# **Sermon Notes**

Text: Topic:



#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

 $Song \sim Announcements \sim Song \sim Opening \ Prayer \sim Song \sim Scripture \ Reading \sim Song \sim Sormon \sim Song \sim Lord's \ Supper \sim Offering \sim Song \sim Closing \ Prayer$ 

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR		BELIEVE		REPENT		CONFESS	BE BAPTIZED	
Rom. 1:16; 10:17	••••	John 8:24	····•	Luke 13:3 Acts 3:19	→	Rom 10:9-10 Matt. 10:32	 Acts 2:38; 22:16	



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." I John 1:5

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# **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

# Sunday

Young Christians' Class	10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class	10 a.m.
Worship Service	11 a.m.

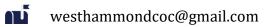
# Wednesday

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

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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 vou 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.

# **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

# YOUR FATHER IS RICH!

I he wish that some people seemed to always have was to discover that a "rich uncle," whom they had never met, died and left them a great fortune. I am not sure that such has ever happened, but that is how some folks dream of becoming rich. But, for every child of God, there is something much better than having a "rich uncle"!

Are you a Christian? If so, you have a rich Father! Oh, yes! And get this! He shares His "riches" with His children! Some earthly fathers might be rich, but that doesn't necessary mean any benefits from those riches reach their children. But, your heavenly Father is not only abundantly rich, but He "shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Your Father is rich in goodness (Rom. 2:4). The word for "goodness" means "the quality of being helpful or beneficial; goodness, kindness, generosity, benevolence." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in goodness!

Your Father is rich in forbearance (Rom. 2:4). The word "forbearance" means "the act of holding back from, bearing with, enduring, being tolerant." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in forbearance.

Your Father is rich in longsuffering (Rom. 2:4). The word "longsuffering" means "patience; slowness of avenging injuries; self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in longsuffering.

...your heavenly Father is not only abundantly rich, but He "shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Your Father is rich in grace (Eph. 1:7; 2:7). The word "grace" means "free favor; a beneficent disposition toward someone; gracious care/help, goodwill; the action of one who volunteers to do something not otherwise obligatory." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in grace.

Your Father is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4). The word "mercy" means "kindness or concern expressed for someone in need; compassion, outward manifestation of pity." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in mercy.

Your father is rich in love (Eph. 2:4). The word "love" means "kindly concern, devotedness; unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial esteem that seeks the highest good of its object." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in love.

Additionally, your Father is rich in wisdom and knowledge (Rom. 11:33). Every single quality of your Father that you can name abounds in excess to the infinite level. Truly, your Father is "abounding in riches for all who call on Him" (Rom. 10:12). Brother or sister, you are rich!

> Submitted by: Bro. Ed. Davis Written by: David Sproule of Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **REMINDERS:**

~Please silence your *cell phones*.

~**No eating** in the auditorium.



*New guests*, please be sure to complete a Welcome Neal family. Card.

Returning guest please print your name in the FOR ENCOURAGEMENT: Returning Guest Log in the foyer.

**Prayer request** cards are located in the foyer.

made or to be included in the bulletin to Sis. Ruthie McLaurin. Gamble at 708-336-3120.

There is a *suggestion box* in the foyer.

The Ladies' and Men's Ministries meet every Young Adult Class taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for level) June 1st at 6:30p.m. Please make every effort to Adult Bible Class - taught by Bro. Webster (main attend. Ladies bring your Bridges or Barriers auditorium) books. These classes are intended to promote a heightened spiritual and social boost.

# **Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat**

The 37th Annual 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:**

Officer Are'anah Preston was laid to rest this past Wednesday with a beautiful CPD service. Please keep the Preston, Mhoon and Gamble families in your prayers.

Tova House's virtual funeral service took place vesterday and was officiated by Bro. Webster. Please keep the House and Chaff families in your prayers.

#### **FOR PRAYERS:**

Sis. Cossom who was admitted this week to the hospital. Cossom & Young families, Sis. Lennon & family, school mate of Brooke Gamble, Maeve Bouton. Stacye Forrest, the Hardys, Sis. Hardy's

mother, Vladis Reynolds, Sis. Denee Webster, Sis. Payne, Sis. Simmons, Sis. McGee, Sis. Ellis, the Brantfords, Sis. Glenda Carter, Bro & Sis. Strickland, Sis. Davis, and Bro. & Sis. Taylor, the

Please continue to pray for and encourage our new members Sis. Carrie Ricks, Sis. Terry Armmer, Bro. Kristopher Strickland, Bro. Croom, Sis. Reba Please send any requests and announcements to be & Michelle Metevia, and Sisters Tillman and

#### **SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES:**

Children's Bible Class taught by Sis. Whitney Taylor (lower level).

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

#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

SIS. TRUSSELL

THURS., MAY 25TH

#### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK—NONE

#### 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 73 Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom) 36 Last Sunday offering \$2568.58 **Weekly Budget** \$2625.00