



# Welcome to our Guests

We welcome each of you to our Church as our honored guest. We are so excited you have chosen to worship with us today. May you be uplifted and encouraged by the music, message and the wonderful fellowship of our church family.

We would love the opportunity to find out more about you and how we can best minister to you and your family. Please take a moment to fill out a yellow *Welcome Card*, located in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.

It's our desire you grow in your relationship with Christ and find a place to serve Him. If you do not attend a church regularly, we invite you to become a part of what God is doing here.

Once again, thank you for being here and for being our honored guest!



At the end of the service, a few moments are set aside for people to respond to the message.

If you need prayer for *salvation, baptism, spiritual renewal, church membership, healing or comfort*, this is the time to respond. The pastor will be standing at the front to pray with you.

You can also respond by checking the appropriate box on the back of the yellow *Welcome Card* and dropping it into the offering plate

## How to Experience New Life in Christ!

### Do you know Christ as your personal Savior?

Have you ever prayed to receive the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Savior? If you have not...

### The Bible Says, All Men Are Sinners!

Our sins have separated us from God. Notice Romans 3:23 (NLT), "*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*" God made man in His own image. He gave us the ability to choose right from wrong. Our sinful nature separates us from God.

### Did You Know, Our Sins Must Be Paid For?

We discover in Romans 6:23 (NLT), "*The wages of sin is death;*" meaning, the payment of our sin is death and hell. Sin separates us from God forever, if we continue in our sins we will die without ever knowing our Creator. We will be lost forever!

### Good News! Jesus Paid Our Sin Debt.

When Jesus was crucified on the cross, our sins were laid upon Him. He paid a debt He did not owe; we have a debt we could not pay! Romans 5:8 (NLT) *But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.* The "Good News" is... Jesus died for our sins, was buried and He rose again after three days!

### Realize, God Loves You!

God loves you and has a plan for your life. John 3:16 says, "*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*"

### What Must You Do?

Repent of your sins, Acts 3:19 (NLT) "*Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.*"

Call upon the name of Jesus, Romans 10:13 (NLT)

"*Whosoever calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.*"

### Pray, and Ask Jesus Christ to Save You Today.

First, admit you're a sinner and then confess your need for forgiveness and by faith ask Jesus Christ to sit on the throne of your heart to be your Lord and Savior. He is waiting for you to call upon His name.



The  
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# Bulletin

January 10, 2016 - 10:45 am

Today's Sermon Title:  
**THREE RESOLUTIONS  
FOR THE  
NEW YEAR**

### INSPIRING WORDS TO PONDER

FROM STREAMS IN THE DESERT, A DEVOTIONAL

Once the Lord has given us great faith, He has been known to test it with long delays. He has allowed His servants' voices to echo in their ears, as if their prayers were rebounding from the contemptuous sky. Believers have knocked at the heavenly gate, but it has remained immovable, as though its hinges had rusted. And like Jeremiah, they have cried, "You have covered yourself with a cloud so that no prayer can get through" (Lam. 3:44)

True saints of God have endured lengthy times of patient waiting with no reply, not because their prayers were prayed without intensity, nor because God did not accept their pleas. They were required to wait because it pleased Him who is sovereign and who gives "according to His good purpose" (Phil. 2:13). And if it pleases Him to cause our patience to be exercised, should He not do so as He desires with His own?

No prayer is ever lost, or any prayer ever breathed in vain. There is no such thing as prayer unanswered or unnoticed by God, and some things we see as refusals or denials are simply delays. Horatius Bonar

Christ sometimes delays His help so He may test our faith and energize our prayers. Our boat may be tossed by the waves while He continues to sleep, but He will awake before it sinks. He sleeps but He never oversleeps, for He is never too late.

Alexander Maclaren