



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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There Is a Name I Love to Hear

During this time of year, the name of Jesus is probably mentioned more than it is during the entire year. (Maybe except during Easter time). The world celebrates this time as the birth of Jesus. The name of Jesus needs to be exalted more than just a few times a year, but it should be given praise and thanks every day of our lives. Why should we love to hear the name of Jesus?

1. It is the name that is above all other names. Paul penned, *“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). Names are very important because we usually give deliberate thought to the names we give our children when they are born. No matter what name we give our children or what name was given to us, there is no name higher than the name of Jesus.

2. His name carries authoritative power. Paul continues by writing, *“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father”* (Phil. 3:10,11). All subjects must bow down to royalty. No matter where the subjects reside, they will bow down to the authoritative name of Jesus. It is best to confess the name of Jesus now rather than later.

3. His name carries with it the hope of salvation. *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12). There is saving power in the name of Jesus. This is why we should love to hear His name. Paul makes it very clear that no other name under heaven can save. So what does this imply about others who claim to offer salvation but they do not wear the name of Jesus Christ?

For Christians, we should love to hear the name of Jesus. It is the greatest name. It is the most authoritative name. It is the saving name. Let’s proclaim the name of Jesus to the world.
-K.A. Pugh

It won’t be long and children in many places all over the world will be rushing to open gift wrapped packages. There will be great excitement. As they rip the wrapping off the package and tear open the boxes, there will be shrieks of joy and laughter as they discover the precious treasures inside the boxes. The size of the package would not matter. The color of the wrapping paper would not matter. The different designs on the paper would not matter. What really mattered was the precious treasure inside.

So it is with the Christian in the eyes of God. It does not matter how tall or short you are. It matters not if your face is wrinkled or as smooth as a baby’s skin. It does not matter what the color of your eyes are, or your hair. Your nose could be a ski slope or you could be pug nosed. What matters to God is what is inside.

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. Proverbs 4:23-27 ESV

Keep that which is inside precious before God. Keep your heart pure today and every day.

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