

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 held on July 30, so make plans to attend and help.

VBS 2016 Our annual VBS celebration begins tomorrow evening! We are truly excited for the lives that will be touched by this special ministry, and we hope that each of you will play a part. We will need a number of supplies for this year's VBS celebration, including the following:

Glue sticks	Colored Copy Paper	Markers
Water Color Paint Sets	Tissue Paper	Folders

We ask that you all be generous in donating to this vital outreach ministry.

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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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: COLOSSIANS 3:1-17 (NLT)

- 1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.
- 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.
- 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.
- 5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.
- 6 Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.
- 7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world.
- 8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.
- 9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.
- 10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.
- 11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.
- 12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
- 13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.
- 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.
- 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.
- 16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.
- 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Notes: _____

