

Sermon Notes

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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." 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 indi-

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship11 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 p.m.



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

Before You Take Off! – R. Webster

Before passengers are allowed to board an airline, much preparation is done to ensure the safety of the plane by the airline maintenance crew. In recent years also, (especially since “9/11”) passengers and baggage are meticulously screened for security reasons. The cabin crew and pilots perform a series of checks and briefings to ensure that everything is in order for a safe and secure flight. Later, flight attendants assist passengers to board and stow their luggage, and the pilots follow the procedures and checklists for a safe departure.

Starting the new year is like taking a flight where the right kind of preparation can determine how well we cope with the journey. As we embark on this voyage into 2020, I would like to emphasize the importance of prayer.

With all that is happening in our world in terms of natural disasters, civil unrest, terrorism, sickness, diseases, and financial uncertainties, it’s easy to get very anxious about the prospects for the new year. Now is a great time to present your anxieties and concerns before our Lord in prayer. This message was conveyed by the apostle Paul to the Philippians in **Phil. 4:6** “*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*” As busy as His ministry was, Jesus took time out to talk to His Father in prayer as He sought His guidance and blessings. **Mark 1:35** “*Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.*”

We should also pray for a constant hunger for the word of God. Since “*Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God*” (**Matt. 4:4**), it is clear that our spiritual survival is highly dependent on our desire for it. Many of us have never really engaged ourselves in serious bible study. Is it any wonder then, that after the first couple of weeks into the new year, we are back at square one, despite our resolve to know more about His word? Until we understand that the doctrine of Jesus are the words of life (**John 6:68**), our approach to bible reading will be no different than reading the Chicago Sun-Times.

Our ultimate success this new year and beyond will be as a result of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Nothing breeds frustration more than having constant failures in our lives, which is why many scoff at the idea of making resolutions. We receive the Holy Spirit at the time of our baptism. We are reminded of the necessity of being led by the Spirit (**Rom. 8:14**). He is called the Helper in **John 14:26** which means He is there to aid us or advocate on our behalf. When we understand this important role that the Spirit plays in our lives, we will call upon Him every day of our journey through this year. May you soar above the distractions and turbulence that are inevitable, and find the peace and joy that the Lord has in store for you. **Happy New Year!!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones. 

Sis. Serena Webster is home for the holidays. She’ll be with us for two weeks.

There’ll be no Bible Class for this week, as the center will be closed. Bible class will resume next week on January 8th.

Sis Helen McGee was in a car accident and is presently at the South Suburban Hospital on Kedzie in Hazel Crest. Please pray for her recovery.

Today is the **last day** to have your photo taken to fo4r the directory. Sis Denee Webster will be taking photos in the back after worship.



There is a sign up list for the Ladies Day Committee at the back. Please review it to see if you may be interested in signing up to participate in our upcoming Ladies Day.



Our **2nd Anniversary** will be celebrated on **January 26th** after worship service. Details TBD. Please start inviting your friends and family to celebrate with us.

For Prayers:

Sis. Lydia Chaff and Rob Hardy, who recently lost loved ones. Sis Helen McGee. Serena Webster, who’s in the military.

Also, Ursula Ware, Nadia Hawks, Robert Davis, Rob Hardy’s son, Robert. Lydia Chaff and her family.

Out of town this weekend:

Sis. Angela Williams
Bell Family
Bro. EJ Taylor Jr
Sis Jameka Taylor

Our College Students:

Paris Mickles: Southern Illinois University
Bria Gamble: Illinois State University



Birthday This Week:

Sis. Pamela Lennon - Dec. 31



Anniversary This Week:

The Conner’s 2nd Anniversary - Dec. 31

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



Sun. AM Class	21
Sun. AM Worship	49
Wed. Bible Class	(cancelled)