



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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Let Your Light Shine

The theme for this year is “Let Your Light Shine.” Jesus, as He preached the Great Sermon on the Mount said, *“Ye are the light of the world; A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”* (Matt. 5:14-16).

One of the ways in which we can let our light shine is to understand and fulfill the roles which God has left for us. For the next few weeks our Sunday morning sermons will focus on our roles. We will study the roles of elders, deacons, preachers, women, men, and children. It is important that each of us know what God requires of us as we work and serve in the kingdom of His Son. Peter, as he wrote to fellow Christians, said as long as he was in this tabernacle, he would stir them up by putting them in remembrance (1 Peter 1:13). We have to be reminded from time to time what God expects of us.

Our studies will be scheduled as follows:

- January 8th - The Role & work of Elders
- January 15th - The Role & work of Deacons
- January 22nd - The Role & work of Preachers
- January 29th - The Role & work of Women
- February 5th - The Role & work of Men
- February 12th - The Role & work of Children

Make every effort to join the saints each Lord’s Day as we engage in these studies from the Bible. Through these studies, I hope we can gain a better understanding and appreciation for the roles God has ordained. When we are all working together, and the Lord’s church is organized and functioning properly, the local church will be a bright beacon of light. If one or more of the roles are not being filled properly, it will cause the brightness of the church’s light to dim. Let’s study together so our lights can shine and glorify our Great God.

-K.A. Pugh

As I wrote this yesterday afternoon, there was a forecast of winter weather coming in tonight and Thursday morning. There was even some possibility of measurable snowfall. As I thought of that, I considered the anticipation in the minds of many. For those that will find themselves in the warmth and safety of their home, the thought of a winter snow may be very appealing and nostalgic. The beauty of the snow blanketing the trees, the bushes, the houses and more can be breath taking. The thoughts of sitting by a fireplace in the warmth of your home while looking out at the beauty bring peace, joy and pleasure. On the other hand, thoughts will be much different for those who will be out in the weather working or traveling. Their anticipation will be that of anxiety over treacherous roads, delays, and dangers.

So it is with the forecast of the coming of our Lord. The snow may or may not come. The coming of our Lord is sure and certain. As with the anticipation of snow, the anticipation of His coming will be different depending upon one’s situation. For those in the warmth and safety of the household of God, the church, there will be a joyous anticipation. They look forward to the majesty and the glory of His coming. Heaven is beyond our imaginations and our greatest dreams. However, for those who find themselves outside the household of God, it will be much different. Those who are in the world will have a much different scenario when our Lord comes. It will not be enjoyable, but disastrous.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 2 Peter 3:14 ESV

Remain safe in the household of God that you may be at peace. Live faithfully to Him today and every day.

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