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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." I 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 am

Worship11 am

Wednesday

Bible Study7 pm

Prayer Meeting

(Last Wednesday 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

BAPTISM

Acts 2:38;
22:16

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

A Blessing Beneath the Burden!

Our world is under siege by this pandemic called the Coronavirus. It is hard to imagine that just a couple of months ago the majority of the 7 billion people around the world were going about their normal daily affairs only for their lives to be upended in the most dramatic fashion. Perhaps at this time, some would have been vacationing, while others would have been at work or school. Still there are those who would have been out enjoying the beginning of spring with walks in the park. **Proverbs 27:1** tells us, *“Don’t boast about tomorrow, for you don’t know what a day might bring.”* So here we are, at least here in the United States where many states are under a Stay-at-home order to contain the spread of this virus.

Among the various measures put in place by the government are social distancing (6 ft. apart from each other in public) and only going out to do essential chores. These are particularly hard to abide by since we are communal beings; that’s how God made us (**Genesis 2:18**). This has created unbearable pain for many whose loved ones are in hospitals, nursing homes, senior living facilities and hospice care, etc. Funerals are being held without the usual gathering of mourners, women are giving birth without the physical support from family and friends, and the list continues. How can we find a blessing beneath this burden?

Social distancing doesn’t have to mean social disconnection! While nothing can replace being in each other’s presence physically, thankfully however, in this age of technology, we can still keep in touch with family and friends through the various social media platforms. We can send encouraging messages, pictures or videos via texts or emails to many that we are unable to reach physically. **Proverbs 16:24** says *“Pleasant words are a honeycomb: sweet to the taste and health to the body.”* Being at home all day gives us more time which was previously elusive, to establish and/or strengthen our connection with those that we have some disconnection with. Indeed, we can emerge from this dilemma much more in tuned with each other’s needs, in a world where it is so easy to be out of touch! **Proverbs 17:17** *“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones.



Please check out our new Facebook page at facebook.com/southlandareacoc which we will try to update regularly. The previous bulletin is posted on the page along with other useful resources. Like and share with your friends!

We will continue to have our worship service at 11 AM online. Our Wed. Bible class will also be held online at 7 PM. Please call or text Bro. Webster if you need assistance logging in.

For Prayers:

Bro. Lightfoot's friend's wife and her sister passed away from the Coronavirus.

Sis. DeLois Davidson from the South Holland congregation passed away last Thursday morning. She had been battling cancer for a number of years.

Sis. Ware needs our continued prayers as she continues to deal with health issues.

Sis. Muthleb continues treatment on ongoing health issues.

It is very important that we keep in our prayers our fellow members especially the elderly, medical personnel, law enforcement, and the military.

Also, Ursula Ware, Nadia Hawks, Rob Hardy’s son Paul, Angelice Gibson, Debra Ellis, Aaron Stewart, Laurene Cunningham, Glenda Carter

Our College Students:

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



Birthdays This Week

Aaron Stewart - April 1



If you’d like to give your contribution online, log into PayPal, click “send”, and type in the church’s email “slacoc2018@gmail.com.”



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 Bible Class	cancelled
Sun. AM Worship	75
Wed. PM Bible Class	40