

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

When I Think I'm Right

We all have opinions on issues we feel strongly about. Whether social, political, or religious, it is easy to become convinced that the way we perceive an issue is the one and only correct way. Many a feud has been started due to opposing opinions, many a family have become estranged, many a country gone to war, and sadly, many a church has been split asunder.

The bible has much to say about our opinions and how we should handle them. *"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise."* (Proverbs 12:15). The sacred word teaches that those who stubbornly hold their opinions are acting foolishly and to consider both sides of a matter is wise. The opinionated fool refuses to listen to reason and learn that there are other views in the world, and some may very well be alright even though they may disagree. *"A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart."* (Proverbs 18:2)

For the Christian, it is not only wise, but necessary to consider all opinions on any matter, even sinful ones. How better to defend against the devil than to have a better understanding of the behavior in question? Also, a good dose of humility will go a long way when we find ourselves at odds with each other over differing opinions. For the sake of unity in the body of Christ, we must do as the old prophet said, *"Come now, and let us reason together."* (Isaiah 1:18) *"Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."* (Romans 12:16)

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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 for more information.

Our dear Sis. Vannie Wyatt who had been ailing for some time passed away peacefully at home this past Friday afternoon. Our deepest condolences to the Wyatt and Williams families.

FOR PRAYERS:

The Wyatt & Williams families, the Carter & McMillian families, the Raglin & Murphy-Reece families.

Sis. Glenda Carter who was discharged from Christ Hospital last week. Sis. Cossom who is having serious health issues with her leg. Bro. Lightfoot who is discharged from the hospital and is doing well.

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, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Sis. Cunningham and Sis. Whitney Taylor.

May God be glorified that the Hardys returned home safely from CA. Please keep the Hardy & Burks family in your prayers.

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.

NO BIRTHDAYS & NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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	77
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	48
Last Sunday offering	\$2617.10
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00