

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

Micah 5:2, 4-5 (ESV)

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in
Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient
days.

4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength
of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

5 And he shall be their peace.

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.

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<https://wcocwp.org> and click on the LIVESTREAM link

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WE WILL ONLY BE USING GOTOMEETING FOR
THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

- Sunday evening Bible class
- Wednesday evening Bible class
- The Walking Believers activities

<https://www.gotomeet.me/WCOC> and follow the directions.

To use your phone dial:

United States: [+1 \(669\) 224-3412](tel:+16692243412) and use Access Code: [536-658-421](tel:536658421).

Make sure Elias Gabriel has your correct phone and email number. His contact information: {c}914-319-1468 and ejgabriel@gmail.com.

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

<https://www.gotomeet.me/WalkingBelievers>. You can also dial in using your phone: [\(646\) 749-3122](tel:6467493122) Access Code: [875-820-957](tel:875820957).

Westchester CoC News

Esteban Garcia Is Heading Off to the Military

Esteban Garcia will be leaving Monday, January 4th for boot camp. He has been sworn into the United States Army. We wish him God's blessings as he begins a new era of his life. We look forward to staying in touch and watching Esteban's military growth. We will miss you Private Esteban!

Walking Believers Coat and Sock Drive

The Walking Believers are hosting a coat and sock drive. Please bring new or gently worn coats and socks by Sunday, January 6, 2021. You can place your donation in the box located in the foyer.

We Are Excited to Announce a New Wednesday Night Study Starting January 6, 2021

Steven Campbell will be teaching a combined teenage and adult Bible Study on the topic of “*Evidences for Christianity*”. Later, Quinten Hendrix will help co-teach the class. The material is a book written by Dr. Brad Harrub, Ph.D. The title of the book is *Convicted*, from Focus Press. The elders encourage you to purchase this book for the class. The Kindle version can be acquired from Amazon, or you can contact Focus Press online at www.focuspress.org, or call (615) 324-5870. This is a great book for your library.

During This Time of Elevated Concerns with Covid

The elders urge extra caution as infection rates for Covid are climbing. If you have been around out of state company in recent days or will be during the upcoming Christmas holidays, **please stay away from the public assembly for a 14-day period unless you have had a negative Covid in the interim.**

Please Join Us for A New Biblical Challenge

The Elders and Deacons have decided they need to RAMM the Bible into the hearts of all. By RAMM, we mean Read A Million Minutes. Here is how the program works.

- 1) As you read your bible, keep a mental note of the minutes.
- 2) On Saturday before noon you will 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.
- 3) A member of the church will collect the numbers and total them and show them in graphic form each week at the building and online.
- 4) At the end of 2021 we will check to see if collectively we reached our goal of A Million Minutes.

This program is simply to encourage all our members, English and Spanish, and their children to take an active role in reading the bible

daily. We are not keeping tabs on who is reading just the number of minutes we ALL read each week as we grow in our knowledge of God.

Last Call: Are You on The Email List?

If you are not on the email blast list, please send your email address to Elias Gabriel at ejgabriel@gmail.com. This is the primary way the elders will communicate emergency messages with you.

Our Pantry Is Full

Praise the Lord, our food pantry is full! Do you or anyone within your family need food? Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who is not a member of the church but are in need? This could be a good way to introduce them to Jesus and the Lord's church. Please contact Jason Charles at (203) 522-8850.

Thankfulness Challenge

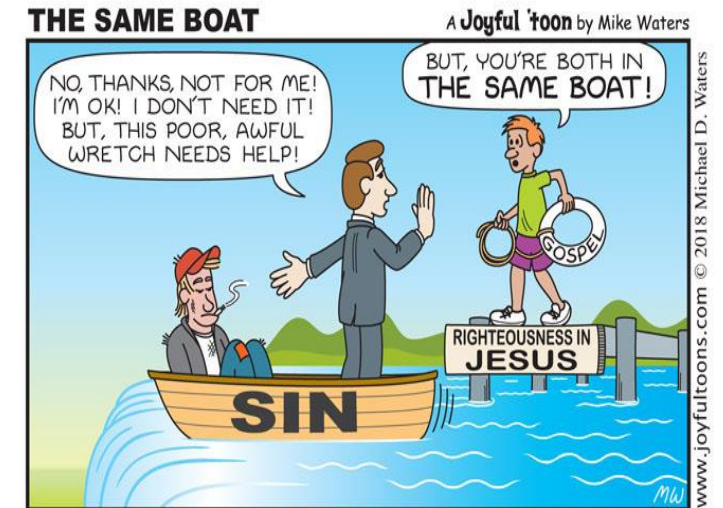
Read Psalm 9:1-2, Psalm 107:19-21 and Psalm 136 in its entirety.

