

# THE HERALD

## 2021 Theme: "Kingdom Occupied."

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

7:30am ..... Radio Program  
WHLJ 97.5 FM  
9:45am ..... Bible School  
11:00am ..... Worship  
4:00pm ..... Worship

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00pm ..... Bible Study

**THURSDAY**

7:00pm ..... Ladies Bible Class  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> weeks

**SERVICES OFFERED:**

- In-Home Bible Studies
- Private Open Bible Studies at the church building
- Bible Correspondence Courses
- Transportation to and from the services.  
Call 734-262-0603
- Counseling (*marital and personal*)



**The Biblical View of Social Justice:  
"How to Live the Best Life"**

The United Nations is an organization formed in 1945 to promote world peace and serve as a forum where nations can join forces to tackle international problems in a cooperative manner. One of the main concerns of the U.N. has been human rights. "Human rights" has been the terminology used in its pronouncements and documents since its inception but, in the second half of the 1960s the term began to be replaced with the phrase "social justice". In a document entitled **Declaration on Social Progress and Development** the authors offer a concise history of the concept of social justice:

"[T]he notion of social justice is relatively new. None of history's great philosophers—not Plato or Aristotle, or Confucius or Averroes, or even Rousseau or Kant—saw the need to consider justice or the redress of injustices from a social perspective."

From what perspective then did they view justice and the redress of injustices? It was viewed as a personal quality of harmony and peace in the inward man. Ancient philosophers like Plato [458 B.C.], Socrates, Aristotle and Epicurean addressed these questions and came up with what they believed were theoretical and practical solutions. The solution was sought by asking the question: "what is the best way to live" or how does one achieve a *virtuous* life. Plato thought about the question and came up with a concept that he called *justice*. He defined justice as a *state of harmony where warring factions within a man were at peace*. So, as we can see, the term "Justice" was first applied to the individual. A just person was one who was at peace with himself. In other words, there were no wars going on in his conscious.

This state of *justice* made it possible for there to be peace and harmony in the larger society. Predictably, people who have not achieved a state of justice [peace and harmony] within themselves cannot contribute to justice in society because eventually, the wars on the inside of them will spill over into the larger community in the form of antisocial behavior and violence. Among philosophers and thinkers of the ancient world, achieving a state of personal justice on the inside of the individual was the best way to live. Achieving inner peace was the key to achieving justice [peace and harmony] within the larger community outside of the man.

In this article I want to begin to look at God's answer to the question of *how to live the best life* and explore God's concept of how to achieve justice in society. I want to begin by looking at the story of the creation in the book of Genesis.

In the story of Adam and Eve we can begin to understand the issues involved in arriving at an answer. God made Adam and Eve and put them in the garden and told them: "...of all the trees you may freely eat but of the tree in the midst of the garden thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that you do, you will surely die" (*Genesis 2:17*).

Satan insinuated that their situation did not afford them the chance to live the best life. He implied that God was holding out on them and, denying them the opportunity to reach their highest potential. He implied that God was denying them access to knowledge and that He was denying them the opportunity to achieve equality with Him. Satan's idea of how they were to discover their best self is revealed in the narrative of his dialog with Eve (*Gen 3:1-8*). It is his answer to how to achieve one's highest state of existence and achieve what Plato would come to call *justice* within. Satan's answer was to throw off the shackles of being bound to the system that God had set up.

<sup>4</sup> "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **Genesis 3:4-5** (NIV)

Their eyes did become open, and they did come to know good and evil. The problem was they did not acquire the power to bring about good nor to deal with the evil that followed. That power remained solely in the hands of God. Plato would say, they lost *justice* within. The peace and harmony that they had on the inside was lost and the peace which they had with God and with each other was also damaged.

Their collective conscious was gripped by guilt; selfishness surfaced in their hearts; and, they began to shift blame away from themselves toward others. Eve blamed the serpent and Adam blamed Eve and insinuated that God was the blame for his failure because it was He that gave him the woman.

