tunouncements:

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 are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: Developing the Disciplines of a Sincere Faith. 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 31st, so be sure and attend to help!

#622: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy (Yellow Hymnal)

I've got the Joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart. Down in my heart. Down in my heart. I've got the Joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.

I've got the peace that passeth understanding Down in my heart. Down in my heart. Down in my heart. I've got the peace that passeth understanding Down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.

Verse Three

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, Down in my heart. Down in my heart. Down in my heart. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, Down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.

For there is therefore now no condemnation Down in my heart. Down in my heart. Down in my heart. For there is therefore now no condemnation Down in my heart.

Down in my heart to stay.

Funnies: The Lion Tamer...

Two unemployed guys are talking. One says, "I'm going to become a lion tamer."

The other replies, "That's crazy, you don't know nothing about no lion taming."

"Well, OK, answer me this. When one of those lions comes at you all roaring and biting, what you gonna do?" "Well, then I take that big chair they all carry, and I stick it in his face until he backs down."

"Well, what if the lion takes that big paw, and hooks the chair with them big claws, and throws that chair out of the cage? What do you do then?"

"Well, then I takes that whip they all carry, and I whip him and whip him until he backs down."

"Well, what if that lion bites that whip with his big teeth, and bites it in two? What you gonna do then?"

"Well, then I take that gun they all carry, and I shoot him." "Well, what if that gun doesn't work? What will you do then?"

"Well, then I pick up some of the poop that's on the bottom of the cage, and I throw it in his eyes, and I run

"Well, what if there ain't no poop in the bottom of the cage? What you gonna do then?"

"Well, that's dumb. Cause if that lion comes at me, and he throws the chair out of the cage, and he bites the whip in two, and my gun don't work, there's going to be some poop on the bottom of that cage, you can bet on

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Welcome to the

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Mission Statement

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

Order of Services

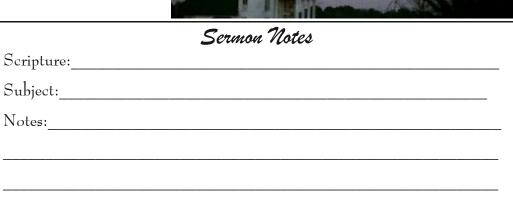
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

We Pray for One Another:

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." – James 5:16, KJV

Morning Worship Services — 10:30 a.m.
Devotion
Morning Hymn: "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy" Choir & Congregation
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Selection
Announcements & Recognition of Visitors
Tithes and Offerings
(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)
Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor
Selections
Sermon
Invitation to Christ

Benediction

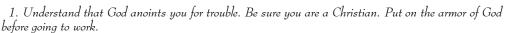


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Words of Wisdom:

How To Work In a Hostile

Environment A word from Bishop Jakes:



2. Don't expect to be appreciated. Your only expectation should be to get a paycheck. Don't come to work

to have personal relationships Don't allow what you do to affect who you are.

3. Do your job well, but remember your mission. God put you there to be a light.

4. Seek opportunities to change the atmosphere without commenting on the problems. You have a God to talk to. You're on an assignment. In quietness and competence shall be your strength.

5. Don't let your environment get inside of you. You should influence it, not let it influence you. Stop

going to work to be fed -- you didn't come to receive, you came to give.

6. Increase your capacity to work with different personalities. God will often bless you through people you

7. Remember where you are does not define where you are going. This will deliver you from frustration. God has a plan for your life. Keep your eye on the prize. When Peter did this, he was able to walk in what

8. Get the optimum results with minimal confusion. Be effective without making the environment worse.

9. Don't be associated with one group or clique. Labels limit your usefulness. God wants you to work with everybody but be labeled by nobody. Use all your gifts.

10. Always keep your "favorite" song near you.

- 11. Keep a consecrated place in your soul.
- 12. Hold on to your praise.

Responsive Reading: 2 Samuel 7:22-29 (NIV)

- 22 "How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.
- 23 And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt?
- 24 You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, Lord, have become their God.
- 25 "And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised,

26 so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, 'The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!' And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight.

- 27 "Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, 'I will build a house for you.' So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.
- 28 Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.
- 29 Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign Lord, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever."