

# WE COME INTO THIS HOUSE TO WORSHIP HIM

Order of Service  
Sunday, January 3, 2021

Call to Worship  
Song Leader  
Meditation/Scripture  
Prayer  
**Sermon**  
Communion  
Offering/Announcements  
Benediction  
Response Facilitator

Morning  
Frank Barnes  
Gregory Shields  
Donald Nelson  
Douglas McHenry  
**Terrance McClain**  
Raymond Knight  
Frank Barnes  
Amos Hicks  
Freddie Gibson

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**Prayer List:** family of our beloved brother Albert Wood Jr., Kelynn Brewer & family on the loss of her mother-in-law, Pamela Eley & family on the loss of her great uncle (Frank West), Gail Evans & family on the loss of her uncle (William Lynard), Alycia Shields & family, Michael Edmondson, Sandra Lawrence & family (daughters Lovey Eaton: 376-8693, 16132 Cleviden Rd. E. Cleveland, Oh, 44112 & Sandy Pollard), Sonseeahray Stewart, Terrance & Linda McClain, Charles Draper & family, Sabrina Evans & family, George McCall, Jill King & family, Anthony Slade & family, Emma Brown, daughter (Vonita Brown) grandson (Douglas Brown) & great grandsons (Damarien Brown & Tallis Moorer), Linda Knight, Brenda Taylor-Hines & Yvonne Taylor & family, Robert Cottingham & family, Clyde Gholston's sister (Thomasene Maddox), Briana Warner & family, Morris & Deborah Jordan & family, Maxine Shell, Renee Peavey & her daughter (Curnesha Daniely), Doris Smith, Nicole Byrd, Sharon Foster, Edward & Betty Harden & family, Willie Blackwell Sr. & family, Mildred Jones-Brown & nephew (Cedric Finley), Cornelia Swing & family, Hatcher family, Marilyn Steward, Harold Martin, Devon Montgomery & family, Sheree Warner & family, Julia Hicks, Amos Hicks, Theresa Brown & family, Diane Patterson, Mary Eley & family, Mary Brown, Phyllis DuVall, Donell Nelson, Andrea Williams, Ruth Wade's mother (Dollie B. Smith) & sister (Hattie Bridges), Kyarra Winfree, Carlton Pope, Manuel Beeman & family, Robert Jackson & family, Clarence Edmondson & family, Denise Draper & father (James Lacy), Peggy Jackson & family, Nate & Marva Wright & family, Gerald Anderson & family, Murphy family, Beverly Hood & family, Kathy Pope, Pamela Eley's niece (Asionna Eley), Martha Burston's granddaughter (Ashlei Warren), Patricia Gaines & family, Deborah Gibson & family, and Louise Huling.

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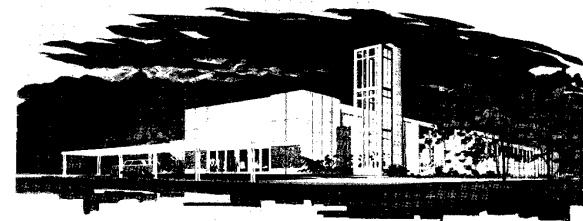
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# INFORMER

January 3, 2021

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## Message from the Minister "Brought Out, To Be Brought In"

"And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in..." (Deut. 6:23).

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and a happy and blessed New year to all of the wonderful saints here at the University church of Christ! The year 2020 has been a very, very difficult one for all of us.

As of December 29, 2020, there were a total of 19.6 million cases and 339,000 deaths nationwide from COVID-19. On December 29<sup>th</sup> there were 201,000+ new cases and 3,628+ deaths on that single day alone. The most recent statistics for the state of Ohio (as of the writing of this *Message from the Minister*), there have been 683,000 total cases and 8,722 deaths.

And, unfortunately, these are not just "statistics" to us, for one of our own beloved sisters in Christ, and one of the beautiful sisters here at the University church of Christ, that I affectionately refer to as our "Spiritual Golden Girls"—sister Ola Owsley—transitioned from this life on Wednesday morning, December 30, 2020.