This defect was passed along to their children and we read in **Genesis 4:1-8** (KJV) the account of how Cain followed his parents in rejecting God's right to dictate the terms of their relationship. In so doing he lost inner peace [justice] and soon the turmoil on the inside spilt over in the form of violence toward his brother Abel.

In our next article we will explore the details of the story and see how they relate to the ancient quest of finding justice and answering the question: what is the best way to live? †



## DAILY BIBLE READING

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Saturday, 05/01	Luke 20:1-26	1 Samuel 18-19
Sunday, 05/02	Luke 20:27-47	1 Samuel 20-22
Monday, 05/03	Luke 21:1-24	1 Samuel 23-24
Tuesday, 05/04	Luke 21:25-38	1 Samuel 25-26
Wednesday, 05/05	Luke 22:1-23	1 Samuel 27-29
Thursday, 05/06	Luke 22:24-35	1 Samuel 30-31
Friday, 05/07	Luke 22:54-71	2 Samuel 1-3
Saturday, 05/08	Luke 23:1-25	2 Samuel 4-6
Sunday, 05/09	Luke 23:26-56	2 Samuel 7-10
Monday, 05/10	Luke 24:1-12	2 Samuel 11-12
Tuesday, 05/11	Luke 24:13-35	2 Samuel 13-14
Wednesday, 05/12	Luke 24:36-53	2 Samuel 15-16
Thursday, 05/13	John 1:1-34	2 Samuel 17-18
Friday, 05/14	John 1:35-51	2 Samuel 19-20
Saturday, 05/15	John 2	2 Samuel 21-22
Sunday, 05/16	John 3:1-21	2 Samuel 23-24
Monday, 05/17	John 3:22-36	1 Kings 1
Tuesday, 05/18	John 4:1-26	1 Kings 2-3
Wednesday, 05/19	John 4:27-54	1 Kings 4-5
Thursday, 05/20	John 5:1-18	1 Kings 6-7
Friday, 05/21	John 5:19-47	1 Kings 8
Saturday, 05/22	John 6:1-24	1 Kings 9
Sunday, 05/23	John 6:25-51	1 Kings 10-11
Monday, 05/24	John 6:52-71	1 Kings 12-13
Tuesday, 05/25	John 7:1-24	1 Kings 14-15
Wednesday, 05/26	John 7:25-39	1 Kings 16-17
Thursday, 05/27	John 7:40-53	1 Kings 18-19
Friday, 05/28	John 8:1-20	1 Kings 20-21
Saturday, 05/29	John 8:21-47	1 Kings 22
Sunday, 05/30	John 8:48-59	2 Kings 1-3

### †† OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES ††

B/Calvin **Strickland**, Assisted Living, Atlanta GA BLG #1  
 S/Betty **Yearby**, Holly Hill Nursing Hm, Valdosta BLG #1

### †† MEMBERS AT HOME ††

S/Louise <b>Battle</b>	BLG #1
B/Samuel <b>Battle Jr.</b>	BLG #1
S/LaRonda <b>Boyd.</b>	BLG #2
S/Lucinda <b>Brown.</b>	BLG #4
B/Frank <b>Chandler.</b>	BLG #2
S/Glorice <b>Ferrell.</b>	BLG #4
S/Daisy <b>Fiveash.</b>	BLG #4
S/Loretta <b>Griffin.</b>	BLG #1
S/Dorothy <b>Hamilton.</b>	BLG #5
S/Louise <b>Harden.</b>	BLG #1
S/Robbie <b>Hester.</b>	BLG #2
S/Josie <b>Jackson.</b>	BLG #5
S/Barbara H. <b>Jones.</b>	BLG #2
S/Jeniece <b>Myers.</b>	BLG #1
B/A. Jerome <b>Rizer.</b>	BLG #1
B/Solomon <b>Sanders.</b>	BLG #2
S/Rosa & S/Benita <b>Settles.</b>	BLG #2
S/Betty <b>Vann.</b>	BLG #1
S/Mary S. <b>Williams.</b>	BLG #4



