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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	Wednesday
Bible Class.....10 a.m.	
Worship11 a.m.	Bible Study7:00 p.m.

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.

What Must I Do to be Saved?

HEAR the Gospel of Christ: Rom. 1:16; 10:17
BELIEVE in Jesus: John 8:24
REPENT of your sins: Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; 17:30
CONFESS your faith in Jesus Christ: Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10
BE BAPTIZED for the forgiveness of sins: Acts 2:38; 22:16
REMAIN FAITHFUL until death: Rev. 2:10

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We All Make Mistakes, But..! - R. Webster

Everyone Makes Mistakes. This is in no way designed to condone, justify or ignore the wrongs or mistakes we have done. It is very tempting to pivot back on this statement in an attempt to rationalize our indiscretions. “*Mistakes*” here is used to represent our thoughts and actions that break the laws of God which amount to sin. 1 John 3:4 “*Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.*” “*Everyone*” here includes every person who knows the difference between right and wrong. Paul informs us that “*all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*” Rom. 3:23. However, the path to forgiving ourselves and others who have wronged us is enshrined in this profound admission. We have all heard the idiom “*To err is human and to forgive is divine.*” Our failure to forgive others oftentimes is due to our refusal to accept the truth that all of us at different times in our lives have regretted some things said and done.

The fact that we all make mistakes does not exonerate us from owning up to our responsibility and even the consequences that follow. Job, in recognition of this fact, declared, “*And if indeed I have erred, My error remains with me*” (Job 19:4). God echoed through His prophet Ezekiel that “*The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself*” (Ezekiel 18:20). We also have a responsibility to repentantly confess our transgressions to God. Unless that is done, we can never truly enjoy His divine blessing of forgiveness that we all so desperately need. 1 John 1:9 says, “*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”

Lastly, we have a duty and responsibility to learn from our mistakes, and through prayer and a reliance on the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to pick up the pieces and rebuild our lives. William A. Ward said, “*Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker.*” The story is told of Thomas A. Edison’s plant that was on fire. As he helplessly watched it burn, taking his costly experiments up in flames, he called his son Charles. “*Come!*” he said. “*You’ll never see anything like this again!*” Then he called his wife. As the three stood gazing, Edison said, “*There go all our mistakes. Now we can start over afresh.*” In two weeks, he started rebuilding the plant, and it was not long before he invented the phonograph!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All praise to God for the wonderful work done by everyone for our anniversary celebration. You all did a marvelous job to make it a wonderful event. Huge thanks to everyone.

The 34th Annual CoC Ladies Lectureship Retreat will be held in San Antonio, Texas under the theme “Christian Women: Serving A Mighty Powerful God.” Date: April 18-21, 2019. Sis. Webster and Carter have already registered to go. See more info at: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org/event

National Churches of Christ lectureship, March 10-14, 2019 in Tinley Park. Go to www.ncocl.net for more information.

Our Wednesday evening Bible Class location this week will be sent out via email and text later this week. Stay tuned!

Let’s give thanks to God for the successful surgeries that sisters Deborah Mickles and Teresa Trussell had this past week.

We need volunteers to take the Communion to Sis. Ursula Ware who lives in Hazel Crest. If you’re interested please see Bro. Webster.

We have a Suggestions/Comments Box placed on the table at the back.

Prayers Needed

Bruce Oliver, a friend of the Gamble & Cunningham families, Sis. Ursula Ware (shut-in), Debra Ellis, Sandra Mutleb, Doris Davis, Brennen Davis, Kenneth Ware III, Clarence Harley.

Members out of town:
The Bells and Clarence Harley

Our College Students

Paris Mickles -SIU

Darren Jackson –SIU

Bria Gamble Illinois State

Denee Webster U of I (Urbana/Champagne)



Jarvis Mickles—Sunday 20th

Linda Norman— Thursday 24th

Order of Service

Song
Announcement
Song
Opening Prayer
Song
Scripture Reading
Song
Sermon
Song
Lord’s Supper
Offering
Song
Closing Prayer

Last Week’s Record

Sun. AM Class 30

Sun. AM Worship 65

Contribution \$2527

Wed. Bible Class 15