

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.

Words of Wisdom: In God's Hands...

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store. Visualizing the family needs, she said: "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can." John told her he could not give her credit, as she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family

The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir."

"O.K." he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries."

Louise, hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it." The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust.

Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said: "Dear Lord, you know my needs, and I am leaving this in your hands."

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said, "It was worth every penny of it."

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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: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-24 (NLT)

- 1 Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you.
- 2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.
- 3 When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.
- 4 But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief.
- 5 For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night.
- 6 So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded.
- 7 Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk.
- 8 But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.
- 9 For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us.
- 10 Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever.
- 11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.
- 12 Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.
- 13 Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.
- 14 Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.
- 15 See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.
- 16 Always be joyful.
- 17 Never stop praying.
- 18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.
- 19 Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.
- 20 Do not scoff at prophecies,
- 21 but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.
- 22 Stay away from every kind of evil.
- 23 Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.
- 24 God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Notes: _____

