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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
2nd & 4th 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)*

✍ *A Message From the Minister*

Psalm 13:1-6 (KJV)
[3]Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; [4]Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. [5]But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in they salvation. [6] I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

"The Struggles of the Soul" … *part 2*

David says, "Consider and hear me. When your soul is gripped by agitation it is time for **supplication**. David said in Psalms 130:1, *out of the depths I have cried unto thee.* Psalms 120:1, *in my distress I cried unto the lord and he heard me.* Psalms 138:3, *In the day when I cried you answered me and strengthened me with strength in my soul.* Listen to what he says:

Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; (13:3-4).

Agitation should lead us to supplication. Trouble gives power to prayer. Notice how David prays: *"Consider and hear me, O Lord my God"* (13:3). Prayer is a blessing that only the saved can effectively employ. The bible says "*the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are opened to their prayers but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil*." David is asking for two things: a ***fresh revelation*** of God and a ***Full Restoration*** to God.

1) A Fresh Revelation of God

"Lighten mine eyes" (13:3). Here is a request that God would dispel his doubts and give him a new vision of the divine person, the divine purpose and the divine power. The function of true prayer is to make us aware of God. All our prayers should open with our Father or some phrase that acknowledge God the Father; Jehovah the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We are to pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus. When we come to Him in genuine penitence, supplication and faith God is always ready to reveal Himself to us. The Bible makes this clear when it says, "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). We cannot study the lives of biblical characters, or of the saints through the centuries, without being impressed by the fact that supplication in the Spirit always leads men to a fresh revelation of God.

We need to see him like Isaiah saw him, high and lifted up sitting on a throne (6:1ff). We learn in the first few verses of Isaiah 6 that a good king had died and there was trouble in the land. The lord sent Isaiah a fresh revelation of his ***power*** and ***majesty***. He said … **Isaiah 6:1**

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. [KJV]

When our souls are in agitation our supplication ought to be "lighten my eyes, give me a fresh revelation of your majesty and power". I need to know that you are still on the throne. He will do it. You won't have a vision like Isaiah but the Lord will show you in a convincing way that he is still in control. That he is still high and lifted up. His supplication was for a Fresh Revelation of God but also a Full Restoration to God.

2) A Full Restoration to God

"Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved" (13:3-4).

That word 'moved' is from the Hebrew word "mote". It means to waver, slip, shake, or fall; to be carried, cast; be out of course; be fallen in decay.

To sleep the sleep of death when you are out of course is the ultimate disaster. It is to die in your sins. If that happens, Jesus says, *where I am you cannot come*. David is saying lighten my eyes, give me a fresh revelation so that I might have a full restoration, lest I sleep the

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✞✞ Our Members in Nursing Homes ✞✞

B/Calvin **Strickland**-Care Home, Forest Park GA BLG 1
S/Betty **Yearby**-Holly Hill Nursing Hm, Valdosta BLG 1

✞✞ Members At Home ✞✞

S/Louise **Battle**.	BLG #1
B/Samuel **Battle Jr**.	BLG #1
S/Anne **Bentley**	BLG #1
S/Lucinda **Brown**.	BLG #4
S/Marjorie **Bythwood**.	BLG #4
B/Frank **Chandler**.	BLG #2
S/Roben **Collier**.	BLG #1
S/Glorice **Ferrell**.	BLG #4
S/Daisy **Fiveash**.	BLG #4
S/Dorothy **Hamilton**.	BLG #5
S/Louise **Harden**.	BLG #1
S/Robbie **Hester**.	BLG #2
S/Josie B. **Jackson.**	BLG #5
S/Barbara H. **Jones**.	BLG #2
S/Mary **McKinnon**.	BLG #1
S/Jeniece **Myers**.	BLG #1
B/Wm. Paul **Myers**.	BLG #1
B/A. Jerome **Rizer**.	BLG #1
B/Tony **Rozer**.	BLG #5
B/Solomon **Sanders**.	BLG #2
S/Rosa & S/Benita **Settles**.	BLG #2
S/Louise **Simmons**.	BLG #1
S/Betty **Vann**.	BLG #1
S/Mary S. **Williams**.	BLG #4

We realize that visiting is limited, so pickup a copy of THE HERALD for phone numbers to call our Sick and those who are Shut-in, and for their addresses to send-ing loving, encouraging cards.

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We have Not resumed all of our 'in person' activities, but you are encouraged to be apart of . . .

