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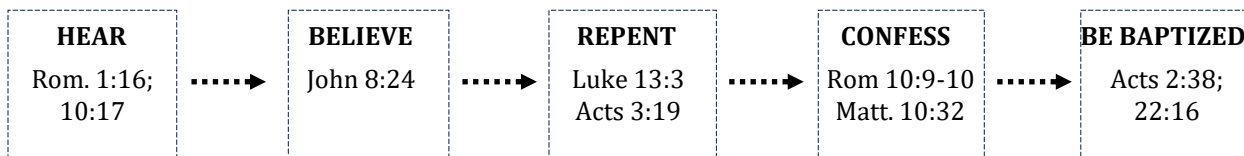
Sermon Notes



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?



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

COMPETING CONCERNS?

"Do not worry about your life..." — Matthew 6:25

A warning which I believe always needs to be on replay in the disciple's mind is that "the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches," and the lust for other things, will choke out the life of God in us (Matthew 13:22). We are never free from the recurring waves of this invasion. If the frontline of attack is not about clothes and food, it may be about money or the lack of money; or friends or lack of friends; or the line may be drawn over difficult circumstances. It is one steady invasion, and these things will come in like a flood, unless we allow the Spirit of God to raise up the banner against it.

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"I say to you, do not worry about your life...." Our Lord says to be careful only about one thing—our relationship to Him. But OUR common sense shouts loudly and says, "That is absurd, I must consider how me and my family are going to live, and how I'm going to put food on the table." Jesus says you must not. Beware of allowing yourself to think that He says this while not understanding your circumstances. Jesus Christ knows our circumstances better than we do, and He says we must not think about these things to the point where they become the primary concern of our life. Whenever there are competing concerns in your life, be sure you always put you and your family's relationship to God as the #1 concern.

"Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34). How much trouble has begun to threaten you today? What kind of mean little demons have been looking into your life and saying, "What are your plans for next month— or next summer?" Jesus tells us not to worry about any of these things. Keep your mind on the "much more" of your heavenly Father (Matthew 6:30).

Bro. Ed. Davis

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**

Date: April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

Ladies are being asked to meet at the front of the auditorium immediately after service. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on a date in the Spring to re-start the Ladies' classes and also to decide on a date for a Ladies Day this year.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The late **Sis. Lisa Bryant** and **Sis. Selma Murphy-Reece**, Sis. Young's cousin, were laid to rest yesterday. Their funeral services were held at the Park Forest Church of Christ.

FOR PRAYERS

Young & Murphy-Reece families, Raglin families, Bryant family, Merriweather, Hardy & Burks families, Goldman family, Palanca family, Sis. Errika Williams, Sis. Debra Ellis & family, Bro. Croom & family, Sis. Kenya & Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Davis, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Sis. Wyatt and Sis. Whitney Taylor

Sis. Wyatt is back at home. However, she's still having breathing difficulties so please hold all calls.

The Palanca family, the Websters former neighbors, lost their father suddenly on Christmas night. They had lost their mom in May of 2020. Their father, Patrick Palanca, was funeralized last Thursday. They need lots of prayers and support.

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

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

We are seeking volunteers for Sunday School teachers for kids. Please see Bro. Webster for more information.

Please send any announcement to be made or to be included in the bulletin to Sis. Ruthie Gamble.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

BRO. BELL	TUES. JAN. 17TH
SIS. GOLDMAN	TUES. JAN. 17TH
JARVIS MICKLES	FRI. JAN. 20TH

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - NONE

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. WebsterReal Estate Agent
Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
Gambles Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	85
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	45
Last Sunday offering	\$3509.13
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00