

Sermon Notes



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." **1John 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

It's that Time of Year!

Yes, it's that time of year again when billions of people across the world are preparing for the festive season that the Christmas and New Year holidays bring. The merchants are restocking and fine tuning their cash registers while hoping to captivate the consumers. The entertainers are tuning their vocal chords to charm their audiences. Families and friends are scratching their heads wondering what kind of gifts to buy for each other. It is a beautiful time of year for many, no doubt.

However, there is a downside to it. There are many more intoxicated drivers resulting in accidents and people getting involved in lewd activities. According to the US Dept. of Transportation, "Every holiday season, hundreds of lives are lost due to drunk drivers. Nationally, over the past 5 years, an average of 300 people died in drunk driving crashes the week between Christmas and New Year. Alcohol-impaired fatalities make up more than a quarter of all crash fatalities. In 2016, 781 people lost their lives in drunk-driving-related crashes in the month of December alone."

Many Christians get caught up in these activities that oftentimes appear innocent not realizing that they leave themselves vulnerable to the devil. Paul wants us to be sober-minded when he wrote in **Romans 13:13** "Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy." The devil wants us to read our Bibles less, pray less, attend the worship services less and even think of their own souls less! Peter warned his readers to "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8)

We must be ever mindful of the importance of staying focus on the cross of Jesus which provides the salvation of our souls. Let us remember those who are homeless, bereaved, sick, lonely and lost. We must remain doggedly spiritually focused and not be distracted and enticed by the flood of worldliness around us. The world has nothing of spiritual value that is worth keeping at the cost of our souls. Jesus cautioned in **Mark 8:36-37** "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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Please remember to silence your cell phones. 

The ladies are asked to remain behind after worship next Sunday for a brief meeting.

Last Sunday evening, Brother and Sister Gamble, Sis. Glenda Carter, Sis. Deneé and Ann-Marie Webster, Akeelah Webster and Bro. AJ Cunningham, distributed 145 bags of donated items to the homeless in Chicago. The Gamble and Cunningham Family deeply thank everyone for making the homeless mission a success. They are thankful to God to be of service.

D J Chaff graduated yesterday from Illinois State University, with a major in Radio-Television and a minor in Communication Studies.



Bro. Hardy's uncle's funeral arrangements are as follows:

Visitation: Wed. Dec. 18th 6-9 pm,
Wake: Thurs. Dec. 19th 5-6 pm,
Funeral Service: Dec. 20th Time TBD
Location: Leak & Sons Funeral Home, 18400 Pulaski Rd, Country Club Hills.

For Prayers :

Sis. Lydia Chaff and Rob Hardy, who recently lost loved ones. Serena Webster, who's in the military. **Also,** Ursula Ware, Nadia Hawks, Robert Davis, Rob Hardy's son, Robert. Lydia Chaff and her family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sis Angela Williams an the Bell Family will be out of town for several Sundays and will be back next year.

Out of town this weekend:
The Goldmans

For Our College Students:
Paris Mickles: SIU, **Bria Gamble:** Illinois State

Please submit **your announcements** to Bro. Webster by Thursday evening each week.

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



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