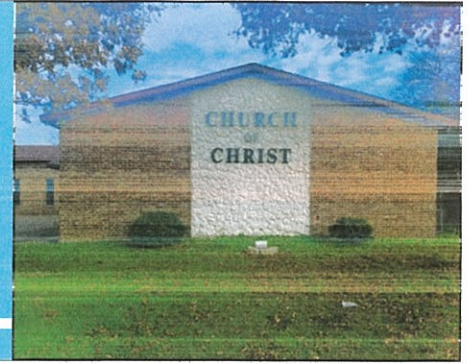


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Gathering Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Updates will be forthcoming as to the continual changes with COVID-19.

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"May the *God of hope* fill you with all *joy and peace* as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- Romans 15:13

"Do not grieve, for the *joy of the LORD* is your *strength*."
- Nehemiah 8:10b

"Be *joyful* in hope, *patient* in affliction, *faithful* in prayer."
- Romans 12:12

"*Rejoice* always, *pray* continually, *give thanks* in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3,5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)



Weekly Bible Reading

July 12	2020	Exodus	33 - 40
July 13	2020	Leviticus	1 - 9
July 14	2020	Leviticus	10 - 18
July 15	2020	Leviticus	19 - 27
July 16	2020	Leviticus	28 - 36
July 17	2020	Numbers	1 - 9
July 18	2020	Numbers	10 - 18

Our religious conviction:

God chose to save the world by sending His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen and obey the Gospel message SHALL be saved (Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the Church of the Bible which His Son is coming for one day (2 The 1: 7 - 10).



food for thought

APPROACHING LIFE WITH JOY

What a wonderful example for us as God's Children today (Gal 3:26, 27)! Being His Children in the Christian Age has nothing to do with race or lineage. This comes by belief in Jesus and obedience to His will. When one obeys the gospel, one is added to God's Family and becomes a child of God (Ac 2:41, 46) by Jesus Christ. The importance and value of baptism is taught by the Apostle Paul. Believing and obeying His command, is to be placed in Christ (1 Cor 6:9-11; 2 Cor 6:17, 18; Eph 2:3-10; Col 1:13; 1 The 2:12; Tit 3:3-6; 2 Pet 1:11). It is at baptism one comes in contact with the saving blood of Jesus and one receives the forgiveness of one's sins (Rom 6:3, 4). Faith and salvation is essential to salvation (Mk 16:15, 16). When faith obeys the command to be baptized, one is putting on Christ. One's sins are washed away by the blood of the Lamb at baptism (Ac 22:16; Rev 7:13-17). The faith system Paul teaches necessarily includes baptism for the remission of sins (Ac 2:38). Those speaking of being saved by "faith only" leave off a part of the faith system and perverts [corrupts] the gospel (Jer 23:36; Mt 23:13; Lk 11:52; Ac 13:10; 20:30; Gal 1:7-9; 6:5; Jas 2:24; 2 Tim 3:5-7; 2 Pet 3:16). The Galatians were being taught they needed to be circumcised to be true children of God. Paul reminds them when they believed in Jesus and were baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins, they became sons of God and nothing else is needed, except to remain faithful to Christ (Rev 2:10). They are exhorted to be faithful even if this means death (supreme command to Christians). The crown of life is promised to the faithful. There are two words for crown in the Greek language, stephanos and diadema. The stephanos is of victory given to the athlete and military victor. The diadema is of royalty (i.e...the king). The Christian is never promised the diadema. The reference in the New Testament involving the Christian, it is the stephanos (crown of victory). Christ reveals for us to be faithful unto death and even if we die, we will be the victor. The promise [heaven]. To go about our daily business so joyfully, contentedly and without worry (Mt 6:25-34; Rom 15:13; Php 4:13), we just spread smiles and happiness wherever we go. To know and trust without any doubt whatsoever, our Heavenly Father will always: feed us when hungry (Mt 5:6, 7:9-11; 1 Pet 2:2, 3); help us stand firm otherwise

fall (Eph 6:10-13); hold us close when hurting/injured the most (Rom 8:35-39); and be the safe refuge we can rest when weary (Mt 11:28, 29; Gal 5:1; Php 2:5; Heb 5:9; 1 Jn 2:6). ALWAYS remember Jesus words. *"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven"* (Mt 18:3, 4). Let's be God's children living daily in complete trust of Him and His Power to Protect.

Today
I choose **JOY.** God
already knows
what this day brings, and
He's got my back.
No need to
worry.



PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, I.V. Jones (Bro Jones' dad), Ron Forge, Christina Jones Patricia Hurd, Ray & Ruby Busby (family of the Busby's), Sheila Harris, Sam Lily, Miguel Graves, Joyce Fair Joyce Gutierrez, Dre Day (friend of Bro Owens' son), Adam McCants (father-in-law of Bro Ramsey's daughter) Joel Sotelo Vazquez [Mexico City, Mexico]

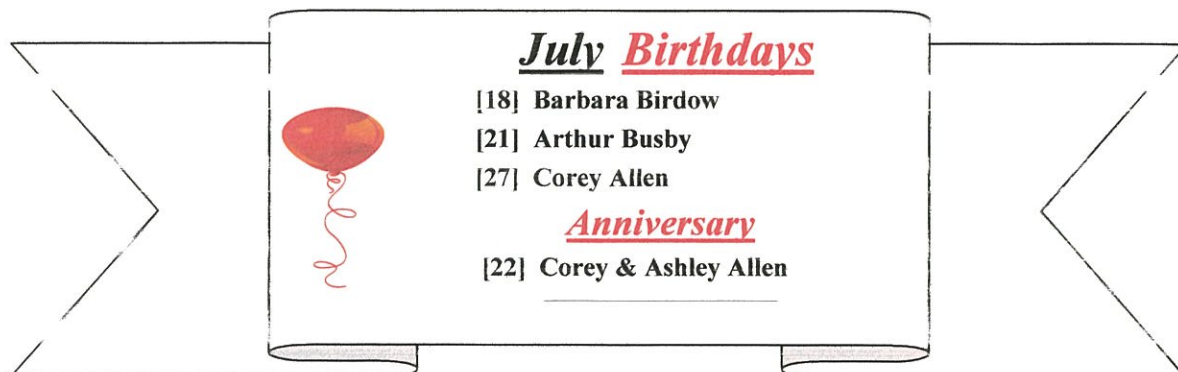
Sick: Arthur Henry, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Santos' friend),

General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers), Simon Young, Randy Murray, Darius Bell (Bro/Sis Bell's son), Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson), Chris White, Kaylan White, Bro Ward, Carolyn Andrews, Pat Harper, Bro/Sis Williams, Brenda Moor, Patrick Roberson (Bro/Sis Owens' nephew)

UPDATES:

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.
2. **Duncanville Lectureship 2020:** **Cancelled**





Sermon Notes

1 Cor 9:16 - 18 “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.”

Subject: **GOING FORWARD**

Scripture Reference: **Exodus 14:14 - 16**

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GOING FORWARD

Exodus 14:14 – 16

INTRODUCTION:

1. God always provides a way (Psa 17:5; 37:23; 119:116, 117; Pro 16:1; 20:24; Jer 10:23).
 - A. He did **NOT** simply create man, then leave him on earth to struggle by himself.

BODY:

1. GOD'S INTENTION IS FOR PROGRESSION

- A. Studying the Scriptures, [we] know it has always been for His Children to move forward.
 1. Everything God is doing points to the future (Gen 1:26 – 31).
- B. Destroying Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:17), Lot's family fled **NOT** to look back.

2. THE DIRECTION OF THE WORK OF THE LORD

- A. As [we] realistically look at the church [here], what direction are [we] going?
- B. Is the church [here] going forward in knowledge of the Scriptures?
 1. As New Testament Christians, [we] must be growing (1 Pet 2:2; 2 Pet 3:18).
 2. How many of us know more today about God and His Word today than a year ago?
 - A. [We] desperately need to progress in our knowledge of the Bible (2 Tim 2:15).
- C. Is the church moving forward to a better life?
 1. As Christians, [we] need to strive for a better life (Heb 6:1; 2 Pet 1:5 – 11).
- D. Is the church moving forward to a fuller service?
 1. In the work of the church, each of us should be of more service to the church.
 2. Paul stressed a "steadfastness" relative to the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).
 3. [We] should not have to be asked to be involved in the Lord's work!

3. THE TWO KINDS OF PROGRESS

- A. First (thinking of the kinds of progress), [we] begin with congregational growth.
 1. In the book of Acts, [we] easily see the church took the Great Commission seriously!
 - A. It is evident they did **NOT** look back on past accomplishments / achievements.
 1. 3,000 souls (Ac 2:41); daily (Ac 2:47); 5,000 souls (Ac 4:4).
 2. Let's PRAY and WORK for the church to grow: Spiritually and numerically.
- B. Secondly, [we] must believe in individual growth by growing each day in Christ.
 1. Paul commended the church at Thessalonica for their growth (2 The 1:3).
 2. Before [we] as a congregation can hope to grow, [we] must grow as individuals.
 - A. When [we] find a congregation **NOT** growing, [we] find people **NOT** growing.

4. THE THINGS HINDERING PROGRESS

- A. Perhaps the greatest hindrance to progress is the failure to plan ahead (Pro 29:18).
- B. Looking back. Too many Christians are behaving just like Lot's wife (Php 3:13, 14).
- C. Fear (or Lack of Faith) hinders the work of the Lord (Heb. 3:19).
- D. A failure to assume personal responsibilities.

5. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GOING FORWARD

- A. Faith (Heb 11:6); Zealous work (Tit 2:14); Marching orders (Mt 28:18, 19).