# Order of Worship

Song: #718 We Shall Assemble

Call to Worship

Song: #611 Heavenly Sunlight

Song: #364 Come, Share the Lord

The Lord's Supper

Song: #429 Oh, to Be Like Thee

Offering

Offering Song: #705 A Common Love

Song: #650 Send the Light

Scripture Reading
I John 1:5-7

Sermon
"What A Fellowship!"

Song: #903 There Is Power in the Blood

Family Time

Song: #711 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Closing Prayer** 

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

# Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday Evening Sermon: "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John" with Chris Gary

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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## For The Record

Sunday Morning 106 Sunday Morning Bible Study 80 Sunday Evening Worship 27 Wed. Morning Bible Study 18 Wed. Evening Bible Study 40 Contribution Average 2023 N/A

## Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class—I I:00 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m. Wed. Morning Bible Study—I0 a.m. Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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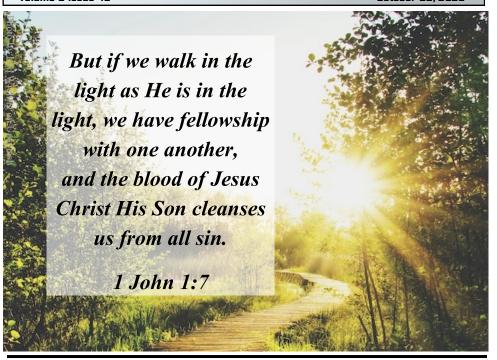
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# We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

# "The Church Is Souls In Fellowship"

The sole business of the church is about souls (Matthew 16:24-27; cf. Psalm 49:6-8; Psalm 49:15). In fact, the church is souls in love with God and with one another (Matthew 22:36-40; cf. Romans 13:8-10; James 2:8). The church is souls worshiping, weeping, and rejoicing together (1 Corinthians 14:15; 1 Corinthians 12:13-27). The church is looking up in praise, inward in penitence, outward in practice, and forward in promise (Hebrews 13:12-15; 2 Corinthians 7:4-11; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 10:12-25; Hebrews 12:22-24. The church is hearts knit together whose spirits share together (Acts 2:42 -47; Acts 4:31-37; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

The term "church" in the Greek literally means "assembly," indicating community and brotherhood. The Lord's church does not exist simply to "beautify" the neighborhood, but to "personify" brotherhood. The church is not a physical building of brick or wood, but a spiritual house of saved men and women in fellowship with God and with one another (Ephesians 2:10-22; I Peter 2:5-10; Hebrews 3:4-6; Ephesians 5:23; I Corinthians I:9; I John I:I-3).

A good illustration of the fellowship we should have with one another is that of the huge redwood trees in California. These trees are the largest and tallest living things on our planet. Some of them are 300 feet tall and over 2,500 years old. One would think that a tree so large must have a tremendous root system that reaches down hundreds of feet into the earth, but that isn't the case. These trees grow in groves — very rarely do we see a tree off to itself. If we were to examine the redwood's root system, we would find that all of the roots intertwine. No tree is alone, for all of the trees support and protect one another. Each tree is important to all other trees in the grove.

Beloved, the church should be like these redwood trees — souls intertwined with one another in fellowship (Ephesians 4:11-16). Without Christ, the church is "nothing" (John 15:5; cf. Philippians 4:13). And without fellowship, the church is useless (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:15-17). As God's people, we must fellowship one another, in order to demonstrate the love of Christ to a world of folks lost in sin (John 13:34-35; 1 John 5:16-21; cf. Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

If we are not willing to participate in godly fellowship here on earth with fellow Christians, none of us will ever see that heavenly realm, where eternal fellowship with God and Christ will exist (Revelation 21:1-3; cf. Revelation 3:20-22; John 14:1-3).

- Mike Riley

# **Church Family New**

**Rejoicing!**—We rejoice with the angels in heaven and thank God for the baptism of Mikey Rollins last Sunday afternoon. Welcome to the family of God, Mikey.

Reading with Neighborhood Children—If you would like to help plan and provide reading assistance to children from apartments currently being visited by The Evangelism Team, please contact Beth Broxton. Day of week to be determined. 2 hours between 4-6pm one day a week. Spend one hour each with two children reading. bethbroxton@yahoo.com or Text/Call: 757 784 0130

**Craft Day**—All crafters are invited to bring a craft project and bag lunch to the fellowship room on Monday at noon to fellowship and craft together.

**Bible Bowl Competition**—A Bible Bowl Competition will be held in the fellowship room at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29. The participants include Jerry Howell, Emily Johnson, Ternon Lee, Michael Johnson, Lucena Rojas-Johnson, Jean Walker, Annie Washington, and Connie Williamson. They will compete over their knowledge of I & 2 Kings. Please see Pat Little for information.

**Trunk or Treat Outreach**—Join us on Saturday, October 28, from 6 - 8 p.m. for Trunk or Treat. Dress in your favorite costume, decorate your vehicle, and share goodies with the children in the community.

**Area-Wide Singing**—Mark your calendar for our second Area-Wide Acapella Singing event on Saturday, December 9, from 5 - 7 p.m. Join us as local congregations come together to sing praises to the Lord.

## Happy Birthday

Judy Fishel 10/1, Jo Ann Knight 10/2, Peggy Boarman 10/5, Jenna Tiefenbeck 10/6, Theresa Patrick 10/7, Robert Beasley 10/8, Michael Bronsberg 10/9, Walker Knight 10/17, Jadyn Abbott 10/18, Cindy Harris 10/18, Camelia Munn 10/22, Rachel Moffitt 10/23, Amy Girimont 10/24, Catalina Laverde 10/25, Betty Owsley 10/25, M.C. Bailey 10/26, Kevin Pitre 10/30,

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

Steve & Betsy Davis 10/20 & Ivan & Vera Harris 10/26

## **Prayer Request**

### **Immediate Concerns:**

Andrea Boisseau - Riverside Hospital Anthony Ricks - undergoing treatment Keith Bucknam - recovering from surgery

Levi Abbott - D.C. hospital

Mike & Regina Boisseau - health

Ken Moran - health

Margaret Rose - cancer

K.P. Pressey - colon cancer

### **Long Term Concerns:**

M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health Lena Stone - health Taylor Myers - health issues Regina Clark - MS India Johnson - health Amy Girimont - health Cheryl Brown - health Abbott Family

#### Shut-ins

Regina Clark Adassa Duncan

## Family & Friends:

Sabrina Logan's grandmother - covid Karen Kinder's cousins, Bill & Brenda - heart attack

Wade Kernan's friend, Tristan & family living in Odessa, Ukraine - safety
Connie Broady's sister, Virginia - health
Frank Logan's mother, Sophia - health
Kay Himes' nephew, Carl Vandivier & friends, Sigrid Polson-Randolph & Ruth - health

Peggy Boarman's son-in-law, Jim Bristow - current situation