

# 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 September 24, so make plans to attend and help.

## Words of Wisdom: TEACHER INTERVIEW...

After being interviewed by the school administration, the eager teaching prospect said:

"Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids, and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning. And I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, modify their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and even censor their T-shirt messages and dress habits.

You want me to wage a war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for weapons of mass destruction, and raise their self esteem.

You want me to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship, fair play, how to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook, and how to apply for a job.

I am to check their heads for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of anti-social behavior, make sure all students pass the mandatory state exams, even those who don't come to school regularly or complete any of their assignments.

Plus, I am to make sure that all of the students with handicaps get an equal education regardless of the extent of their mental or physical handicap. And I am to communicate regularly with the parents by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card.

All of this I am to do with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a big smile AND on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps!

You want me to do all of this and yet you expect me.....  
NOT TO PRAY!!

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*

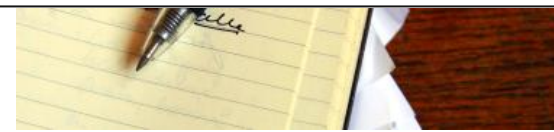
## BENEDICTION



## RESPONSIVE READING: JAMES 1:2-18 (NLT)

- 2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.
- 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.
- 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.
- 5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.
- 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.
- 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.
- 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.
- 9 Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them.
- 10 And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field.
- 11 The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.
- 12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.
- 13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.
- 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.
- 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.
- 16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.
- 17 Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.
- 18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

## SERMON NOTES



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

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

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