

# 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 a light clean-up on this Saturday in lieu of our church business meeting.

## Words of Wisdom: THE STRUGGLE...

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared, he sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly, he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly.

I asked for Strength.....And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.  
I asked for Wisdom.....And God gave me Problems to solve.  
I asked for Prosperity.....And God gave me Brain and Brawn to work.  
I asked for Courage.....And God gave me Danger to overcome.  
I asked for Love.....And God gave me Troubled people to help.  
I asked for Favors.....And God gave me Opportunities.  
I received nothing I wanted.....I received everything I needed

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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

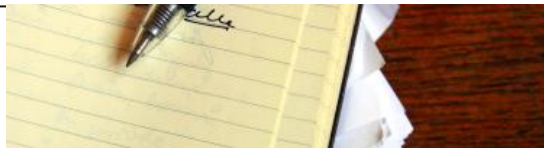


## BENEDICTION

## RESPONSIVE READING: EPHESIANS 5:1-20 (NLT)

- 1 Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.
- 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.
- 3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.
- 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.
- 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshipping the things of this world.
- 6 Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.
- 7 Don't participate in the things these people do.
- 8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!
- 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.
- 10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.
- 11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.
- 12 It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.
- 13 But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them,
- 14 for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."
- 15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.
- 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.
- 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.
- 18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,
- 19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.
- 20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## SERMON NOTES



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

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

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