## God's Plan for Saving Man

Divine Love ..... *John 3:16*  
 God's Grace ..... *Ephesians 2:8*  
 Christ's Blood ..... *Romans 5:9*  
 Holy Spirit's Word ..... *Romans 1:16*  
 Sinner's Faith ..... *Acts 16:31*  
 Sinner's Repentance ..... *Luke 13:3*  
 Sinner's Confession ..... *Romans 10:10*  
 Sinner's Baptism ..... *Acts 22:16*  
 Christian's Love ..... *Matthew 22:37*  
 Christian's Work ..... *James 2:24*  
 Christian's Hope ..... *Romans 8:24*  
 Christian's Endurance.. *Revelation 2:10*

### Let the Record Speak 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021

Church DATE	Online	Livestream	Facebook	Onsite	Daily TOTAL
01/03 <sup>rd</sup>	20	56	131	71	278
01/10 <sup>th</sup>	20	75	94	89	278
01/17 <sup>th</sup>	18	56	122	96	292
01/24 <sup>th</sup>	20	12	135	85	252
01/31 <sup>st</sup>	18	11	128	100	254
02/07 <sup>th</sup>	12	40	125	117	294
02/14 <sup>th</sup>	16	54	117	71	258
02/21 <sup>st</sup>	10	34	95	98	237
02/28 <sup>th</sup>	12	39	104	110	265
03/07 <sup>th</sup>	0	40	125	112	277
03/14 <sup>th</sup>	11	54	117	96	278
03/21 <sup>st</sup>	14	34	95	107	250
03/28 <sup>th</sup>	7	16	105	111	239



in May

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Gregory Martin, Sr.
- 1<sup>st</sup> - LaMonica Pride Miller
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Carissa Holliday
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Jamaal Sermons
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Justin Sermons
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Jacqueline Neal
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Gregory White
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Uran Yearby
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Marie Young
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Janice Thomas
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Ebony Ceasar
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Roben Collier
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Brooklyn Johnson
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Betty Ford
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Carla Gervin
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Tabitha Breeden
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Beauford White
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Charlene Blache
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Joseph Ceasar
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cory Ewing, Jr.
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Wm. Paul Myers
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Daisy Fiveash
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Wilma Kitchen
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Addie Marina
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Henry Walker, Jr.



- 4<sup>th</sup> - Rashad & Jakerra Brown, 2-years.
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Clarence & Teresia Guyton, 21-years.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Uran & Michelle Yearby, 16-years.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Robert & Marie Young, 14-years.
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Harry & Elaine Wrice, 44-years.
- 28<sup>th</sup> - James & Tomiko Glenn, 16-years.
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Wm. Paul & Willie Mae Myers, 46-years.
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Eriqye & Shannon Davis, 17-years. ■

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**\*WORSHIP,**  
**Sundays @ 11:00am**  
*(In Person & Facebook Live)*



**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 4:00pm**  
*(Zoom) Meeting ID: 894-681-340*

**\*DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**  
**Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (Zoom)**  
*Meeting ID: 832-0380-6755*



## CALENDAR

- 1<sup>st</sup> - IMAGE Ministry Record/Edit Announcements every Saturday 10:30-11:30am.
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Club Day Kidz Zone, 12:00-2:00pm.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - WFG Dollar Day\$.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Baptismal Ministry Meet after Morning Worship.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - WFG Kickball at 5:00pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - IMAGE Ministry Meeting 6:00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Youth Council Meeting 6:45pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8:15pm.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Meals-On-Wheels Ministry meet, 10:00am.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - IMAGE Ministry Record/Edit Announcements every Saturday 10:30-11:30am.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Club Day, 12:00-2:00pm.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Hospitality Ministry Meeting 6:00pm.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Grad Committee Meeting 7:00pm on Zoom.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - BLG #5 Monthly Group Meeting 6:15pm.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8:15pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - IMAGE Ministry Record/Edit Announcements every Saturday 10:30-11:30am.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - BLG #2 Meeting & Fellowship.
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Club Day, 12:00-2:00pm.
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Clothes Closet Ministry Meeting after Morning Worship.
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Student Registration for Vacation Bible School open today for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8:15pm.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - IMAGE Ministry Record/Edit Announcements every Saturday 10:30-11:30am.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Club Day Kidz Zone, 12:00-2:00pm.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - WFG host 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fun Time.
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8:15pm.
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Team Meeting.

