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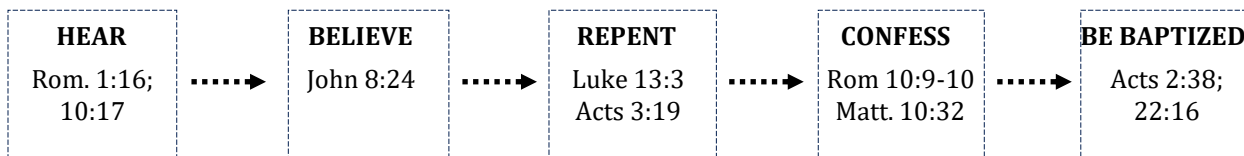
Sermon Notes



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

Prayer on Repeat

It is argued that praying for the same thing more than once is sin. These prayers are considered repetitious and display a lack of faith. This article seeks to investigate, through scriptures, the validity of this claim and further answer the question, “is a repeated prayer a defeated prayer?”.

Let us first acknowledge that the Bible does address vain repetitions. In Matthew 6:7, Jesus says “But when you pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking” (KJV). Here, Jesus warns of repeating words or phrases in your prayers that are vain, or without significance. This text shows Jesus condemning the repeating of words or phrases, not prayers. Further, repeating yourself for the sake of having a long prayer is wrong and condemned in this scripture by Jesus Christ.

We find throughout New Testament scripture, Jesus is perfect and without sin (e.g. 2 Corinthians 5:21 and 1 Peter 2:22). It is imperative that this is made clear as we further inquire. According to Matthew 26: 39-44, Jesus prayed the same prayer three times. Sound familiar? (See 2 Corinthians 12:7-9). Three times, Jesus prayed to God for the cup to pass from Him, referring to His crucifixion. Knowing that Jesus is without sin and He prayed to God repeatedly over the same matter, it is clear that praying for the same thing more than once is not sin. It does not display a lack of faith, but rather a consistent faith. This consistency in prayer, even over the same matter, shows dependence on God.

Let us continue to pray faithfully and frequently knowing God hears and is able.

Bro. Eddie M. Taylor Jr.

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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.

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

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

The **Ladies' Ministry** will resume, Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:30p.m. It promises to be a great spiritual and social boost for the ladies.

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

FOR PRAYERS:

Stacye Forrest the cousin of the Cunningham/Gamble families is undergoing chemo & radiation over the next couple of months, Young family, Bryant family, Palanca family, Sis. Errika Williams & Scott family, The Conner family, Sis. Della White & family, Odell Murphy, Sis. Debra Ellis & family, Sis. Kenya & Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Davis, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Sis. Cunningham, Sis. Wyatt and Sis. Whitney Taylor

Sis. Selma Murphy-Reece was memorialized last week and this past week her brother, Jasper Raglin passed away. The family is greatly in need of prayer.

Sis. Wyatt was admitted to the hospital on Friday, Jan. 20th for additional testing.

Please continue to pray for and encourage our new 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

SIS. NORMAN

TUES. JAN. 24TH



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Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
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Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	80
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	54
Last Sunday offering	\$3098.25
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00