

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 June 25, so be sure to attend and help!

Words of Wisdom: Closed Doors...

Praise Him for the Closed Door. We need to learn to praise the Lord as much for a closed door as we do an open door. The reason God closes doors is because He has not prepared anything over there for us. If he didn't close the wrong door we would never find the right door.

God directs our path through the closing and opening of doors. Once a door closes, it forces you to change your course. Another door closes, it forces you to change your course again. Then finally you find the open door and you walk right into your blessing.

The Lord directs our paths through the opening and closing of doors, but instead of praising him for the closed door (which keeps us out of trouble) we get upset because we "judge by the appearances". You have an ever present help in the time of need who is always standing guard. Because He walks ahead of you He can spot trouble down the road and set up a road block or detour accordingly. But through our lack of wisdom, we try to tear down the road blocks or push aside the detour sign. Then the minute we get into trouble we start crying "Lord how could You have done this to me?"

We have got to realize that the closed door can be a blessing. Didn't He say that no good thing will He withhold from them that love Him? If you get terminated from your job - praise God for the new opportunities that will manifest themselves - it might be another job, it might be school. If that man or woman won't return your call - it might not be them, it might be the Lord setting up a roadblock (just let it go). One time a person had a bank they had been in business with for many years to tell them "No!" to a ten thousand dollar loan. The Lord put in their spirit to call another bank. That bank gave them forty thousand dollars at a lower interest rate than the first bank was offering.



We can sometimes trap ourselves in doubt and discouragement through judging by appearances. I'm so grateful, my friends, for the many times our Father has closed doors to me just to open them in the most unexpected places. The Lord won't always say in spoken words: "Go to the left, now to the right"... Sometimes He will just close the wrong doors.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." -Psalm 119:105
"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way." - Psalm 37:23

Welcome to the



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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
Youth Inspiration
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: PHILIPPIANS 3:1-14 (NIV)

- 1 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.
- 2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.
- 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—
- 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:
- 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.
- 7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ
- 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.
- 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
- 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.
- 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
- 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
- 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

SERMON NOTES



Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Notes: _____
