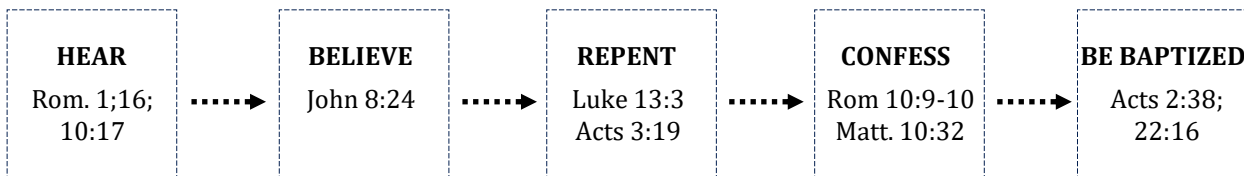


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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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." **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 located at the front on the communion table.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Young Christians' Class10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship Service11 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*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

GOD'S NOISE CANCELLATION SYSTEM!

It can be quite distracting if you are listening to music or a presentation with your headphones or earbuds but find that it is being drowned out by the noise around. Thanks to technology, we can listen to what we want without the distraction of external sounds. There is a feature that comes on many devices, called Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) which, when activated, can reduce unwanted background noise.

We have never lived in a time that has more noise in our environment. By "noise" I am not just talking about loud sounds, but things that are almost unavoidably distracting. Whether it is from social media, Hollywood, academia, politics, celebrities from the world of entertainment and sports, or even religion. This noise has robbed many of God's people of the kind of focus and commitment that He requires of them. Paul lost one of his companions to this when he said, "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world (2 Tim. 4:10). Paul did not hide his disappointment in the fact that many of the Galatian Christians were being bamboozled and misled by listening to the noise of false teachers around them. (Gal. 1:6; 3:1)

As people of God, we have various tools at our disposal to combat the often-destructive noise that is coming from the world. There is the Word of God that is able to keep us grounded and focused on God. Psa. 119:105 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." This is critically important since Jesus warned in Matt. 7:21 that "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven." It is the Word of God that we use to differentiate between truth and error (Acts 17:11). Then, there is the tool of prayer and meditation. He taught the importance of taking some time to be alone in prayer and meditation with our Father. It may be necessary to tune everything out so that you can fully immerse yourself into deep intimacy with God. Luke 5:16 states "Yet He frequently withdrew to the wilderness to pray." Finally, there is the tool of fellowship. When we spend time together in fellowship, it helps us tremendously to cancel out the noise of this world. Isn't this one of the reasons the church in the 1st century grew as it did? Luke tells us that the newly baptized Christians of the church of Christ that was just started "...continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." We must take full advantage of any activity that the church has to strengthen our fellowship because the devil knows how vulnerable each of us is, especially when we are by ourselves.

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May I encourage you to activate God's ANC, noise cancellation system. Unless this is done, we will be sitting ducks to the noise of the world, of which many Christians have already fallen victims.

Bro. Robert Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.



~There is no *eating* allowed in the auditorium.

~Please be diligent in observing *CDC guidelines* by getting vaccinated, sanitizing, social distancing, and masking up. This includes wearing a proper fitting mask that covers both your mouth and nose.

~Please dispose of your used *communion cups* in the trash can in the foyer .

~You are encouraged to use the *PayPal* option for electronic offerings.

FOR PRAYERS :

Sis. Davis had a successful surgery on Wednesday. Please keep the Davis family lifted as she begin her healing journey.

Please continue to pray for and encourage our new members Bros. William Lawton and David Croom and Sis. Nicole Tillman.

Please continue to pray for Christopher Strickland, Sis. Webster; Sis. Wyatt, and Sis. Annette Brantford.

Reminder: Bro. Webster will be taking some time off and will be back at the end of July. Please keep the Webster family in your prayers.

CLASSES:

The Sunday morning *children's bible class* teacher is Sis. Jameka (lower level-2G).

The Sunday morning *young adult class* is temporarily being held in the auditorium.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS~

Sis. Danee Webster	Sun.-	July 24th
Sis. Della White	Sat.-	July 30th

ANNIVERSARIES~

Robert & Elinor Lightfoot-	Tues.-	July 26th
EJ & Whitney Taylor-	Wed.-	July 27th
Juan & Brandi Bell-	Fri.-	July 29th

SKILLS BANK~

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

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

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	54
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	49
Last Sunday offering:	\$3356.62
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00