

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on January 28, so make plans to attend and help.

## Words of Wisdom: PAY THE PRICE...

When you're ready to pay the price, only then can you truly enjoy and appreciate the benefits. If you get the reward without making the effort, it might look good, it might feel good, it might seem good. But it won't do you much good. It won't teach you or compel you to grow stronger as a person.

Have you ever played on a sports team that won a game by forfeit, because the other team did not show up? It's an empty victory. Sure, it goes in the win column, but it feels more like a defeat. After all, even though the goal is to win, the whole point is to play the game.



Is the point of life to collect trophies? The trophies have value only when they represent the effort you have made and the person you have become. Seeking to obtain the rewards of life without paying the price is like buying someone else's trophies at a garage sale. They may look impressive on your shelf but they bring no fulfillment and have no meaning.

Which would you rather have -- the fruit or the tree? The fruit is gone after you eat it once. But the tree continues to provide fruit, season after season. The fruits of success are a poor substitute for actually living a life that brings success. Don't just grab the fruit and run. Take the time to plant and nurture the tree by paying the price and making the effort. Then you'll have all the fruit you could possibly need.

Welcome to the




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*January 15, 2017*

### VISION STATEMENT

 *Enhancing Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ,  
Empowering All Believers for Ministry, and  
Encouraging Continuous Dedication to the Lord.*

# ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship/Refreshments – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 10:00 A.M.



## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:45 A.M.

- Devotion ..... Deacons & Congregation
- Responsive Reading ..... Pastor & Congregation
- Selection ..... Choir & Congregation
- Announcements & Recognition of Visitors
- Tithes and Offerings ..... Deacons
- (Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)*
- Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Pastor
- Selections ..... Choir & Congregation
- Sermon
- Invitation to Christ

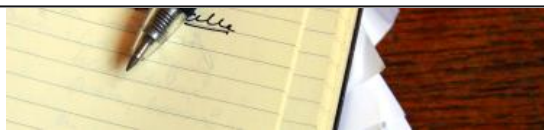


## BENEDICTION

## RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 5 (NLT)

- 1 O lord, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning.
- 2 Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you.
- 3 Listen to my voice in the morning, lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.
- 4 O God, you take no pleasure in wickedness; you cannot tolerate the sins of the wicked.
- 5 Therefore, the proud may not stand in your presence, for you hate all who do evil.
- 6 You will destroy those who tell lies. The lord detests murderers and deceivers.
- 7 Because of your unfailing love, I can enter your house; I will worship at your Temple with deepest awe.
- 8 Lead me in the right path, O lord, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow.
- 9 My enemies cannot speak a truthful word. Their deepest desire is to destroy others. Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with flattery.
- 10 O God, declare them guilty. Let them be caught in their own traps. Drive them away because of their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.
- 12 For you bless the godly, O lord; you surround them with your shield of love.

## SERMON NOTES



Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

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