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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.	Bible Study7:00 p.m.
Worship11 a.m.	Prayer Meeting (Last Wed. each month @ 7 pm)

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

Ever Felt Like Quitting? – R. Webster

Jer. 9:2 “Oh, that I had in the wilderness A lodging place for travelers; That I might leave my people, And go from them! For they are all adulterers, An assembly of treacherous men.”

This was not the first time we read about Jeremiah’s feeling of exasperation and frustration regarding Israelites. Later, in chapter 20, we find him reaching a low point in his life in which he felt like “throwing in the towel” because of the sinfulness of the people who had little or no regard for God. Here in chapter 9, the prophet feels like it would be better just to leave them alone and go somewhere far away in the desert.

Have you ever felt like quitting? Maybe from your job, from pursuing a career path, from parenthood or even from being a disciple of Christ? All over the world people are quitting, even on life itself! There are varied reasons why people give up or at least feel like it. From fatigue, to feeling like nobody cares, to constant failures, to chronic sickness, or even feeling like things are at perpetually at a standstill with no real progress or improvement are just some of the reasons. We are harvest-oriented by nature. We spend time and money to send our children to school and even attend schools ourselves and so we expect to see harvest of our labor. We work at a company for decades and so we want to the fruits of our labor. We naturally get frustrated when things don’t seem to go according to plan or at the pace at which we expect them to. Times like these are ideal for us to make irrational decisions.

As followers of Christ, we must remind ourselves that our spiritual journey comes with the testing of our faith (James 1:2) which results in much needed benefits. One of those benefits is patience. We would like to see certain things be done and done quickly. However, Jeremiah had to learn to be patient with God. The prophet’s job was to preach the word and not to determine the people’s response! Many Christians seem to have given up at least on some people ever obeying the gospel at all. They have been trying for months and even years, but have “nothing” to show for it. God has never given us the responsibility of changing people’s heart but instead He gave us the charge to teach and preach the word (Matt. 28:19-20; II Tim. 4:2-4). Paul was quite clear in remind the Christians in Corinth saying, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase” I Cor. 3:6.

Therefore, being patient with God and trusting His timing is a potent antidote to quitting. Psa. 27:14 “Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With the booklets that have been given out for Sunday School and Wednesday Bible class are to be read along with your Bibles in preparation for the respective classes. If you did not get a booklet, please see Bro. Webster.

Please stop by to see Sis. Dockens at the back to verify your anniversary and/or birthdates information.

If you did not see your birthday or anniversary mentioned in the bulletin, please let Sis. Erica Dockens know.

Sisters Carter and Webster will be attending the 34th Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat in San Antonio, Texas, April 18-21, 2019. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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

Sis. Ursula Ware (shut-in), Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Sis. Sandra Mutlab, Sis. Doris Davis

Out of town - Bro. Clarence Harley, Bro.

Rob Hardy
Our College Students
Paris Mickles -SIU
Darren Jackson –SIU
Bria Gamble Illinois State
Denee Webster U of I (Urbana/Champagne)



Birthdays this Week

(March)

C.J. Goldman—Sun. 3rd

Glenda Carter—Sat. 9th

Order of Service

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

Song

Sermon

Song

Lord’s Supper

Offering

Song

Closing Prayer

<u>Last Week’s Record</u>		
Sun. AM Class	27	
Sun. AM Worship	55	
Contribution	\$2646	
Wed. Bible Class	17	