

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: HATERS (by MAYA ANGELOU)

A hater is someone who is jealous and envious and spends all their time trying to make you look small so they can look tall. They are very negative people to say the least. Nothing is ever good enough! When you make your mark, you will always attract some haters...

That's why you have to be careful with whom you share your blessings and your dreams, because some folk can't handle seeing you blessed...

It's dangerous to be like somebody else... If God wanted you to be like somebody else, He would have given you what He gave them! Right?

You never know what people have gone through to get what they have...

The problem I have with haters is that they see my glory, but they don't know my story... If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can rest assured that the water bill is higher there too! We've all got some haters among us!

Some people envy you because you can: a) Have a relationship with God; b) Light up a room when you walk in; c) Start your own business; d) Tell a man / woman to hit the curb (if he / she isn't about the right thing); e) Raise your children without both parents being in the home

Haters can't stand to see you happy. Haters will never want to see you succeed. Most of our haters are people who are supposed to be on our side.

How do you handle your undercover haters? You can handle these haters by:

- 1. Knowing who you are & who your true friends are*
- 2. Having a purpose to your life: Purpose does not mean having a job. You can have a job and still be unfulfilled. A purpose is having a clear sense of what God has called you to be. Your purpose is not defined by what others think about you.*
- 3. By remembering what you have is by divine prerogative and not human manipulation.*

Fulfill your dreams! You only have one life to live...when its your time to leave this earth, you 'want' to be able to say, 'I've lived my life and fulfilled 'my' dreams,... Now I'm ready to go HOME!

When God gives you favor, you can tell your haters, 'Don't look at me...Look at Who is in charge of me...'

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

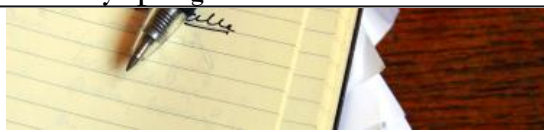


BENEDICTION

RESPONSIVE READING: JAMES 3:1-12 (NLT)

- 1 Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly.
- 2 Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.
- 3 We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth.
- 4 And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.
- 5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.
- 6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.
- 7 People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish,
- 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.
- 9 Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God.
- 10 And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!
- 11 Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water?
- 12 Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

SERMON NOTES



Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Notes: _____