How is your Thankfulness Challenge going? Have you been taking a few moments each day to mentally assess the things and people you are grateful for in your life? How about calling, emailing, texting, or sending a note to someone on the prayer list and share in their day over the next **11 days**. Be a change maker. Take time each day to thank God for His many blessings in your life. **Be different, be positive, and be thankful.**

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 will 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 welcomed 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.



You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

– ROMANS 2:1 NIV

Today's Devotional:

Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in

heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV84)

Bible Reading Schedule December 21-27, 2020

- Job 28-30; Rev 18
- Job 31-33; Psalm 102; Rev 19
- Job 34-36; Rev 20
- Job 37-39; Psalm 103; Rev 21
- Job 40-42; Psalm 150; Rev 22



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

Prayers Of Thanksgiving: 1) Amadeo Cangana had successful surgery. He is recovering well at home. 2) Beverly Pierce’s co-worker, Iris Rivera, has recovered from the Covid virus. She appreciates all the congregation’s prayers on her behalf.

Please Join Us In Prayer:

- Sam and Linda Cotte’s brother-in-law Joel has a tumor in the bladder/prostate area. He is undergoing additional tests. Please

- also note that another brother-in-law, Daniel, is having issues with his heart. Testing is continuing for both.
- Eliza Harris is in hospice care.
 - Vicki Bartels is temporarily in the Schervier Nursing Care Center in Riverdale. She is not allowed visitors. Cards and letters can be sent to her home address: 2185 Hone Ave., Apt 6 D, Bronx, NY 10461. A friend is picking up her mail and delivering it to her.
 - Lawrence Davis as he recuperates from his recent surgery. He is dealing with other medical issues so continue to pray for him.
 - Gianni Piccolino, a friend of the Olsens, has Covid. He is currently in the ICU. His wife, Diana, extends her appreciation for prayers.
 - The missionaries we support: Russia, Nigeria, India, and Johnstown, NY.
 - Carolina Vasquez, life struggles
 - 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: Quentin & Heidi Hendrix

On-going Prayer Needs: Art Davidson; Orlando Upegui; Miguelito Lopez; Sharon Boyd; Carolina Vazquez, Jimmy Reynolds; Mary Holdip; Paul Bell-Kirk; Diane Ghiloni; Digna Cruz; Vicki Bartels; and Yvonne Sanchez.

Phone calls appreciated during this time of “distance visiting”.

1) **Diane Ghiloni:** Glen Island Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 490 Pelham Rd, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Her room number is 213-C, (914) 786-0014. 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.**

Those Fighting Cancer: **Eliza Harris** is fighting liver cancer. Her phone number is 914-806-2068.; Art Davidson, Chronic Lymphatic Lymphoma; Craig Hughes, a friend of the Olsen’s; Stephanie Champion, Beverly Pierce’s cousin; Nancy Garcia, friend of the Pierce family; and Emma Mullins the minister’s wife from Michigan.



Lighting the Way

by Inspiration Ministries

"There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe

wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." – Luke 2:11-12 NKJV

The Christmas story clearly tells the Gospel message of how God sent Jesus into the world to save us from our sins in order to give us eternal life and hope. Yet many have turned this into a secular celebration with their own traditions and interpretations. We see that pattern in a song called “Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella.”

The original French text was written sometime in the distant past but translated into English in the 18th century. Rather than a Christmas carol, it essentially became dance music.

In this song, two shepherds are urged to bring torches to light the way so others can see the baby Jesus. They are called to run to the village to share the message that “Christ is born.”

Impacted by this song, torches remain a Christmas tradition for many in France, where children dress up as shepherds and milkmaids, carrying torches and candles while singing this carol.

The adaptation may have been secular, but the message was spiritual. It reminds us that Jesus came to be the Savior of the world. And we are called to share this message, to urge people to come to Jesus.

Today, the world commemorates Christmas with many traditions and many ways of explaining the meaning of Jesus’ birth. But, as believers, we must focus on the Biblical message. Celebrate the birth of our Savior. Light the way.

Extended thoughts:
Have you thanked God for sending Jesus into this world? Do you share the Good News? Do you work to bring people to salvation? What does God see when He sees you? **Extended Reading: Luke 2**