

# 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: Unfolding a Rose...

A new Christian was walking with a more mature friend in a garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about God's will for his life, he inquired what he should do. His friend walked up to a rosebush, picked a rose bud, and asked the younger to unfold the rose without losing any petals.

The new Christian looked in disbelief at his friend and tried to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life. But because of his high respect for his friend proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible it was to do so.

Noticing the younger Christian's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, his friend began to recite the following poem...

*It is only a tiny rosebud, A flower of GOD's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals With these clumsy hands of mine.*

*The secret of unfolding flowers Is not known to such as I.  
GOD opens this flower so sweetly, When in my hands they fade and die.*

*If I cannot unfold a rosebud, This flower of GOD's design,  
Then how can I think I have wisdom To unfold this life of mine?*



*So I'll trust in Him for His leading Each moment of every day.  
I will look to him for His guidance Each step of the pilgrim way.*

*The pathway that lies before me, Only my Heavenly Father knows.  
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments, Just as He unfolds the rose.*

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

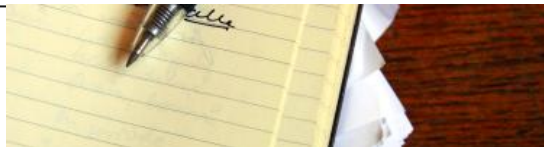


## BENEDICTION

## RESPONSIVE READING: EPHESIANS 4:17-32 (NLT)

- 17 *With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused.*
- 18 **Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.**
- 19 *They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.*
- 20 **But that isn't what you learned about Christ.**
- 21 *Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him,*
- 22 **throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.**
- 23 *Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.*
- 24 **Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.**
- 25 *So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.*
- 26 **And “don't sin by letting anger control you.” Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,**
- 27 *for anger gives a foothold to the devil.*
- 28 **If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.**
- 29 *Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.*
- 30 **And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.**
- 31 *Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.*
- 32 **Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.**

## SERMON NOTES



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

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

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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