## Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Song: #19 Come, Thou Almighty
King

Song: #58 A Charge to Keep I Have

Song: #269 Thomas' Song

The Lord's Supper

Song: #53 Father, I Adore You

Offering

Offering Song: #662 All to Jesus I Surrender

Song:#557 Rise Up, O Men of God

Scripture Reading
Luke 13:1-5

Sermon
"Do You Think My Sin Is Worse
Than Yours?"

Song: #931 Wake Up, O Sleeper

**Prayer Requests** 

Song: #555 Seek Ye First

**Closing Prayer** 

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

# "Are you visiting for the first time today?"

Welcome guest! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this morning. Please help us to get to know you better by filling out the green guest card on the back of the seat in front of you and dropping it in the collection basket. Or, for your convenience, you may scan the QR code and complete the guest card digitally. Thank you for taking the time to attend our service today. We hope to see you again soon!



Scan for Guest Card

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Archie R. Green

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Hrs: Tues - Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship 102 Sunday Morning Bible Study 71 Sunday Afternoon Service 17 Wed. Morning Bible Study 17 Wed. Evening Bible Study N/A Contribution Average 2025 N/A

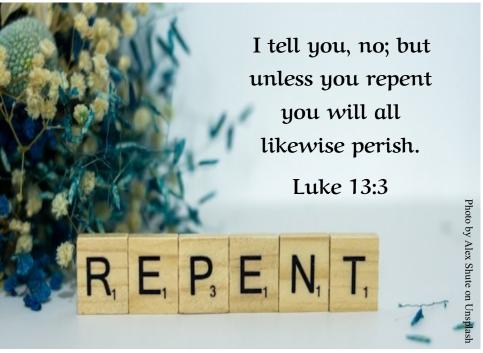
## Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon Service—1:30 p.m. Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m. Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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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!

# "Do You Think My Sin Is Worse Than Yours?"

In Luke 13, the Savior presents the core concept in God's scheme of Redemption. He states, "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, NKJV). This is the core tenet of the Gospel message, as it clearly defines why Jesus came to earth and why He needed to die. He explains to the masses that sin is sin. Jesus states, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? "(Luke 13:2 b). Thus, reasoning that all men sin, and THAT ONE MAN'S sin is NO greater than another's, regardless of how we interpret life's events. Men often reason within themselves that their sin is not as great as another man's sin. I believe this is why Master Jesus repeats the phrase, "unless you". I see this as a direct condemnation of projecting our righteousness on others as if we are the clear standard of mercy and justice for the world (2 Samuel 12:5-6). What we all must agree on is that sin is universal (Romans 3:23). It is deceitful (I John 1:8-10). And most of all, we are foolish when we ignorantly assert we can master the boundaries thereof (Romans 5:21).

Sin holds a perceived "driver's seat" and obviously, a seat of persecution. Notably, we would all rather hold the seat of preference than the "shotgun" of condemnation. People love to judge whether they admit it or not. The realization that we have failed is abated only by the self-volunteered elevation of oneself "over others". In other words, it is easier for me to attempt to fool myself into thinking that my sin cannot be as bad as others. For example, the Scriptures teach, "So Haman went out that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai" (Esther 5:9). Notice the simple-minded arrogance of humanity when we believe our sins are little, while others are great. Haman's downfall stemmed from his wish for another man's demise. Sound familiar? This type of sin occurs when I easily dismiss my own "nothing" and others' "everything". When Hurricane Katrina devastated our Southern Border, you repeatedly heard "Well, that place is sinful, so God is judging them!". Many of these voices had just departed from Las Vegas, Miami, Cancun, Atlantic City, Utica, Los Angeles, Reno, and other cities, which were quickly justified as meccas of grace. That's because "I" went there, not "those other places". If one city is sinful across the globe, they are all sinful. It's a pattern of behavior; we are all susceptible to justifying our sins and condemning others. BAD HABITS, especially in the Church where Christ is supposed to rule (Colossians 3:15). We are to rule our city, not others (Proverbs 25:28). Think about these things, and God Bless. - Archie R. Green

#### COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP I

Please drop by room 7A/B to sign compassion cards.

# **Church Family News**

**Congratulations!**—Our heartfelt congratulations to Randy and Faye Harris on their recent marriage. May God bless you and your love for one another.

**Family Potluck Today**—There will be a family potluck today following Bible classes. All are welcome! A brief devotional will follow the potluck.

**Thank you!**—A special thank you to the congregation for their loving generosity in donating school supplies for our Bookbag Giveaway and to all those who volunteered in various ways for our 2025 Vacation Bible School.

Men's Leadership Meeting Seminar—All men are invited to our two-part Men's Leadership Meeting Seminar, beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, with light refreshments. The Seminar, facilitated by Aubrey Johnson, will follow from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A continental breakfast will be served on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m., with the Seminar following from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

**Deacon's Meeting**—A Deacon's Meeting will follow Aubrey Johnson's presentation on Saturday, August 9th, at 1 pm.

**Teaching Symposium**—All Bible class teachers and those interested in learning more about teaching are invited to a Teaching Symposium on Saturday, August 23rd, from 9 to 11:30 am. Please see Rickey Rodgers for more details.

**Save the Date!**—There will be a wedding shower for Randy and Faye Harris on September 13th at 1 pm. More details to follow—including registry lists. For more information, see Cindy Harris, Patty Harris, Caitlin Upton, or Melissa Jones.

Men's Golf Outing and Fellowship—Plans are underway for a Men's Golf Outing in September or October, which will include lunch and fellowship. Projected dates are either September 13<sup>th</sup> or October 11th—location TBD. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Howard Moffitt at 757-912-4453 or Howard@peerlessrestorationsvcs.com.

## Happy Birthday

Jennifer Christol 8/3, Juanita Bailey 8/5, Emily Johnson 8/9, Debbie Garrett 8/15, Doug Smith 8/15, David Banks 8/19, Cheryl Brown 8/25, Alan Hicks 8/27, Nickie Fetterman 8/28, Bailey Jones 8/29, Regina Boisseau 8/30, Brooklynn Gary 8/30

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Chris & Jennifer Abbott 8/5, Brian & Rita Seely 8/17, Miley & Jean Walker 8/18, David & Tina Banks 8/19, Alan & Michelle Hicks 8/19, Jim & Stacia Landrom 8/26, Michael & Regina Boisseau 8/30

## Prayer Request

#### **Immediate Concerns:**

**Lena Stone** - West Point Rehabilitation Center

Austin & Caitlin Upton - welcome back!

**Pat Little** - home - please call before visiting and refrain from visiting if feeling unwell

Catalina Laverde - health Adassa Duncan - hospice (at home) Margaret Rose - undergoing chemo Isaiah Hicks - undergoing treatment

### **Long Term Concerns:**

Levi Abbott - health (at home)
Betty Benson - health
The Boisseau Family - health
M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Doug Smith - health
Regina Clark - health
Abbott Family - strength & support
Anthony Ricks - health
Ken Moran - health
Jerry & Camelia Munn - health

### **Shut-ins**

Regina Clark

### Family & Friends:

**Archie Green's** mother, **Inez Green** - health

**Rita Seely's** mother, **Louise Weir** - stroke

**Joe Garcia's** son, **Joel**, stationed in the Middle East - safety.

Eddie Logan - difficult situation

Peggy Boarman's son-in-law, Jim

**Bristow** - moved

Rene Kassing's grandson, Justin – cancer

**Our Missionaries**