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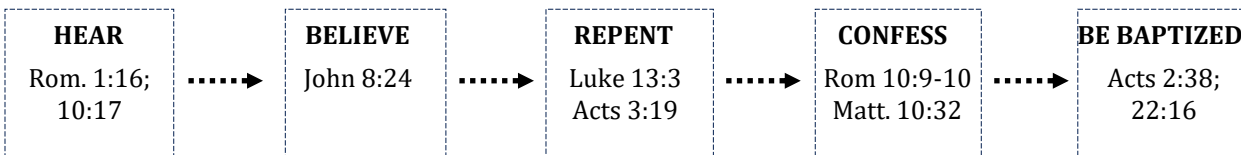
Sermon Notes



ORDER OF SERVICE

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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

WALKING WITH GOD

Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. (Gen. 5:22-24)

The genealogical record of Genesis chapter 5 is repetitious: men *lived* and *died*. The repetition is broken with one man, Enoch, as Moses wrote, “God took him” (Gen. 5:24). God decided His friend, the one who “walked” with Him, would not see death, so the Lord took him directly to heaven. “The word *walk* implies a steady, progressive relationship and not just a casual acquaintance. To walk **with God** is the business of a lifetime, and not just the performance of an hour.”^[1] It is written in the New Testament, “By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God” (Heb. 11:5).

Walking with God starts with a relationship. It is a relationship in which we are rightly related to God by faith (John 3:16), and one that continues in faith (2 Cor. 5:7), trusting Him in all things (Prov. 3:5-6). To “walk with God” is the ideal standard for a believer (Lev. 26:3-12; Gal. 5:16, 25; Eph. 4:1; Col. 2:6-7; cf. Rev. 3:4). It does not mean a life of sinless perfection; rather, it means that when we sin, we handle it in a biblical manner with humility and confession (e.g. 2 Sam. 12:1-23; cf. 1 Kings 11:4; 1 Jo. 1:8-10). Walking with God means we go in the same direction He is going, and like a friend, we are glad to share in His fellowship (1 Jo. 1:1-10). It means God is regularly in our thoughts, and we live every day conscious of Him and His will for our lives (Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:16-17). Walking with God means we are open and honest with Him about everything, and agree to let His light shine in our lives, not fearing what it exposes (1 Jo. 1:5-7). It means being sensitive to what may offend Him, and making every effort to please Him through a life of faith (2 Cor. 5:9; Heb. 11:6).

May we all learn to walk with the Lord.

Steven R. Cook

Submitted by R. Webster

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.



~No *eating* in the auditorium.

New guest, please be sure to complete a Welcome Card.

Returning guest please **print** your name in the Returning Guest Log in the foyer.

Prayer request cards are located 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 is a *suggestion box* in the foyer.

The *Ladies' and Men's Ministries* meet every other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 6:30p.m. Please make every effort to attend. Ladies bring your Bridges or Barriers booklets. These classes are intended to promote a heightened spiritual and social boost.

Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat

The 37th Annual Ladies Retreat will take place next year, March 28-31, 2024 in Orlando, Florida. The theme is *Christian Women: A Steadfast Extraordinary Journey*. Registration is now open. Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

CONDOLENCES:

Areanah (Ari) Preston & family. Ari is Sis. Bria's best friend and a Chicago Police Officer, who was killed this weekend. Toya House will have an internet funeral service on, Sat. May 20th. Details to come.

FOR PRAYERS:

Sis. Cossom and the Young families, the Chaff and House families, the Barnes & Harley-Simpson families, Sis. Della White & family. The cousin of Sis. Goldman, Patricia Reed, is in need of prayers for restored health. Sis. Lennon & family. School mate of Brooke Gamble, Maeve Bouton, was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. Stacye

Forrest, cousin of the Cunningham/Gamble families, the Hardys and the mother of Sis. Hardy, Vladis Reynolds, in Jamaica. Sis. Denee Webster, Sis. Bria Gamble, Sis. Payne, Sis. Helen McGee, Sis. Ellis, the Brantfords, Sis. Glenda Carter, Bro & Sis. Strickland, Sis. Davis, and Bro. & Sis. Taylor.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT:

Please continue to pray for and encourage our new members Sis. Carrie Ricks, Sis. Terry Armmer, Bro. Kristopher Strickland, 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 - taught by Bro. Webster (main auditorium)

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK - NONE

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.

Gambles Property Preservation & Custom Home, Office & Business Designs
Sis. Webster....Real Estate Agent
Sis. Woodard ..Financial Advisor

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	68
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	55
Last Sunday offering	\$ 3807.19
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00