

Westchester Reminder



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	Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY	Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
	Evening Bible Study	6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	7:30 P.M.

God's Plan for Man's Salvation

Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Acts 16:30

- 1) The Gospel MUST be **HEARD**:
Romans 10:17 John 8:32
- 2) The Gospel MUST be **BELIEVED**:
John 8:32 Mark 16:16
- 3) Sins MUST be **REPENTED**:
Luke 13:3,5 Acts 2:38
- 4) Christ MUST be **CONFESSED**:
Matthew 10:32-33 Romans 10:10
- 5) There MUST be **BAPTISM** (immersion) for the remission of sins:
Acts 2:38 1 Peter 3:21
- 6) There MUST be **CHRISTIAN GROWTH, LOVE FAITHFULNESS**
John 15:17 Revelation 2:10 2 Peter 3:18

Scripture Reading

Psalms 103:1-5 (ESV)

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

PLEASE NOTE:

To join morning worship services from your computer, tablet or smartphone
<https://wcocwp.org> and click on the **LIVESTREAM link**

OR VIA

FACE BOOK OR YOUTUBE:

Search **Westchester church of Christ white plains**

Sunday and Wednesday Night Bible Class Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6013170289?pwd=RTZHRUNFRDJKSFF0SXYwbGp2UG16QT09>

Meeting ID: 601 317 0289

Passcode: 966843

Dial by your location

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The Walking Believers Meet 7:00pm-9pm every Friday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3238691879?pwd=cXF6WXRBSUVET052cG1aQW>

Call in using your phone: **(646) 558-8656.**

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 323 869 1879

Passcode: 994705

Westchester CoC News

Let Us Rejoice In Rachael Fritz's Baptism

We are thrilled to announce that Rachael Fritz obeyed the gospel yesterday morning and was buried in baptism! There was nothing but sheer joy on her face as she rose up from the water. Rachael has been attending worship services with Jelani Bell-Isaac for many years, and yesterday she said she was ready! Jelani, we appreciate you and your mom for introducing Rachael to the church, and we look forward to watching our new sister in Christ grow in faith. Welcome to the family, Rachael!

Well Done Young People!

If you missed the L2L presentation last week, you missed an excellent opportunity to see our amazing young people leading songs, reading scriptures, and giving speeches based on God's word. Our young people are truly gifted and their talents were on full display! We are so grateful to Steve and Regina Campbell for all their hard work as well as the parents of our young people.

There was also a small recognition ceremony of award winners for year-round activities that honored the achievements of members both young and old.

Picnic On The Grounds Next Week

Due to the weather, the picnic has been rescheduled to next Sunday, May 2nd. Weather permitting, we will have a picnic fellowship on the grounds. Please note that you need to bring your own food. We request that you do not combine or share food with one another out of an abundance of caution for Covid prevention. Let us have a large turnout for our second fellowship event since Covid. It will start around 1:00 PM.

As an additional incentive, Cedrick Batchateu is offering free Covid screening for anyone who would like to be screened.

Congratulations

Today we celebrate the 17th anniversary of our Spanish ministry here at Westchester. We are grateful for all the hard work put in by Sam Cotte, Orlando Upegui, Rudy Santacruz, and all our Spanish speaking members to ensure that the Lord's work is done! We thank all our Spanish speaking members who have supported the work and continued to help the growth of the Lord's church.

Worship Protocols:

- Please do not come if you are feeling ill or display any symptoms of illness.
- NO HANDSHAKING, HUGGING OR CLOSE CONTACT WILL BE PRACTICED FOR NOW.
- We ask EVERYONE who attends to wear a mask and observe the social distancing rule. We'll have masks available for those in need of one.
- No standing during the worship assembly.
- Masks must remain on during the singing part of our service
- Your temperature will be checked upon entering the building.
- If you are in the vulnerable category with underlying health issues, please continue assembling weekly via the church website.
- Children are welcome to attend with their parents, but at present we are not offering Bible classes or Bible Hour. Your children must remain with you in the auditorium.
- Suggestion: after service, please do not linger and socialize in the foyer. Please go outside if the weather allows. It is safer.

Bible Reading: April 26 - May 2, 2021

- Jdg 1:1-2:9; Lk 21:29-22:13; Psa 90:1-91:16; Pro 13:24-25
- Jdg 2:10-3:31; Lk 22:14-34; Psa 92:1-93:5; Pro 14:1-2
- Jdg 4:1-5:31; Lk 22:35-53; Psa 94:1-23; Pro 14:3-4
- Jdg 6:1-40; Lk 22:54-23:12; Psa 95:1-96:13; Pro 14:5-6
- Jdg 7:1-8:17; Lk 23:13-43; Psa 97:1-98:9; Pro 14:7-8
- Jdg 8:18-9:21; Lk 23:44-24:12; Psa 99:1-9; Pro 14:9-10
- Jdg 9:22-10:18; Lk 24:13-53; Psa 100:1-5; Pro 14:11-12

Today's Devotional:

Joshua is commissioned to lead the people of God.

“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be

with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:6-9

God was about to lead his people into the promised Land and Joshua would play a key role.

“And the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.’” Joshua 3:7

God was going to miraculously lead his people, much in the way he led them out of Egypt under Moses's leadership.

“The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.” Joshua 3:17

They followed the commands of God and all was well.

“And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.” Joshua 4:18

There was a greater purpose for all this.

God said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.” Joshua 4:21-24

Let us remember to serve and bring all the glory to God.