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<p><b>WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?</b></p> <p><b>HEAR:</b> Acts 15:7 <b>BELIEVE:</b> Mark 16:15-16 <b>REPENT:</b> Acts 17:30 <b>CONFESS:</b> Romans 10:9-10 <b>BE BAPTIZED:</b> Acts 2:38</p>	<p><b>Weekly Calendar*</b></p> <p><b>Sunday*</b> Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday*</b> General Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>*See page 3 regarding phone &amp; online access.</b></p>	<p><b>WHAT MUST I DO TO KEEP FROM FALLING?</b></p> <p><b>READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY</b> 2 Timothy 2:15</p> <p><b>ADD CHRISTIAN GRACE</b> 2 Peter 1:5-11</p> <p><b>ATTEND SERVICE</b> Hebrews 10:25</p>
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## Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guest. It is our sincere hope that you will be spiritually edified by the worship service today. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about our worship services.

## Message from the Minister

### “Brought Out, To Be Brought In”

“And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in...” (Deut. 6:23).

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Our hearts ache and our condolences are extended to brother Brian Barnes, her beloved grandson, his three cousins (granddaughters of sister Owsley), brother Frank Barnes, one of our beloved elders, Brian’s father and son-in-law of sister Owsley, and the entire Barnes and Owsley family.

We have wrestled with the chaotic aftermath of our 2020 presidential election, which continues even as I am typing this *Message from the Minister* for this week’s bulletin; the financial devastation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic; the disjointed efforts to educate our children while keeping them and our valuable educators and school personnel safe; as well as sickness and death that have touched our lives that are not connected to COVID-19. However, despite it all, I believe that **God has brought us out of 2020 to bring us into 2021!**

Our text is lifted from a passage where the Israelites are told to personally instruct their children concerning the testimonies, statues, and judgments of the Lord. They were to tell their children how God had delivered them from Egyptian slavery and brought them into the promised land!

As we move into 2021, I want us to remember that even though the pandemic is still with us, and there is still political unrest, and unrest birthed because of social injustice, **“God brought us out of 2020 and into 2021 for His purpose!”** When God brings you out, He does not leave you where you are. He brings us into so much more and better things than He took us out from, through His mighty power.

As Christians, God brought us out to save us from a horrible pit (**Ps. 40:2**), a hopeless past (**Eph. 2:12-13**), and from a helpless position (**Rom. 5:6**).

God brought us in to seat us in heavenly places (**Eph. 2:6**), where we enjoy our position in Christ (**Rom. 5:11**), are endued with the power of God (**Romans 15:13**), and endure the problems of this world (**2 Tim. 2:3**).

God brought us in to show us heaven’s provisions, providing us with full pardon (**Isaiah 55:7**), focused peace (**Rom. 5:1**), and forevermore pleasure (**Ps. 16:11**).

Therefore, I pray that our understanding of these great truths will motivate us in 2021 to:

**Forget not God (Deut. 6:24).**

**Follow God (Deut. 6:14-15).**

**Fear the Lord (Deut. 6:13, 24).**

On behalf of the elders, deacons, and myself, I want to thank you all for your faithfulness throughout 2020. Remember that our *Mission and Vision Statement* articulates our purpose, which is to be **“a New Testament church seeking to evangelize, starting with the central core of Greater Cleveland. We will use our unique gifts and opportunities to engage with the community to bring souls to Jesus, develop and equip them for a 21<sup>st</sup> century ministry.”** As we move forward, please remember that God loves you, Jesus died for you, I love you, and I am your servant for Jesus’ sake!

Yours because of Calvary,  
Terrance R. McClain, PhD  
Minister

## T o d a y ’ s M e d i t a t i o n

### Lamentations 3:22-26 (KJV)

**LEADER:** *It is* of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

**CONGREGATION:** *They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

**LEADER:** The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

**CONGREGATION:** The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

**LEADER:** *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

**CONGREGATION:** For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

**TOGETHER:** But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

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### To access Sunday morning worship (11:00am) and Wednesday evening Bible study (7pm):

- 1) Tune into FACEBOOK live stream at **Terrance Richard McClain**
- 2) Via teleconference:  
**Dial 1-717-275-8940 or 1-712- 832-8330 Access code 244-4066.**
- 3) The worship service is also be available on WWW.YOUTUBE.COM (after 2pm)  
Search: **University Church of Christ Cleveland**

You can drop by the church building and pick up your communion set, bulletin and drop off your contribution Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please call the church office at (216) 421-0233 if you have any questions.

- ◆ **Remember to call or email the church office if you’d like to access our Thursday 7pm Bible study via Zoom. Fall & Winter quarter books may be picked-up at the church building during office hours. To access this bible study via phone, dial 301-715-8592, ID: 83840201778, Passcode: 855448**