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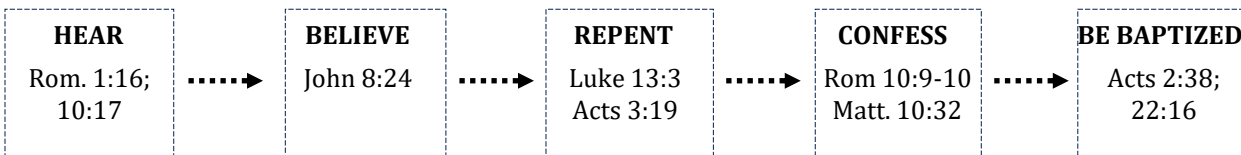
**Sermon Notes**



**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' 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***

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## Reach Out and Touch: Multimodal Approaches to Edification

As Christians, we have the responsibility to edify one another. However, we often feel ill-equipped with the words to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ. This article highlights the multimodal approaches of lifting up and edifying.

One method we often focus our energies on is sharing scripture. When we see a brother or sister in need of encouragement, we reach for the Bible and search for a scripture that will edify. We may text an individual 1 Corinthians 10:13. Sometimes not even the full text, just the book, chapter, and verse. This speaks to the common language of Christians, a topic to be discussed in a later article. Through scripture, we give comfort through a universal text that is universally known and familiar.

The same comfort, however, can be found in songs. The same message we find in 1 Corinthians 10:13 can be found in songs that we sing in worship service. This mode of edification uses the words and talents of artists to encourage and uplift. This is not to say that songs and poetry can be substituted for scripture, but to illustrate that in some moments a song may better fit our particular situations. I've witnessed a church family surround a sister in turmoil and sing songs of encouragement.

By the last song each and every participant was uplifted along with the sister! We find in Ephesians 5:19 where Paul encourages us to speak to each other using "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." One brother may text a scripture, while another brother may text a line from "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" (Wilson and Eiland, 1933). And if you're not familiar with that song, Tupac's "Keep Ya Head Up" is one of my favorites!

Another way still, is to sit and pray with a brother or sister. We could also just sit and listen to one another. We don't necessarily need someone to solve our problems, but just someone to listen.

Eddie Taylor, Jr.

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**Ephesians 5:19**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.

~No *eating* in the auditorium.



*New guests*, 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 June 1st at 6:30p.m. Please make every effort to attend. Ladies bring your **Bridges or Barriers** 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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)

## TRAVELING:

Vanessa Johnson, the sister of Bro. Carter who will be traveling to visit all of her siblings over the next two months.

## FOR PRAYERS:

Sis. Cossom whos is now home from the hospital. Cossom & Young families, Sis. Lennon & family, Maeve Bouton, school mate of Brooke Gamble, the Chaff and House families, Bria Gamble and the Preston & Mhoon families. 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 and the Neal family.

## 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

BRO. NORMAN

SUN., MAY, 28TH

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK—NONE



## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	75
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	43
Last Sunday offering	\$3416.27
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$2625.00</b>