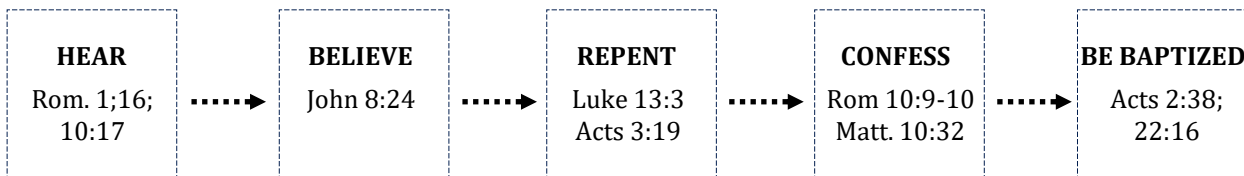


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**Sermon Notes**



**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' 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***

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## King Jesus!

By now everyone would have heard of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II of England. She held the record as the longest serving Monarch of England having been on the throne for 70 years which is just astonishing! Described as a woman of integrity, dignity and charm, her passing has left many across the world, especially in Britain, feeling sad. Her son, Prince Charles III, has been crowned king. However, the role of the Monarch in Britain is merely ceremonial rather than political. It is the Prime Minister and his cabinet that make political decisions.

In the Bible days, Kings were more than ceremonial heads as they were invested with sole authority over their respective provinces. For example, King Saul and David would declare war on enemy countries or execute punishment on lawbreakers. However, the kings themselves were far from perfect. Saul lost his life because of pride and arrogance. King David was not allowed to build the temple because God told him in I Chron. 28:3 "... *You may not build a house for my name, for you are a man of war and have shed blood.*" Solomon ignored the warning from God about marrying foreign women and plunged Israel in idolatry as a result.

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Indeed, many of the problems that the nation of Israel experienced throughout their generations came after they rejected God's form of government and insisted on having a king like other nations. I Sam. 8:20 "*Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.*" Between the Northern and Southern kingdoms, there were 42 kings and 1 queen most of whom were evil and idolatrous.

Now we know why Paul describes Jesus as "...*the King of kings and Lord of lords...*" I Tim. 6:15. Earthy kings are limited in their powers and are mere mortals, which is why they have a successor to replace them. Again, Paul wants us to know that our Savior and King is not only all-powerful but is also immortal (I Tim. 6:16) whose reign will be unending.

*Robert Webster*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS:

- ~Please silence your *cell phones*. 
- ~**No eating** in the auditorium.
- ~Please be diligent in observing *CDC COVID-19 guidelines*.

The congregation will be hosting its first **Friends, Families and Neighbors Day** Sunday, Oct. 30. This is an evangelistic effort to reach as many people as possible with the gospel of Christ. Start inviting your family and friends. More information to come.

The **Ladies Ministry** meets every other Thursday at 6:30pm. It promises to be a great spiritual and social boost for the ladies. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29th

The **Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat** is next April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia under the theme: ***Christian Women Living Courageously in a Spiritual Pandemic***. Reserve your spot early! See Sis. Webster for more information.

We are currently accepting items for the **homeless mission**. Please see the Bulletin board.

## FOR PRAYERS :

The Gamble, Ellis and Cunningham families, the Conners, Sis. Brenda Sims, Sis. Jesseann Taylor, Sis. Davis, Sis Wyatt and her family, the Brantfords, the Carter & Shields families, Sis. Strickland and her son, Christopher, Bro. Ozell Smith's wife, Linda.

Sis. Errika thanks the church for their fervent prayers. Her dad is doing much better. Keep them in your prayers.

## CLASSES:

Sunday morning **Children's Bible Class** is taught by Sis. Jameka. (lower level - 2G).

Sunday morning **Young Adult Class** is taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper level - 1B)

**Adult Bible Class** - main auditorium

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### THIS WEEK:

### BIRTHDAYS~

SAT. SEPT. 24TH—AJ CUNNINGHAM

### ANNIVERSARIES~ NONE

### SKILLS BANK~

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

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

**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

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| <b>Sunday AM Worship &amp; Zoom</b> | <b>82</b>        |
| <b>Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)</b> | <b>50</b>        |
| <b>Last Sunday offering:</b>        | <b>\$3687.33</b> |
| <b>Weekly Budget</b>                | <b>\$2625.00</b> |