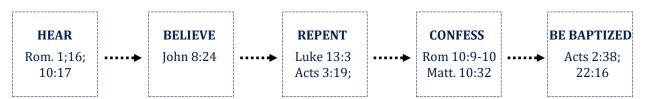
### **Sermon Notes**

Topic: Text:



### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?





# 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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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **Sunday**

Young Christians' Class ......10 a.m. Sun. Adult Bible Class......10 a.m. Worship Service ......11 a.m.

## Wednesday

Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalm 122:1

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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 vou 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 located at the front on the communion table.

# **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

### One stick at a time!

We often want physical success to come all at once ---whether it be a large income, a nice home, a new automobile, or a great physique. This is no less true in our spiritual lives. We would like to overcome every sin and become spiritual giants in the blink of an eye. We would like to know the Bible from cover to cover and have all scripture memorized at the snap of a finger. We would like to have every relationship in our lives set in order with no conflicts at the push of a button. We would like to become prayer warriors at the tick of a clock. However, success in life is achieved over the course of a journey rather than in a single moment.

Dave Ramsey, in his book *Financial Peace*, retells a story from the Tennessee backwoods which clearly illustrates this principle.

"There once was a strapping young man with muscles that rippled over his whole body who was known as the strongest man in the country. Once he was challenged at the County fair to a test of strength by a skinny old man. The old man bet that he could break a bundle of Hickory sticks in two ... and that the young strong man couldn't. The rash youngster accepted the bet. So, a choice number of Hickory sticks were tightly bundled, and the contest began. The old man sat down to watch the youngster go first and fail. The poor young man was sweating, bruising his knee, and making himself miserable, but alas he was unable to break the sticks. The old man stood slowly, stretched himself, walked over to the bundle, untied it, and broke the sticks one at a time with ease. The old man and his wisdom were the talk of the county fair."

Through Jesus, you can overcome sin in your life. You can learn the Word of God. You can have healthy relationships. You can become faithful in prayer. Jesus is aware of your struggles. He knows "your deeds, your love and your faith, your service and perseverance" (Rev. 2:19). He "always lives to intercede for you" in prayer (Heb. 7:25). You can become a spiritual giant. It will not happen in a single day, but rather one stick at a time.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please remember to silence your cell phones and please be reminded no eating is allowed in the auditorium.



Everyone please be diligent in observing CDC guidelines by getting vaccinated, masking up, sanitizing, and social distancing.

Please review the website for any necessary updates. Also, if you would like a year-end tax statement, please email or text Sis. Ruthie Gamble.

If you send your offering electronically; if possible, please use the PayPal option to avoid transaction fees with Cash App being withheld.

Church of Christ Ladies Lectureship Retreat Galt House Hotel 140N 4th St, Louisville, KY April 14 - 17, 2022 www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

# **For Prayers**:

Our military personnel, first responders, new members and educators.

Please pray for Sis. LaDonna Carter who was hospitalized this past week.

Please continue to pray for the Nunn, Oddman, Young, Shields, and Cossom families. Delores Scott-King, Sis. Donna Hall step-daughter, Debbie Cole, Sis. Thigpen's mother-in- law; Betty Louise Jones, Sis. Vannie Wyatt, Brenda Sims, Glenda Carter, Bria Gamble, Selma Raglin, Hercshenia Brown, Lydia Chaff, Laura Simpson, Bro. Goldman, Mickles, Kristopher Strickland, and Malachi Payne.

Our Sunday morning Young Adult Bible class being taught by Bro. EJ Taylor at 10 o'clock. Please encourage young people within your family and your friends to take advantage of this class as they come to worship service.



### <u>Birthdays and</u> <u>Anniversaries this Week:</u>



BIRTHDAYS-

KENYA STRICKLAND~ GLENDA CARTER~

MON. MARCH 7TH WED. MARCH 9TH

ANNIVERSARIES-

BRO. & SIS. RICE~

SAT. March 12th

#### Skills Bank

Remember to submit your information, and do your own verification for licensing.

Sis. Webster.....Real Estate Agent

Gambles ..... Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Sis. Debra Woodard ......Financial Advisor

Order of Service

Song

**Announcement** 

Song

**Opening Prayer** 

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**Scripture Reading** 

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Sermon

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**Lord's Supper** 

**Offering** 

Song

**Closing Prayer** 

#### Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom) Last Sunday offering: Weekly Budget 102 46 \$1906.25 \$2625.00