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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." 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

Worship .....11 am

#### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7 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

## Giving is Personal

There can be no doubt about how fundamental giving is in our relationship with God. After spending three years working with the church in Ephesus that he had helped establish, Paul met with the elders and gave them words of encouragement. Included in that message was that they should "...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

Whether we are rich or poor, young or old, married or single, widowed or non-widowed, leaders or followers, the Lord expects us as members of the church to be personally involved in giving. The people who responded to Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost were told to "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38) Notice that in order to have one's sins forgiven, that individual personally must be baptized. "...Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (II Timothy 2:19). The command to depart from iniquity is an individual Christian's responsibility. "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). When we stand before God on at the Judgement, giving an account to our Maker will be personal. Giving our contribution is no different at all. Paul declared "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside.." (I Corinthians 16:2).

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones. 



Bro. Julian Rice and Sis. Kristen Coleman will be getting married **this Thursday**, March 12 at 5pm at the Lansing Church of Christ building. All members are invited!



Please keep the Members' Directory in a safe place as it contains the personal information of each member.

Sis. Trice from the Lansing congregation found out from a recent cancer surgery that there's no need for radiation or chemo since the cancer is not detected anymore.

Bro. Arthur Davis' cousin passed away last week. He will be out of town this weekend.



The study bibles are here for those who ordered one. Please see Sis. Angela Williams.

Sis. DeLois Davidson from the South Holland congregation is in hospice care at home.

### For Prayers:

Our military personnel.

Our plans this year to move into a worship facility of our own.

Sis. Laurene Cunningham and her daughter Glenda Carter still recovering from recent hospitalization. Keep them in your prayers.

Sis. Muthleb continues treatment on ongoing health issues.

Sis. Doris Davis continues to experience severe discomfort in her legs. She tries to make every Sunday nevertheless.

**Also**, Ursula Ware, Nadia Hawks, Rob Hardy's son Paul, Angelice Gibson, Debra Ellis, Aaron Stewart

### Our College Students:

**Paris Mickles:** Southern Illinois University

**Bria Gamble:** Illinois State University

**Angelice Gibson:** Loyola University



### Birthdays This Week:

Glenda Carter - March 9



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	31
Sun. AM Worship	47
Wed. PM Bible Class	23