

*Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be ready and will have everything he needs to do every good work. (2 Tim. 3:17 ICB)*



# Christian Deaf Church

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## APRIL 3, 2016

**SUNDAY AM BIBLE CLASS....9:00am**

**WORSHIP SERVICE.....10:30am**

**CHURCH SERVICE.....11:00am**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WELCOME:**

**FIRST TIME VISITORS:**

**WARM GREETING:**

**TITHES-LOVE OFFERINGS:**

**SERMON:**

**AGAPE FELLOWSHIP.....12:00pm**

**SUNDAY PM BIBLE CLASS.....1:00pm**

**.....LOOK AHEAD:**



**TODAY:** AGAPE FELLOWSHIP after church service, bring either hot or cold dishes. Welcome and join with us.

**April 9th:** WAF hosts the 'GOODIES

**POSTPONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
basement at 7:00pm and CDC or Mission. Come and have fun times!

**APRIL 9th:** MEN BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP held at Elmer's Restaurant on 101 and NE Sandy Blvd at 9:00am.

**April 16th:** WAF Ladies' Breakfast will held at Crossroad Cafe in Gladstone, OR at 9am.

**April 22nd-24th:** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NW Deaf Christian Men's Retreat will held at Cascade Camp & Conference in Yelm, WA.

The guest speaker is Linsay Darnall Jr. The theme is "IMPACT". The cost is \$120. Deadline Apr. 9th. See flyer.

**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

CDC offers 3 new classes for SPRING 2016

**April 6th--Wednesday Morning**

**Ladies Bible Class at 10:00am** Erin

R will lead a class "Lies Women

Believe". You can purchase the

book at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or

we will provides copies of pdf

form.

**April 10th--Sunday AM Class--9:00am**

Our Pastor Eric will lead the class

"The Battle Plan for Prayer". Sign

up! You could purchase the book

at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or we will

provide copies in pdf form.

**April 10th--Sunday PM Class--12:30pm**

Jennifer J and Pastor Eric both

will lead a class-- "The Spirit of

Man". Sign up. You could

purchase the book at

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or we will

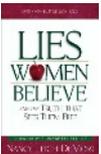
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**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH REVIVAL:**

1. THE PAST MUST BE CLEAR; EVERY SIN

CONFERRED TO GOD; ANY WRONG TO

MAN BE PUT RIGHT.



2. EVERYTHING DOUBTFUL MUST BE REMOVED ONCE FOR ALL OUT OF OUR LIVES.
3. OBEDIENCE PROMPT [ready to act] AND IMPLICIT [unquestioning, unreserved, absolute] TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD.
4. PUBLIC CONFESSION OF CHRIST. Christ said, "I, if I will be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me. There it is. Christ is all in all."

## SUNDAY MORNING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

### DON'T DWELL ON NEGATIVE THOUGHTS OF THE PAST

**TODAY CAN BE** better than yesterday, if you let it. Many times I (Holy Spirit) see you dwelling on the negative thoughts the enemy puts in your mind about yesterday—or last week. My friend, dwelling on thoughts of the past—robs you of your ability to enjoy today. The battle is in your mind, and you can win the battle deliberately choosing to leave the past behind and pressing on toward Father's good plan for today. The enemy may not flee immediately, and he may continue to remind you of your bad yesterday, but you have forever with Jesus—so think on that instead! (Read Haggai 2:9; Job 8:7; Philippians 3:1-14)

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, help me to keep eternity in mind—to set my mind on things above and not on the things of this earth—even as I walk through hard days. I commit to leave yesterday behind and ask You to give me the strength not to dwell on the past in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### Insight Wisdom

Jesus' blood and His mighty Name are an 'antidote' to all the subtle seeds of unbelief that Satan will try to sow in your mind." (S. Wiggleworth)

"The blessed Son of God wants to fill us such glory until our whole body is aflame with the power of the Holy Spirit." (S. Wiggleworth)

"God wants us to be blessed, but first of all He wants us to be ready for the blessing." (S. Wiggleworth)

## PROPHCY NEWS!

**NEWS REPORTED:** Malaysian Court upholds right to convert from Islam to Christianity.

**NEWS REPORTED:** Christian B&B isn't backing down despite \$80,000 fine for refusing to host Gay Wedding.

**NEWS REPORTED:** Mental ill, he wandered aimlessly in the jungle until he met Jesus.

**NEWS REPORTED:** Seriously?! Unfortunately, yes: NEXT month, the Temple of Baal will come to Times Square (in NY). Reproductions of the 50 foot arch that formed the temple's entrance are to be installed in NY and in London, a tribute to the 2,000 years old structure that the Islamic State destroyed last year in the Syrian town of Palmyra.

