

Global Ministries Christian Church Karate Dojo Annual Report for 2016

The Karate Ministry, now in its seventh year of service to this church and community, was founded at G.M.C.C. on April 28, 2010 by brother Richard M. Scott, a certified 7th Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Gojuryu Karate. Sensei (Teacher) Scott was also founder and teacher for 34 years at his former church, the Twelfth Baptist Church of Roxbury, MA. There are currently 19 active students.

The classes are co-ed and for ages 7 - to adult.

Our General Classes meet in Butry Hall each Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Advanced Training Classes: 7p.m. – 8p.m.

Special Tactics Training: 8p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Our Founding Bible Verse is The Lord's "I Love You note" John 3:16.

In addition to training in the Okinawan Gojuryu Karate system, students are taught the following:

- Jesus is LORD, serve Him.
- Love Jesus, your neighbor and yourself.
- Alternatives to violence.
- Violence is a Last resort and for self-defense only.
- Your body is God's Temple.
- Respect Authority.
- Read the Bible yourself.
- Self Control.
- Pursue Excellence.
- Courtesy.
- Faithfulness.
- Discipline.

Manhood Principles are also taught, i.e. Real Men:

- Love Jesus.
- Take care of their children.
- Don't hit females.
- Have a work ethic.
- Are not selfish.
- Keep their word.

Sensei Richard Scott is a retired Assistant Chief Probation Officer for Boston's Suffolk Juvenile Court Department. He is a happily married, father and grandfather with over 40 years of karate, youth ministry and Bible school teaching experience. He's been studying karate (nonstop) since 1973. He has been training at the Okinawan Gojuryu Karate Academy with 9th degree Master (and Karate pioneer in the U.S.) Anthony Mirakian since 1978. Sadly, Master Mirakian passed away on March 31, 2015. We are thankful that he knew The Lord. Since then, Sensei Scott continues teaching and training under Master Mirakian's Sempai (First Student) Paul Zazour of the Okinawan Academy.

The ministry is still studying and memorizing Bible verses, the 66 books of the Bible (chronologically) some karate history, Japanese language and karate terminology. The class is not for profit. Instruction is free but there's an annual registration fee of \$25.00 (i.e. 25 cents a class). The fees are used for equipment, witness materials for our *N.O.W. Table and to assist hardship cases (No one is ever rejected for financial reasons). Uniforms range between twenty five and forty dollars depending on size.

In 2016, the Dojo (Class) had special karate training at G.M.C.C. with Black Belt visitors from the Netherlands and the Okinawan Academy. Feeding Crane Kung Fu practice (Sensei Richard Scott allowed his Black Belt students to do additional seminar training in this related system at the Watertown dojo). On 2-20-16, the class did a surprise 40 Years of Teaching celebratory dinner for Sensei Scott at Legal Sea foods on Boston's Waterfront. On 5-2-16, Sensei Scott did an hour **interview about the Karate Ministry by Pastor Bruce Wall on Boston Praise Radio. In August, two of my most faithful and supportive students, Alton and Rochelle Lewis were promoted as they left to relocate in Atlanta, Georgia.

Please pray for us as we seek to strengthen our bodies, minds and spirits through this unique ministry.

“Only Scripture, Only Christ, Only Grace, Only Faith, Only to the Glory of God!”

*Our “N.O.W. “ table (N.O.W. stands for “No Other Way” and is based upon John 14:6) distributes free Bibles, Christian books, C.D.s, witnessing tracts, hand sanitizer, pens, winter hand warmers, gloves, hats etc.

** See it on YouTube under,
Pastor Bruce Wall and his friend Richard Scott 5-2-16

Respectfully submitted,
Sensei Richard M. Scott

