

**Sermon Notes**

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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." **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**

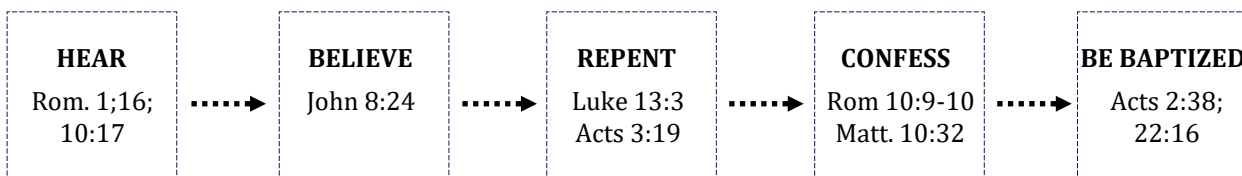
**Sunday**

Young Christians' 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.

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**



*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
**Psalm 122:1***

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## THEY TOOK OFFENSE

It seems many are searching today for an unoffensive religion---one that is all-inclusive, non-confrontational, and non-judgmental. Jesus is recast into a mold of complete gentleness and acceptance. One member of congress, in defense of homosexuality, said on the house floor that Jesus was in full support of this lifestyle because He said nothing about it. Consequently, preaching has been reduced a “*feel good*” message designed to satisfy what people want to hear (2 Tim. 4:3).

However, the Author of true Christianity was one who offended many people. Jesus offended residents of his hometown, Nazareth, with his wisdom and miracles. “*And they took offense at him*” (Matt. 13:57). Jesus’ exposure of false religious traditions certainly did not please people. The disciples, apparently concerned about Jesus’ popularity, came to him, and asked, “*Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?*” (Matt. 15:12). After Jesus had denounced the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, an expert in the Law answered him, *Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also*” (Luke 11:45). Jesus knowing the hearts of men, boldly accused the Jewish leaders of being “*sons of hell,*” “*whitewashed tombs,*” and a “*brood of vipers*” (Matt. 23:15, 27, 33).

The Christian life will not be void of confrontation and judgment calls. Jesus warned, “*Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets*” (Luke 6:26). Being faithful to the Lord may bring you difficulty in the classroom, at work, at home, and maybe even in the church (Matt. 10:17-39). Instead of looking to win popularity contests, let us set our sights on pleasing the Father.

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**“Woe to you when all men speak well of you ...” (Luke 6:26)**

# 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.

When paying offering electronically, you are encouraged to use the PayPal option.

## FOR PRAYERS:

Bro. Webster will be taking some time off and will be back at the end of July.

We extend our deepest sympathy, as we ask for prayers for the Croom and Woods families. Bro. Coom’s relative; Isaiah Woods recently committed suicide after suffering from mental illness.

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

Please add Sis. Doris Davis, Vannie Wyatt, Sis. LaDonna Carter and Sis. Annette Brantford to your prayer list.

Sis. Webster is out of town and will be back this week.

The Sunday morning children’s bible class is taught by, Sis. Jameka downstairs in room 2G.

The Sunday morning young adult class is taught by, Bro. E.J. The class is located behind the auditorium in room 1B.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERSARIES

### THIS WEEK:

### BIRTHDAYS

Sis. Roya Cossom Sat.- June 18th  
Bro. Craig Conner Sat.- June 18th

### ANNIVERSARIES~

NONE

### SKILLS BANK~

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

**Sis. Webster**..... Real Estate Agent

**Sis. Tillman**..... Real Estate Agent

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

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

### 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	53
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	44
Last Sunday offering:	\$2326.08
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00