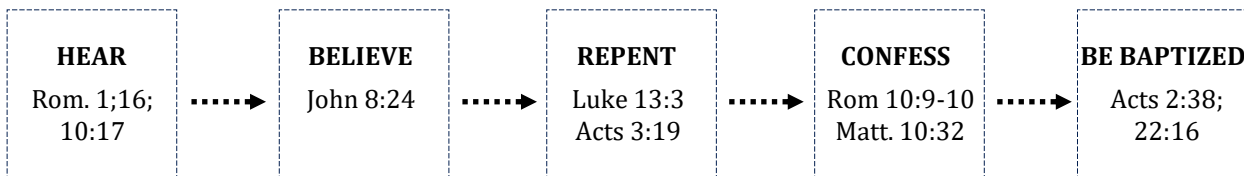


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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

Hell Ought to Make Us Yearn for Heaven!

Many of us have heard the song, "If it ain't one thing, it's another." The general concept is that as soon as you come out of one challenging situation, another comes upon you. As one of the truisms of life, one doesn't have to live very long to experience this.

This was the scenario depicted by the prophet Amos as he describes the punishment by God of the spiritually corrupt people of Israel. In Amos 5:19 "It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him." It is described a judgement day for His people where there would be no escape or relief from the ferocity of the punishment by enemy nations. Earlier on the prophet warned them to "Prepare to meet thy God" in judgement (Amos 4:12). The fact a lion, a bear and a snake are mentioned is to convey the message that this will not be a minor punishment. Jesus did tell us that the final day of Judgment will be a great and terrible like no other. We know how wicked the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were and how they were completely destroyed by God. In fact, Gen. 19:24-25 says, "Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground." The sight of such destruction would have been quite unimaginable, yet still, Jesus says, "Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!" (Matt. 10:15). To put another way, if you thought the destruction and punishment of these wicked cities were bad, wait until you see the final day of judgment. John, while in vision on the island of Patmos, wrote in Rev. 6:15-17 "And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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Thankfully, while we have been given sufficient information about Hell, we have also been given sufficient information about Heaven, sometimes referred to as "the New Jerusalem." Of that spiritual place John says, that while we go through what sometimes feel like "hell," Heaven will be that spiritual place where "...God will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:3-4). Having been battered by this world that is so antithetical to Heaven, it is almost impossible to visualize a place where "if it ain't one thing, it's another."

As we try to grapple with issues after issues, let's be encouraged by the words of our Savior Jesus Christ who said, "...if it were not so, I would have told you" (John 14:2).

R. 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.

We will have our 1st picnic at the WHCOC building at the end of Aug. Date, to be determined (TBD). There will be a sign-up sheet on the ledge for food and entertainment. More details to follow.

FOR PRAYERS :

Bro. AJ Cunningham's very good friend, Joseph Miller was found dead in his room yesterday morning by AJ. Please pray for our brother AJ at this time.

Bro. Chris Shields, the brother of Sis. LaDonna Carter and an elder at the Park Forest congregation, was laid to rest yesterday after ailing for some time. Please keep his wife and family in your prayers including Sis. Carter.

Please pray for Sis. Debra Ellis' granddaughters, Alaya and Jade Neals and the Lightfoot's who recently tested positive for Covid-19. Bro. Booker Carter who isn't feeling well and the Gamble and Carter families who are out of town and will return tomorrow.

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

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.

NO BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

SKILLS BANK~

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

Sis. Webster & Sis. Tillman.....Real Estate Agents

Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
Gambles Property Preservation & Custom

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	63
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	
Last Sunday offering:	\$2961.46
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00