

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 are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: Developing the Disciplines of a Sincere Faith". 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. However, the next cleaning day will be on November 21 because of the holiday, so be sure to attend and help!

HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

Veterans Day – November 11

Thanksgiving – November 26

Funnies...

A man goes into a cafe and sits down. A waitress comes to take his order, and he asks her, "What's the special of the day?"

"Chili," she says, "but the gentleman next to you got the last bowl."

The man says he'll just have coffee, and the waitress goes to fetch it. As he waited, he noticed the man next to him was eating a full lunch and the bowl of chili remained uneaten.

"Are you going to eat your chili?" he asked.

"No, help yourself," replied his neighbor.

The man picked up a spoon and eagerly began devouring the chili. When he got halfway through the bowl, he noticed the body of a dead mouse in the bottom of the bowl. Sickened, he puked the chili he had just eaten back into the bowl.

"Yeah, that's as far as I got, too," said the man sitting next to him.

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always was to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

Welcome to the
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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship / REFRESHMENTS – 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 A.M.

God Makes No Distinction:

“God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.”
– Acts 15:8-9, KJV



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:45 A.M.

- Devotion Deacons & Congregation
- Responsive Reading Pastor & Congregation
- 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

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Notes: _____

Words of Wisdom:



God's Boxes

*I have in my hands two boxes Which God gave me to hold -
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black, And all your joys in the gold."*

*I heeded His words, and in the two boxes Both my joys and sorrows I store,
But though the gold became heavier each day, The black was as light as before.*

*With curiosity, I opened the black - I wanted to find out why.
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole Which my sorrows had fallen out by.*

*I showed the hole to God, and mused aloud, "I wonder where my sorrows could be."
He smiled a gentle smile at me. "My child, they're all here with me."*

*I asked, "God, why give me the boxes, Why the gold, and the black with the hole?"
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, The black is for you to let go."*

RESPONSIVE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10 (NIV)

- 1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
- 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,
- 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.
- 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
- 5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
- 6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.
- 7 For we live by faith, not by sight.
- 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
- 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.
- 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.