**NEWS REPORTED:** Prayer for Pakistan after suicide bomb attack on Christians in park that killed over 70.

**NEWS REPORTED:** Georgia's Governor announces he will veto Religious Liberty Bill.

**NEWS REPORTED:** Because of Canadian believers, weeping Cubans are hugging their new Bibles.

**NEWS REPORTED:** Russia, U.S. agree to dethrone Assad, send him to exile.

**NEWS REPORTED:** The French seized a large weapons cache on a ship headed for Somalia. It may have been headed to Yemen from Iran.

**NEWS REPORTED:** California: '100 shots' by men chanting 'Allahu Abkar'.

# *“God’s Best Friend”*

## HOW TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD?

James 2:21-24, 26

This is what the Scriptures mean by saying, “Abraham had faith in God, and God was pleased with him.” That’s how Abraham became God’s friend.” (v. 23 CEV)

1. T F: Abram was an idolater and worshiper of gods?
2. Read Psalms 115:5-8: “those who make idols end up like them”. So Abram can’t speak, see, hear, smell, feel, nor walk. It means Abram was a dead, unsaved, ignorant, lost person.
3. Read Acts 7:1-3:
  - The record said, Abram lived in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq), the land of the Chaldeans, the city called UR. This city was devoted to the worship of the moon goddess, and possible that Abram was an idolater and worshiper of the moon.
  - This young Abram was as an ignorant, unlettered nomad of the desert who lived in a primitive mud-walled city.
  - Stephen declared the God of Glory \_\_\_\_\_ to Abram there in the city of UR.
  - God took the initiative [an introductory act or step; leading action].
  - God, suddenly, breaking into the life of Abram as he lived in UR, worshipping the moon and kneeling before his dumb idols.
4. THE BEGINNING OF THE FAITH: (Genesis 12:1)
  - Abram was command to do three things:
    - leave his \_\_\_\_\_,
    - leave his \_\_\_\_\_,
    - and leave his \_\_\_\_\_’s house.
5. We are to leave **our country**—the place where we have been living, our residence since birth. This is not our physical residence, but rather the \_\_\_\_\_ life with all its ambitions, loyalties, worship of money and fame and power, its imagined independence which is really \_\_\_\_\_—all that we have been by nature since birth. There comes a command on the gospel to leave our country. This is a picture of the world—organized society with its satanic philosophies and

value systems. This is where Abram stood when he first heard the voice of the living God. He may have grown tired of the land of UR, for it is a land of darkness, of weariness of soul, of spiritual hunger and death.

6. Abram was also told to leave **his relatives**. In the spiritual sense these are the moral forces that shape our lives. Just as blood relatives affects us greatly on the physical level, so these moral forces at work today change our lives constantly and color all that we think and do. The opinions of others, the traditions of men, the pressures from family and friends, the attitudes of employers and others around us—these are the kindred we must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ them when we hear the call of God. We are to renounce all concern about what others think and be preeminently concerned about what God thinks. Yet when the call of the voice of God came to him, there is much that seems desirable in the old life.
7. Third, Abram was to leave **his father's house**—this is, the ties with the '\_\_\_\_\_ man'. Our father, in this sense, is Adam, the father of us all. The father's house is called 'the Adamic nature' in which we all live. We are called to leave this, no longer putting any dependence upon our looks, talents, or any of our normal resources. Instead we must begin to walk in dependence upon another to do through us what we cannot do ourselves. Abram's father Terah died in Haran, Syria at age of 205. Now the Lord had said to Abram, 'Get you out of your country, and from your relatives, and your father's house, unto the land that I will show you.'
  - ✓ The word 'Haran' means 'very high, strong [pride], to be dry'.
  - ✓ The word 'Terah' means 'to delay, wandering'.
  - ✓ The numbers: "two hundred" means "insufficient". See John 6:7
  - ✓ The numbers: "five" means "grace or God's goodness".
  - Romans 11:29: "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."
  - 2 Timothy 1:9: "[God] Who has saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."
  - 2 Peter 1:10: "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall."
8. Do you know what are the gifts and calling of God?
9. If you know what are the gifts or calling of God, what should you do about it?