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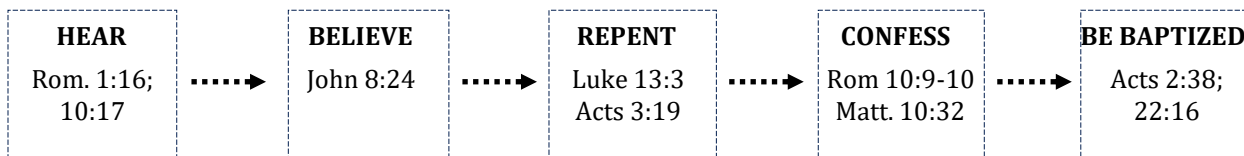
Sermon Notes



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

The Uncertainties of Life

It was R. E. Winsett who penned the song *Jesus is Coming Soon*, a line of which reads “*Troublesome times are here, filling men’s hearts with fear...*”. Though written in 1942, those words continue to be ever so relevant today. We fear uncertainties! We like to prepare ourselves well in advance for life’s events. The recent earthquakes that took well over 25,000 lives in Turkey and Syria underscore the reason why we dread uncertainties. However, no meteorological devices can remove the uncertainties of natural disasters from our lives, consequently, fear will always be a dominant part of our lives. Is it any wonder why Paul told the Corinthians that “*If in this life only we have hope we are of all men most miserable*” (1 Cor. 15:19).

As followers of Jesus, we can have peace amid uncertainties because we have the assurance that our Heavenly Father loves and cares for our needs (Phil. 4:6-7). “*The peace which surpasses all understanding,*” as Paul wrote, “*will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*” To say that the peace of God surpasses all understanding means that we cannot properly comprehend it, but we can experience it as He guards our hearts and minds. Our Lord encouraged His disciples by encouraging them with the same thought in John 14:27 “*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*”

Our peace comes from the confidence that the Lord loves us, and that He is in control. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we certainly know who holds tomorrow. Our Father alone provides the comfort that settles our nerves, fills our minds with hope, and allows us to relax even in the midst of changes and challenges. We must live our lives purposefully and not burden ourselves with worry and fear but keep close to our bosoms the words of David, “*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of them, I will fear no evil, for thou are with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me*” Psa. 23:4. The prophet Isaiah sums it up well for us when he said, “*You (God), will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You because he trusts in You.*”

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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 **requests** and **announcements** to be made or to be included in the bulletin to Sis. Ruthie Gamble at 708-336-3120.

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. We will be starting our **Men’s Class** on the same date and time as our sisters at the church building also. Remember that these classes are every other week.

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

The registration cost will be taken care of for one (1) sister who would like to go to the retreat. Please see Sis. Webster ASAP for more information.

CONDOLENCES:

The funeral service for Sis. Wyatt will take place here at WHCOC on, Sat. Feb. 18th as follows:
10-11:15am—Pre-Past in the fellowship hall
10am-11:30—Wake
11:30-1pm—Funeral Service

FOR PRAYERS:

The Wyatt & Williams families, the Carter & McMillian families, the Raglin & Murphy-Reece families and the Hardy & Burks families.
Sis. Brantford was released from the hospital yesterday.



Sis. Glenda Carter, Sis. Cossom who is having serious health issues with her leg. Bro. Croom, Stacye Forrest, cousin of the Cunningham/Gamble families, 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, J. W. Kinds, Sis. Cunningham and Sis. Whitney Taylor.

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:

BRO. GAMBLE	TUES. FEB 14TH
SIS. TAYLOR	WED. FEB. 15TH
SIS. HARDY	SAT. FEB 18TH
BRO. DARREN JACKSON	SAT. FEB 18TH

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

BRO. & SIS. CARTER	MON. FEB. 13TH
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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	76
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	43
Last Sunday offering	\$4186.05
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00