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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.

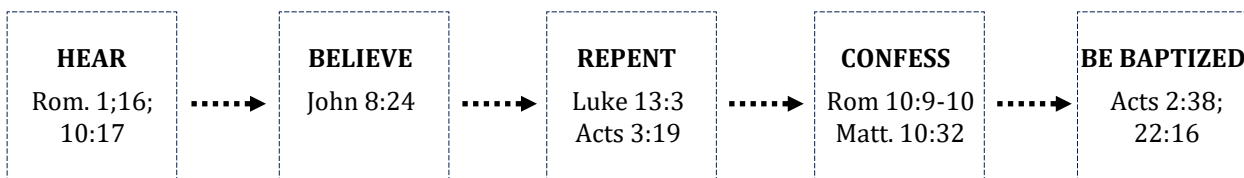
**Wednesday**

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

**ORDER OF SERVICE:**

Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~ Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

**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

## White WITH Snow or White AS Snow!



Chicago, this time of year, is either very cold or very cold with snow. In fact, many are “dreaming of a white Christmas” as the song says since it is also the time of year when nature puts on a spectacular show, when just about everything looks immaculately white after our first accumulating snow.

However, being white WITH snow may be great to look at, but I am thankful that though our sins are as scarlet and red as crimson, we can become white AS snow. The inspired record of the prophet Isaiah says, “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool” Isaiah 1:18. This was not a call for negotiation for God does not negotiate where sin is concerned (Isa. 59:1-2; Luke 13:5). Instead, the people were being called upon to be convinced in their minds that their Creator was right they were wrong! God refused to even hear their prayers because their “hands were full blood” (v. 15). They had no compassion for the most vulnerable of their community, the widows and the fatherless, and said nothing to the oppressors of the poor. Consequently, God says, “When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.” (v. 15).


**“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool” Isaiah 1:18**

God then throws out a lifeline to these sinful people who are destined for eternal punishment. He described their sin as being like “scarlet” and “crimson” which are shades of red. This can be compared to cloth that has been dyed or stained in red. However, through His compassion, mercy and love, they can become spiritually “white as snow” if they are willing to repent. This concept is prophetic in that it would become the cornerstone of the New Covenant established by Christ. The Lord prophesied centuries before in Jeremiah 31:31, 34 that under this New Covenant He, “will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” The idea of being “white as snow” suggest not partial but complete forgiveness. Because sin forgiven means to be erased from memory.

While a layer of snow on the ground can make outside look spectacular, nothing compares to our lives, having been soiled by sin, becoming white AS snow by the shed blood of our Savior!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS:

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

Returning guest please **print** your name in the *Returning Guest Log* in the foyer.

There are **prayer request cards** and a *suggestion box* in the foyer.

The *Ladies’ Ministry* will resume in the Spring of 2023.

## Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat

Theme: *Christian Women Living Courageously in a Spiritual Pandemic*  
April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.  
[www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)

## CONDOLENCES



We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Hardy on the passing of his mother, Robertine Hardy. Please keep him and his family lifted in prayers. Funeral service to be announced later.

## FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Debra Ellis & family, Bro. Croom & family, Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Davis, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Sis. Wyatt and Bro. Ozell Smith’s wife, Linda.

Please continue to pray for and encourage our newest members Bro. Croom Sis. Reba & Michelle Metevia, and Sisters Tillman and McLaurin.

## WE ARE THANKFUL

We are so thankful for the support of the homeless mission. With your generous support, we were able to distribute 130 bags to the

homeless living on the streets of Chicago.

## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

*Children’s Bible Class* taught by Sis. Whitney Taylor (lower level).

*Young Adult Class* taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper level)

*Adult Bible Class* - main auditorium



## THIS WEEK

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

NO BIRTHDAYS

NO ANNIVERSARIES

## SKILLS BANK~

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

- Sis. Webster .....Real Estate Agent
- Sis. Debra Woodard .....Financial Advisor
- Gambles ..... Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

“Preaching the gospel” is available on both Dish Network channel 267 and *Direct TV* channel 376 on Sunday mornings at 6:30 Central Time.

*Gospel Broadcasting Network* is a brotherhood sponsored television station. Go to [www.GBNTV.org](http://www.GBNTV.org). You can also find very useful videos on YouTube. Just type in GBNTV.

## Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	82
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	43
Last Sunday offering	\$5,300.23
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00