Prayer Requests

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us... 1 John 5:14

Answered Prayers: 1) It was great seeing Jieneces Boston back in worship service and fully recovered from bronchitis. 2) Dick Boyd's nephew, Jim Morrow, had successful colon surgery on Thursday. 3) We rejoice that Yvonne Crewe's niece, Diane Neuville, obeyed the gospel last week in GA.

Please Join Us In Prayer:

- Joshua Olsen fractured his ankle. A determination as to whether or not he will need surgery will be made on Monday.
- Yvonne Crewe’s 94-year-old father who lives in Jamaica is having health problems.
- Dick Boyd will have surgery on Thursday for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.
- Suzan Strickland’s mother, Fae Pauline, will have surgery April 29th. We are praying and hoping it is not cancerous.
- Hope Feeney Martin, a friend of the Olsen’s, in hospice care with cancer. Pray for her family in this difficult time.
- Phyllis Littlejohn as she deals with some personal legal issues creating stress in her life.
- Alexander Bychkov asked that we remember his father, mother, wife and himself as all have been sick.
- Prayers for our country during this time of unrest
- Prayers that the Lord will protect Esteban Garcia while in boot camp.
- The missionaries we support: Russia, Nigeria, India, and Johnstown, NY.
- Special prayer request for our many members on the front lines fighting the coronavirus in various capacities: doctors, nurses, hospital personnel, nursing home staff, first responders, bus drivers, and others in dangerous situations. Continued prayers as the virus continues attack our country.

Traveling: Art & Mabel Davidson and Peter & April Olsen

On-going Prayer Needs: Art & Mabel Davidson; Carolina Vasquez, Orlando Upegui; Miguelito Lopez; Sharon Boyd; Jimmy Reynolds; Mary Holdip; Paul Bell-Kirk; Diane Ghiloni; Digna Cruz; Vicki Bartels; Yvonne Sanchez; Stephen Campbell’s mother, Gail Gipson; Mark and Carley Harris; and Regina Simpson

Those Fighting Cancer: Craig Hughes, a friend of the Olsen’s; Stephanie Champion, Beverly Pierce’s cousin; Nancy Garcia, friend of the Pierce family; Dan Winkler: and Nicole Gomez-Arocho, a co-worker of Jeanette Santacruz.

In person visits are now allowed outside the facility! Please call before you go.

1) **Diane Ghiloni:** Glen Island Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 490 Pelham Rd, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Her room number is 243-A, (914) 246-7746. 2) **Paul Bell-Kirk:** 27 Jeanne Dr., Putnam Valley, NY 10579. His cell number is 914-310-6931. **Paul would appreciate phone calls and visits.**

The Mission or the Model?

Brian Mitchell, Jackson, MO

The assembly of people that began on the Pentecost following Christ’s resurrection serves as a model for us, even in the 21st Century. We follow the patterns that were set up by the early church in that we respect the way they understood the authority that governed them. We observe how the early church worshiped, and follow the pattern of acapella singing and remembering our Lord’s death and resurrection each first day of the week. We seek to follow the words given to Timothy and Titus in that we want the fullness of the gospel proclaimed in ways that befit sound doctrine. It is good that we follow the model of that church. I believe this is what God wants. But now consider an illustration.

Suppose some years ago a couple of men put together a plan for a sales organization. These entrepreneurs had the idea of gathering together groups of people, having regular meetings, introducing them to the products they had for sale, and then sending them out into the marketplace. Let us suppose that they were able to set up local chapters that had regular meetings so that the members could learn about the products, understand their organizational structure, discuss various ways of spreading the news about their products, and be informed about the benefits of their organization.

They faithfully met every week, had some good discussions, got to know one another, and thus developed a close relationship. After each meeting, they would go home and go about their normal routines, and then meet again the next week, on and on. Guess what. They had the model down, and profited from their times together, as they learned more and more about their company and their products, and enjoyed their friendships, but they rarely sold any of the products. Their mission was to get new customers and sell products and, in the mission, they were failing.

The company had both a method and a mission, but was only carrying out the method. Do you see a connection? Can we apply that to the church today? It is possible that we have the model pretty well down pat, but what are we doing about the mission of the church? Just like the company, we have a product to sell — the good news of the gospel! Let’s now make the application to God’s “company,” His church. Many congregations meet regularly to worship, to study together, to remember our Savior’s death and resurrection, etc. They want sound teaching, and enjoy the company of other Christians. After assembling, they go home, and out into the world. They live godly lives, and treat others with kindness. They have the model down, but what about the mission?

Some may counter, “Yes, our church is active in this. We support several preachers in the U.S. and overseas. We have gospel meetings, and a VBS every summer.” All very good, but why then do we see so many churches that are barely growing, if at all, or are even declining in membership, or just “holding their own?” Could it be that we are satisfied that we have the model well in place, but that we are not carrying out the mission? I’m not talking about the mission of the church, as a body, but the mission of individual Christians. Please understand, the carrying out of the Great Commission is primarily given to individuals.

Minutes Read This Week

1) As you read your bible, study your devotional, or listen to God’s word, keep a mental note of the minutes.

2) On Saturday before noon please call or text **Michael Kesten at (207) 930-0123** and leave a message stating the number of minutes you and your entire family read for the week.

THIS WEEK WE READ 5,487 MINUTES TO DATE, WE HAVE READ A TOTAL OF 127,996 MINUTES TOWARDS OUR MILLION MINUTES READ!