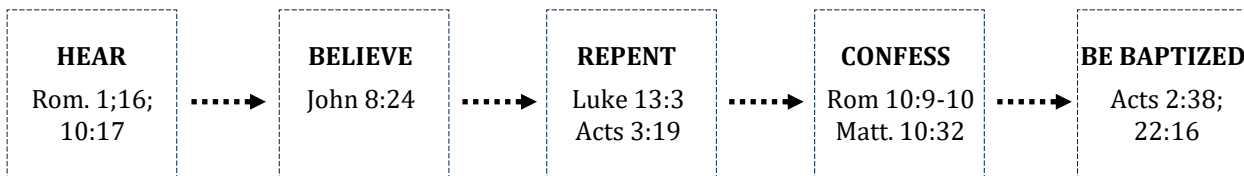


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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

Phil. 4:13: A Text Out of Context!

There is a good reason why we have been admonished to study God’s word carefully (2 Tim. 2:15). A casual reading of the inspired book can lead to spiritual casualty! One of the main rules of interpretation is to interpret a biblical text within its context; anything short of that becomes a pretext for the wrong meaning of the text.

Perhaps more so today than at any other time in history, man has been guilty of taking God’s word out of its context resulting in its misapplication. Let’s look at one such passage that is among the most quoted by Christians and non-Christians alike, i.e., Philippians 4:13, where Paul says, “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (NKJV). This is sometimes described as “*the superman verse,*” because it leads one to believe that one can do just about anything as long as Christ gives him the strength. Is that what Paul was conveying to these Christians in Philippi? It is important to note that some verses are better understood when one goes back to the original language and reads it literally. The Young’s Literal Translation renders it this way: “*For all things, I have strength in the one strengthening me.*” That is the literal reading of the text, but what is the context?

In closing this letter, Paul used the occasion to express his deep gratitude to the Philippian church for their love and concern for his needs (Phil. 4:10-20). Like any traveling evangelist, he had physical and financial needs and this church came to his aid when no other church did. He confessed that there were times when he had very little to survive and at other times, he had abundance. However, whatever the circumstances were, he learned to be content. He was able to endure tough situations because Christ was supplying him with the strength to do so. The issue here is not “*doing*” but having the strength to endure the worst of times as well as the best of times. Paul says he has learned to be content in all circumstances. This is not about accomplishments, not about climbing every mountain or winning every battle. It’s about perseverance through the strength given by God.

- R. G. Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:



~Please silence your **cell phones**.
~There is no **eating** is allowed in the auditorium.
~Please be diligent in observing **CDC guidelines** by getting vaccinated, sanitizing, social distancing, and masking up. This includes wearing a proper fitting mask that covers both your mouth and nose.

When paying offering electronically, you are encouraged to use the PayPal option.

We will be having our 1st annual Mother’s Day Fellowship luncheon on, Sunday, May 15, 2022. There is a sign-up sheet located in the foyer. Please mark your calendars!

FOR PRAYERS :

Our military personnel, first responders, new members and educators.

Continue to pray for and encourage our newest members William Lawton and Nicole Tillman.

Please pray for Sis. LaDonna Carter who was rushed to the hospital yesterday with severe pains.

Sis. Thigpen will be in Las Vegas until Monday. She is having an enjoyable experience with family.

Please continue to pray for the Bennett family, The Taylor family, The Morgan Family, Bro, Paul Woodard, Andrea Ellis, Sis. Donna Hall's stepdaughter, Debbie, Zuri McLaurin, Bro. Evan Taylor’s father-in-law, Albert Taylor, Bro. Chris Shields, Sis. Vannie Wyatt, Glenda Carter, Selma Raglin, Laura Simpson.

Our 10 o’ clock Sunday morning bible study classes are being taught by, Bro. EJ Taylor (Young Adult class) and Sis. Jameka Taylor (Children’s class). Please encourage young people within your family to take advantage of these classes.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS~

Sis. Laurene Cunningham Wed- April 27th

ANNIVERSARIES~

NONE

SKILLS BANK~

Remember to submit your information, and do your own verification for licensing.

Order of Service

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

Song

Sermon

Song

Lord’s Supper

Offering

Song

Closing Prayer

Sis. Webster..... Real Estate Agent

Sis. Tillman..... Real Estate Agent

Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	53
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	52
Last Sunday offering:	\$5680.00
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00