their love”* (**2 Corinthians 8:24**). This proof was demonstrated in giving from their abundance to needy congregations so that those brethren might abound also (**2 Corinthians 8:13-15**). This is the unselfish love that shows (gives proof) that we are the disciples of Jesus Christ (**John 13:34-35**).

Proof of Love Ministries is an effort to extend aid to congregations that are small in number, do not have a regular preacher, or just feel that this kind of help will enable their congregation to grow stronger. It is our prayer to provide strong Biblical teaching material that will build up our brethren spiritually. We also long to put “boots on the ground” to help congregations by means of campaigns and short-term ministers working with them. There are internet resources that will soon be available as well. All of these items are provided completely free of charge to those who have need. If you have needs or know of those who do -- let us know so that we can help.

## **BIBLE CLASSES:**

Our classes consist of 13 lessons on 7 DVDs and written study material. The following classes will be available by summer 2010:

### **“We Have Found the Messiah” - John Shows Us Jesus**

The book of John is 92% unique from the other 3 Gospel accounts. The class examines this unique view of our Lord as the Messiah with special emphasis on His “I am” statements.

### **The Longest Day**

This class is an in-depth look at the last 24 hours of our Lord’s life upon this earth. It is our hope that this will strengthen Christians through better knowledge of what Jesus did for them.

### **The First Century Church (1): The Jewish Church**

In this study series we study the church of the first century. The first quarter of this series deals with the Jewish church as seen in the first twelve chapters of the book of Acts.

### **“Right in Their Own Eyes” Immorality in America**

This class shows the moral degradation of our nation in the light of scripture. Controversial issues such as abortion, homosexuality, and embryonic stem cell research are addressed in detail.

These classes will be available by winter 2010:

### **The First Century Church (2): The Gentile Church**

### **God’s Plan for Salvation**

### **Christianity 101**

### **How to Study the Bible**

## **TOPICAL SHORT CLASSES:**

These classes are shorter than a full quarter and vary in length depending on the topic. We endeavor to address specific topics and difficult texts with these classes. The following class will be available by January 2010:

### **Marriage as God Intended**

This study class focuses on what the scriptures say a marriage needs in order to be what God intended when He established marriage. There is also an in-depth discussion of divorce & remarriage.

### **“Music in the Church” Series (6 lessons)**

This is a study about the Biblical and historical aspects of music in the church. These lessons come with books containing the full text of the lessons.

## **SERMONS:**

The sermons are from the worship services at Oldham Lane. There will be 13 sermons each quarter on 7 DVDs.