✿ If you have questions about individual Ministry activities listed, please check with the Chairperson of that Ministry. ✿

### WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

*Dorothy Dye, Ph.D., Christian Clinical Counselor*

**For Appointment call 229-232-9458.**

Members of Woodlawn Forrest, this service is free to you!  
 Due to Social Distancing, Dr. Dye is not in the office right now,  
 However, you can call for phone sessions, questions, etc.



## Encourage Yourself – Part 1

**1 Samuel 30:6** And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

It is commonly reported that depression affects 16-18 million Americans each year! We're not talking about a rainy day feeling; we're talking about a serious condition.

It ought to concern all of us that so many people have a difficult time enjoying life. And we don't need to judge depressed people. Any number of things can weigh a person down to the point that they lose hope. And even those of us who aren't depressed must admit that there are times when we struggle with maintaining happiness.

The good news is that God's Word gives you insights into your human condition and offers you tremendous help to deal with your battle to stay encouraged!

The Scriptures teach that God intends for you to enjoy life! That's the message Paul gives us in I Timothy 6:17 where he says in the latter part of the verse, **"God giveth us richly all things to enjoy!"**

You don't have to let life's challenges overwhelm you. God wants to help you face life with confidence and enthusiasm! He wants you to be encouraged and He wants you to experience a happy and joy-filled life!

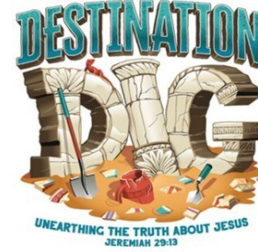
Check out next month's edition of The Herald for Part 2.

*Submitted by:  
JaCory L. Sermons, Youth Minister*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Remember **Dollar Day\$** the first Sunday of each month for our Youth Ministry. Every member is asked to Please make a generous donation toward the ongoing activities and programs planned for our young people.
- WFYG will host a **monthly Kickball Game** on the first Sunday of each month beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The kickball game will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the church campus.
- Beginning in June, **Wednesday Night Live** will be open to all students in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Students will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom area and sessions will last until 8:15 p.m. For more information please contact Bro. JaCory Sermons.
- Please make plans to attend **Vacation Bible School 2021**. Due to COVID19, VBS will look and feel a little differently than it has in the past. However, we are still looking forward to having an amazing, spiritually enriching time studying the Word of God together. VBS will take place at two different times this year.
- The **first VBS** will be held **June 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**, for all 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

- The **second VBS** will be held **July 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>** for all Middle School and High School students.



**This year's theme is: "Destination Dig: Unearthing The Truth About Jesus."** All adults who would like to serve as volunteers are asked to begin registering today. Prospective volunteers can scan the QR code to register or utilize the Church App. For more information, please contact Bro. JaCory Sermons.

- This year, Woodlawn has **two seniors graduating** from High School. They are . . .



**Ja'hira Haliyah Danielle Howell**  
(Valdosta High School) and  
**Teretha Nicole Lott**  
(Lowndes High School).

A **Graduation Celebration** is being planned for Saturday, **June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**. More details will be available at a later date. ■

*"Forged in the Fire  
Yet Found Faithful".*

1 Peter 1:7

*"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ".*

## Theme for Woodlawn Forrest Ladies Inspirational Day

Date: *Saturday, June 26, 2021*  
Time: *10:00 a.m.*  
Location: *Virtually on Zoom*  
Login Info: *Zoom login and Speaker provided soon.*