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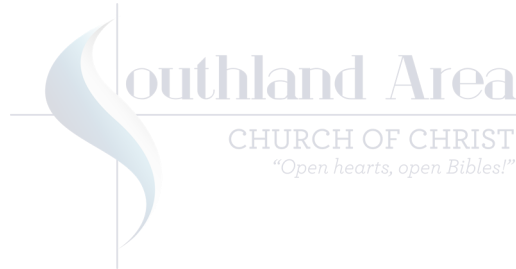
THE MESSENGER

"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." 1 John 1:5

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WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Class.....10 a.m.

Worship11 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

(Last Wed. each month @ 7 pm)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR

Rom. 1:16;
10:17

BELIEVE

John 8:24

REPENT

Luke 13:3
Acts 3:19;

CONFESS

Rom 10:9-10
Matt. 10:32

BE BAPTIZED

Acts 2:38;
22:16

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

How to Resist the Devil

We underestimate our adversary, the devil, at our peril! Many who used to follow the Lord faithfully, no longer do so, having fallen victims to his snares of lies and deceptions (John 8:44). It may seem like an impossible task standing up against him, but he can be resisted. James says, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:8). The fact that we have been commanded to resist him should tell us that it can be done. But how?

We must be steadfast. I Cor. 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Without a mindset to stay the course, falling out is predictable. Like any athlete in a race, we must persist to the finish line (Phil. 3:14), regardless of how challenging it may be at times. Paul said that we should “...consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Rom. 8:18). Too many of us are falling short of our great inheritance that God has in store for us (I Pet. 1:4) because we lack the mindset to stay the course.

We must feed our knowledge with the Word of God. The devil has been successful especially against those who hardly ever study the Bible! Many of God’s people in the Old Testament fell into the same trap. God said in Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” Jesus taught us that resisting the devil will come through knowing the word to empower us in times of temptation. On each occasion as He was tempted by the devil, Jesus resisted his lies and deception by using scripture “It is written...” (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). The Bible is not a mere literature, it is the sword of the Holy Spirit to fight against sin. Psa. 119:11 “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!”

We must be spiritually minded. Our minds will always be somewhere...even in wonderland! In light of the many places our minds can wander, Paul encourages to “set our minds on things above and not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1) because a mind left on its own will be a valuable tool for the devil! The Greek word for “set” means to “exercise or train” implying that we must exercise the mind. According to Heb. 5:14, we can exercise our minds to know the difference between good and evil. So “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things” (Phil. 4:8).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to **silence** your cell phones.

We thank God and everyone who helped to make last week’s **Family and Friend’s Day** a resounding success. We had 90 in attendance, our largest turnout yet! Also, a special thank you to Sisters Doris Davis and Vivian Simmons for inviting the most people!

Sis. Angela Williams is out of town this weekend.

Congrats to Sis. Erika Williams for being accepted into Walden University for a PhD in Criminal Justice—Homeland Security Policy and Coordination.

Members, if you did not receive a text or email regarding the contribution, please let Sis. Angela Williams know.

For Prayer: A close relative of the Cunninghams and Gambles is seriously ill and has been placed in ICU.

Sis. Diane Kensey-Bridges was taken to South Suburban Hospital last week after two blood clots were found in her right leg. She is now at home resting.

Let us pray that the doctors will be able to find the cause for the chronic pain that Sis. Doris Davis is experiencing.

Also, Erika Dockens, Nadia Hawks, Robert Davis, Ursula Ware. Rob Hardy’s son, Paul.

Our College Students

Paris Mickles: SIU
Darren Jackson: SIU
Bria Gamble: Illinois State



Please remember to submit your announcements to Brother Webster by **Thursday night**.

Order of Service

- Song
- Announcement
- Song
- Opening Prayer
- Song
- Scripture Reading
- Song
- Sermon
- Song
- Lord’s Supper**
- Offering**
- Song
- Closing Prayer

Last Week’s Record



Sun. AM Class	29
Sun. AM Worship	90
Wed. Bible Class	18