

The General Sunday School Association (GSSA) is providing portions of lessons for several age groups on a common topic. Please visit the Church of Christ's Audio Visual Aid (AVA) committee website at [www.cocsermons.net](http://www.cocsermons.net) and click on the "Resources" tab to view all complete lessons and studies for children and adults. Contact Susan Porter at: [porter\\_susan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:porter_susan@sbcglobal.net), or 9 Market Street, Middleville, MI 49333, for more information.

**The GSSA has a private Facebook group for all members; to be added contact Betsy Trudgen, [trucooking@yahoo.com](mailto:trucooking@yahoo.com). Sunday School teachers post their ideas; very helpful to many!**

## Church of Christ History

Sunday School lessons on the subject of teaching church history can be found on the Church's website. **Go to [www.cocsermons.net](http://www.cocsermons.net).** Under the Resources Tab, you will find a link to Lessons. In the Middle/High School section, are a few links, including Church History for Juniors by Donna Moser, along with a teacher's edition.

**To view several videos that were developed by our church, click on the Video link.** Most of them are relatively short and can lead into discussions with your students and possibly construct a timeline from these videos.

**Elder Ronnie Gill has a YouTube Channel with several videos (in Spanish) regarding the history of the Church of Christ; accessible from [cocsermons.net](http://cocsermons.net).**

**For the first four videos listed here, the content was written by Apostle Roland Sarratt:**

### [Church of Christ - Organization of the Church \(1830\)](#)

On April 6, 1830, in Fayette, New York, the Church of Christ was organized with six men present: Joseph Smith Jr., Hyrum Smith, Samuel H. Smith, David Whitmer, Peter Whitmer and Oliver Cowdery. The priesthood authority was restored in May 1829, and Joseph and Oliver baptized each other. Additional

priesthood was given April 6, 1830, which included the office of elder and the power to lay on hands for the Holy Ghost. They were instructed by revelation to establish the church as it was in the days of old, or the New Testament era.

### [Church of Christ - The Lord's Purpose in This Church](#)

Since the death of Joseph Smith, there has been a concerted effort made by our church fathers to preserve and correct the church, both doctrinally and structurally. According to the Bible and the Book of Mormon it is our testimony that the Church of Christ today is more scripturally correct than any other Restoration church. This is not because of what man has done, but what God has done. The hand of God has preserved this little remnant for His own purposes. The Lord has done this in spite of the human element; both within the church and the ever-present opposition from without the Church.

### [Church of Christ - More Recent Events](#)

On New Year's Day, 1990 an arsonist set fire to the church on the and the new building had to be built in its place. It is the headquarters for the Church of Christ and provides a place of worship for the Temple lot Local. The Church of Christ has remained small in number from the time of its return to Independence until now. Much effort has been put forth into missionary work, which has been moderately successful with the establishment of local churches in various areas. There was a significant increase in the 1920s, due to the influx of transfers from the RLDS Church, but a division occurred resulting in nearly half of the membership leaving and establishing another Church in the 1950s.

A mission was opened in Yucatan, Mexico which has been successful in reaching many of the people in that area. Several local churches have been established there in more recent times. A mission was opened in Honduras and we have two local churches there. It has been the desire of this people to take the fullness of the gospel of Christ to the house of Israel, in fulfillment of the prophecies. Thus our special interest has been to reach the Native Americans and all other people who are identifiable as being descendants of the Israelites. During the year of 2000, a contact was made with some people in Kenya, which opened the work there and some of the other nations in Africa. Likewise, a contact was made with some of the people in the Philippines in 2001, resulting in opening the work among that people. The growth of the Church of Christ has more than doubled as a result of the converts from those missions. The future growth of this church looks very promising at this time.

### [Church of Christ - The Work in Mexico, Other Sheep I Have](#) **By Tim Oar:**

This is a 46-minute video with narration from Apostle Donald McIndoo, and some of the brothers and sisters in the Yucatan. Well done and enjoyable to watch!

### [Church of Christ - The Work in Africa](#) **By Apostle Brian McIndoo:**

This 13-minute video depicts the miraculous account of how the Church of Christ's work began in Africa. Inspirational! What can you do in your Sunday School class to help spread the gospel?