➢ **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

➢ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE, 6:30-8:15pm**
For ages 1st thru 12th Grades

Daily Bible Reading for August

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Sunday, 08/01	Acts 25	Job 28-29
Monday, 08/02	Acts 26	Job 30-31
Tuesday, 08/03	Acts 27:1-12	Job 32-33
Wednesday, 08/04	Acts 27:13-44	Job 34-36
Thursday, 08/05	Acts 28:1-15	Job 37-38
Friday, 08/06	Acts 28:16-31	Job 39-40
Saturday, 08/07	Romans 1:1-17	Job 41-42
Sunday, 08/08	Romans 1:18-32	Psalms 1-6
Monday, 08/09	Romans 2	Psalms 7-12
Tuesday, 08/10	Romans 3	Psalms 13-17
Wednesday, 08/11	Romans 4	Psalms 18-21
Thursday, 08/12	Romans 5	Psalms 22-24
Friday, 08/13	Romans 6	Psalms 25-29
Saturday, 08/14	Romans 7	Psalms 30-33
Sunday, 08/15	Romans 8:1-17	Psalms 34-36
Monday, 08/16	Romans 8:18-39	Psalms 37-38
Tuesday, 08/17	Romans 9	Psalms 39-43
Wednesday, 08/18	Romans 10	Psalms 44-47
Thursday, 08/19	Romans 11:1-21	Psalms 48-51
Friday, 08/20	Romans 11:22-36	Psalms 52-56
Saturday, 08/21	Romans 12	Psalms 57-61
Sunday, 08/22	Romans 13	Psalms 62-66
Monday, 08/23	Romans 14	Psalms 67-69
Tuesday, 08/24	Romans 15:1-21	Psalms 70-72
Wednesday, 08/25	Romans 15:22-33	Psalms 73-74
Thursday, 08/26	Romans 16	Psalms 75-77
Friday, 08/27	1 Corinthians 1	Psalms 78-79
Saturday, 08/28	1 Corinthians 2	Psalms 80-84
Sunday, 08/29	1 Corinthians 3	Psalms 85-88
Monday, 08/30	1 Corinthians 4	Psalms 89-90
Tuesday, 08/31	1 Corinthians 5	Psalms 91-94

Continued … The Struggles of the Soul, part 2

sleep of death and the enemy is able to say, I have prevailed against him… because he has wavered, he has slipped, he has fallen, he has been carried off course and he died out there away from the presence of God and the purpose of God. Some of you are off course. Off course…

In your living
In your giving
In your learning
In your worship
In your dedication
In your commitment

And you know it. You feel it in the agitation of your soul. Your supplication needs to be, Lord I want to feel the joy of my salvation again, I want to experience the peace that I once knew, the peace that surpasses all understanding. I want to know the unspeakable joy of being in your presence and in your purpose and feeling your power.

Do you want to be restored? Then get back on the right course. Isaiah said, Let the wicked forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon (55:7).

Leroy Butler, Jr. ■

3rd - Jennifer Robinson
6th - Sarah Brawner
6th - Keyanna Davis
7th - Tyresha Humphery
8th - LaWanda Kitchen
9th - Katherine Anderson
9th - Lola Breeden
10th - Mary S. Williams
11th - Candice Hill
11th - Jace Washington
13th - Rachel Bradley
13th - R.J. Tillman
14th - Latesha Bradley
14th - Gloria Butler
14th - Brian McSwain
15th - Shamiah Zeigler-Williams
16th - Alexandria Bolden
16th - Ja'hira Howell
17th - Gloria Battle
18th - Samuel Battle, Jr.
18th - Tony Rozer
18th - Roniya Showell
19th - Jeremy Phillips
21st - Brkela Miller
22nd - Andre' Marshall
24th - Quintina Adams
24th - Annie P. Motes
30th - Lamarian "Lovey" Marshall
31st - Sonovia Terrell

2nd - Harold & Samantha Bacon, 11-years.
4th - William & Edwina Braswell, 34-years.
8th - Jimmy & Sharon Thomas, 23-years.
12th - Alan & G. Regina Worthy, 10-years.
24th - Douglas & Louise Battle, 47-years.

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Assigned to Serve in AUGUST

Baptismal: Renee Darden, Hannah Garrison, Marie Young.

Kitchen Monitor: Gwendolyn Emanuel & Alicia Norwood.

Lock-up & Security: Harry Howell, Sr.

WOODLAWN FORREST COUNSELING SERVICE

Dorothy Dye, Ph.D.,
Christian Clinical Counselor

For Appointment call 229-232-9458.

Church Calendar

1st - Dollar Day$ 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.

1st - Baptismal Ministry Meeting canceled.

2nd - IMAGE Ministry Meeting 6:00pm.

For All School Ages, Parents, Adults.

7th - IMAGE Ministry Record/Edit Announcements 10:30-11:30am each Saturday (14th, 21st, 28th)

8th – Bible School Promotion Day canceled.

14th - Clothes Closet Ministry Visitation.

26th - Leadership Team Meeting, 6:00pm.

