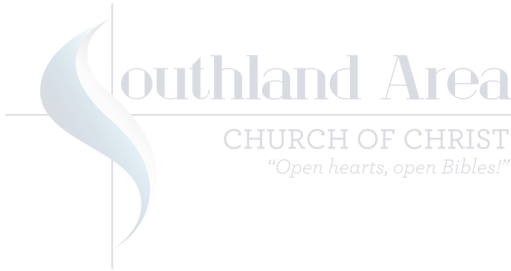


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Sermon Notes



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



# 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.  
Worship .....11 a.m.
- Wednesday**  
Bible Study .....7:00 p.m.
- Prayer Meeting**  
(Last Wed. each month @ 7 pm)

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## Can't Have One Without The Other!

"Student loan debt is now the second-highest consumer debt category - behind only mortgage debt - and higher than both credit cards and auto loans. According to Make Lemonade, there are more than 44 million borrowers who collectively owe \$1.5 trillion in student loan debt in the U.S. alone" – Forbes Magazine. There is a relentless quest to acquire knowledge regardless of what it takes. Sadly, however, many are not able to apply the knowledge that they have acquired for various reasons.

Of what benefit though, is knowledge, if all we do is to learn it? This, of course, was Solomon's experience. In **Eccl. 1:1-18**, he tells that pursuing knowledge is like "chasing after the wind," since knowledge by itself is of no use. While the word of God places great emphasis on the importance of knowledge, it has placed even greater importance on using it. John exhorts us in **I John 3:17-18** "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." James echoes the same sentiment when tells to "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves," **James 1:22**.


**"Of what benefit though, is knowledge, if all we do is to acquire it?"**

Let us be clear though, the importance of knowledge and acquiring it is one of the foremost teachings of the Bible. The Jews were commanded to teach their children and to take radical steps in doing so (**Deut. 6:5-9**). But the knowledge that we acquire from God's word must be used to guide our actions. In fact, the right actions are products of the right knowledge, and the right knowledge will be the driving force behind the right actions, you just can't have one without the other. Paul expressed great concern for his fellow Jews who were still ignorantly keeping the law of Moses zealously, at a time when it was no longer valid. **Romans 10:2** "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge."

Ultimately we will be judged by what we have done (**II Corinthians 5:10**). Consequently, let us diligently study God's word for knowledge and obediently living accordingly to His Word.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones. 

All members who need a tax donation letter, please text Bro. Webster at 708-752-5589.

All brothers will be meeting at the Lightfoots' home this Wednesday at 5:30 pm sharp as we discuss matters pertaining to leaving the center this year.



Our new directories are here and it will be one per family. Please see Sis. Ann-Marie Webster to sign for your copy. Also, a special thanks to Denee Webster who singlehandedly designed and put it all together.

Today is our **2nd Anniversary** celebration following our worship service. Please stay behind and fellowship with us.

**For Prayers :**  
Sis. Trice of Lansing Church of Christ, who's been diagnosed with lung cancer.  
Sis. Helen McGee and Debra Ellis.  
Our military personnel.  
Sis. Angella Williams' son, Jamar.  
Bro. Robert Davis has not been feeling well lately.  
Our plans this year to move into another facility.

**Also,** Ursula Ware, Nadia Hawks, Robert Davis, Rob Hardy's son Paul.

## Our College Students:

- Paris Mickles:** Southern Illinois University
- Bria Gamble:** Illinois State University
- Angelice Gibson:** Loyola University



## Birthdays This Week:

- Bria Gamble - Jan. 30
- Kristopher Anderson - Jan. 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



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