

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. The next cleaning day will be on January 30, so be sure to attend and help!

HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER:

Christmas – December 25

New Year's Eve – December 31

Funnies...

A college student was in a philosophy class which had a discussion about God's existence. The professor presented the following logic:

"Has anyone in this class heard God?" Nobody spoke.

"Has anyone in this class touched God?" Again, nobody spoke.

"Has anyone in this class seen God?" When nobody spoke for the third time, he simply stated, "Then there is no God."

One student thought for a second, and then asked for permission to reply. Curious to hear this bold student's response, the professor granted it, and the student stood up and asked the following questions of his classmates:

"Has anyone in this class heard our professor's brain?" Silence.

"Has anyone in this class touched our professor's brain?" Absolute silence.

"Has anyone in this class seen our professor's brain?" When nobody in the class dared to speak, the student concluded, "Then, according to our professor's logic, it must be true that our professor has no brain!"

(...The student received an "A" in the class.)

A guy dials his home and a strange woman answers. The guy says, "Who is this?"

"This is the maid," answered the woman.

"We don't have a maid", said the man.

The woman says "I was hired this morning by the lady of the house."

The man says, "Well, this is her husband. Is she there?"

The woman replied, "She is upstairs in the bed room with someone who I figured was her husband."

The guy is fuming. He says to the maid, "Listen, would you like to make \$50,000?"

The maid says, "What will I have to do?"

The man tells her, "I want you to get my gun from the desk, and shoot the witch and the jerk she's with."

The maid puts the phone down; the man hears footsteps and the 2 gun shots.

The maid comes back to the phone, "What do I do with the bodies?"

The man says, "Throw them in the swimming pool."

Puzzled, the maid answers, "But we don't have a pool."

A long pause and the man says, "Is this 832-4821?"

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Welcome to the EVERLASTING COVENANT CHURCH

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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.

Dedication of Firstborn:

“And when eight days were accomplished for the circumising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”
 – Luke 2:22, 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:



The Commencement

In a university commencement address several years ago, Brian Dyson, CEO of Coca Cola Enterprises, spoke of the relation of work to one’s other commitments.

“Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling some five balls in the air. You name them—work, family, health, friends and spirit, and you’re keeping all of these in the air.

You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls---family, health, friends and spirit—are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same.

You must understand that and strive for balance in your life. How? Don’t undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don’t set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

Don’t take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as they were your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Don’t let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time you live ALL the days of your life.

Don’t give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don’t be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is this fragile thread that binds us to each together.

Don’t be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don’t shut love out of your life by saying it’s impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give; the fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly, and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don’t be afraid to learn. Knowledge is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily.

Don’t use time or words carelessly. Neither can be retrieved.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a Mystery and Today is a gift....that’s why we call it The Present.”

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 27 (NIV)

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
- 3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.
- 4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
- 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.
- 6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.
- 8 My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.
- 9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.
- 10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.
- 11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
- 12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.
- 13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- 14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.