Note: All Youth Ministry Activities are postponed for August until further notice. *(JaCory Sermons, Youth Minister)*

Let the Record Speak
Second Quarter 2021

Church DATE	*Online*	*Livestream*	*Facebook*	*Onsite*	*Daily* TOTAL
04/04th	3	18	121	154	**296**
04/11th	8	21	111	105	**245**
04/18th	10	29	118	88	**245**
04/25th	11	29	116	120	**276**
05/02nd	14	46	100	124	**284**
05/09th	7	17	58	142	**224**
05/16th	10	18	130	119	**277**
05/23rd	5	17	-0-	150	**172**
05/30th	11	28	-0-	128	**167**
06/06th	-0-	6	-0-	141	**147**
06/13th	-0-	13	66	141	**220**
06/20th	-0-	9	57	151	**217**
06/27th	4	20	76	117	**217**

Our 2021 New Members the First & Second Quarter.

BERRIAN, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Frankie M. Restored: 01/03/21
2554 US HWY. 84 West, Valdosta GA 31601
Phone: 229-531-2866 352-942-8383 BLG #2, Zone 9

CAMPESI, Ms. Teresa A. Restored: 05/02/21
1805 Hazel DR, Valdosta GA 31602
Phone: 754-779-1180 BLG #1, Zone 2

CHRISTIAN, Ms. Patricia A. Place Membership: 01/13/21
1421 Hodges RD, Dixie GA 31629
Phone: 404-904-8158 BLG #2, Zone 9

GALLAHAIR, Mr. Jalon RW Baptism: 05/02/21
607 Charlton ST, Valdosta GA 31601
Phone: 229-520-7974 BLG #1, Zone 2

McSWAIN, Mr. Brian K. Baptism: 05/15/21
2 3924 Carter Terrace, Valdosta GA 31605
Phone: 210-793-3011 BLG #1, Zone 2

ROZER, Tony Restored: 04/25/21
409 W. North ST, Valdosta GA 31601
Phone: 229-415-3908 BLG #5, Zone 6

STARKS (Hall), Ms. Nancy A. Baptism: 04/25/21
1421 Hodges RD, Valdosta GA 31602
Phone: 229-412-8923 BLG #1, Zone 2

Baptisms: 3 Placed Membership: 1 Restored: 4

Brotherhood & Community Events

Saturday, August 7th, **Annual Back to School Bash** hosted by The City of Valdosta. The event will be drive-thru, and students must be present in the car during pick-up.

Five hundred pre-stuffed bags will be distributed to students on a first-come, first-serve basis thanks to various community sponsors and the City's Neighborhood Development Department. It will be held from 8:00am to 12:00pm at Olympic Park *(Patterson Street Side)*. No pre-registration needed. However, students must be a resident of Lowndes County to participate. We ask that participants start to line up for the bags no earlier than 7:45am to allow for proper set-up from the volunteers.

Gospel Meeting August 15-18th, Sunday 9:00am, 10:00am, and 6:00pm; Monday—Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Held at Dasher Church of Christ, 4326 Dasher RD, Valdosta. Speaker is B/Wes Hazel, speaking on the theme, "The Christian Family".

Virtual Ladies Day Seminar, Saturday, August 21st at 10:00am. Sponsored by the Ladies of the 20th Street Church of Christ, St. Petersburg, FL. Theme: "Mirror, Mirror" taken from James 1:25. Guest Speaker, S/Tonya Pointer of Southern Hills Church of Christ in Charlotte, NC.

It was on the cross that the Lord Jesus took the punishment for human sin in order to provide divine righteousness and eternal life for all who would believe and obey. He became sin for us and God looked away.

The Burning " YES "

"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11)

Seeking God, we gladly relinquish the things that interfere with what we most greatly long for: life with God. Giving up the lesser in order to gain the greater does hurt sometimes. There's no question that self-discipline can be quite uncomfortable, even painful. It does no good to deny the pain. But this pain we gladly accept if our hearts truly burn with the passion of what matters more to us than everything else.

The "thou shalt nots" that confront us are not simply the arbitrary rules of a God who wishes to keep His creatures as unhappy as possible. There's no inherent virtue in abstinence, and God does not expect us to give up things just for the sake of giving them up. Instead, there's always some gift that God wants to place in our hands, a gift we'll have no room to hold until we put down the load of lesser packages we are presently holding. In the end, we'll see that God asked us to give up only those things that interfered with the exchange of real love.

No one knows more than the victorious athlete how valuable it is to give up the lesser for the greater. Gold medals aren't won by self-indulgence. They're won by years of focused training, the choice having been made to forgo other things that might have been enjoyed in order to single-mindedly pursue a dream. While the athlete trains, he may wistfully watch while others entertain themselves living for the moment, but he is wisely living for a goal.

In the Scriptures, we are taught that hope has a "purifying" effect. "Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3). To the extent that our spiritual hope matters as much as we say it does, we'll purge our lives of anything inconsistent with that hope, eager to abstain from things that even distract us from God. If we've paid the price to know what matters most, and if we've realized that the only thing worth having is God Himself, then our daily choices will be much easier. The joy of the Lord will be our strength.

"We find ourselves able to say 'No!' to some things because there is a bigger 'Yes!' burning deep within us" (Stephen R. Covey).

By Andre' R. Norwood
Minister of Maturity