

**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**

**Hebrews 6:1-3 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup>and of instruction about washings,<sup>[a]</sup> the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup>And this we will do if God permits.

**Westchester Reminder**



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

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**To join services from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to:**

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

OR VIA

**FACE BOOK OR YOUTUBE:**

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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](mailto: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**

**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 test 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's how the program works.

- 1) As you read your bible, keep a mental note of the minutes.
- 2) On Saturday before 5pm you will call a number to be determined later 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.

### **We Need a Volunteer to Help With RAMM**

We need a volunteer to keep the weekly averages and get the information to April Olsen by Saturday noon so that it can be incorporated into the bulletin. Please see Barry Coleman, or any of the elders, to volunteer.

### **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](mailto:ejgabriel@gmail.com). This is the primary way the elders will communicate emergency messages with you.

### **Thank You!**

The appeal for clothing and help for Amadeo Cangana's sister, and those who were living in her home, was overwhelmingly supported. The need was met, and no further needs exist at this time. Thank you all for your generosity and willingness to serve.

### **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.

### **Generosity Over Thanksgiving**

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Lisa & Andre Symonds along with their neighbor who is a professional chef prepared meals for seniors in our congregation and those who live in their housing unit in White Plains. We don't know how many meals were served, but their expected 4-hour day turned into an 8-hour day. Several of our members helped deliver those meals. Thank you to everyone who served in this beautiful show of Christianity! Gal 6:10 – "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." ESV

### **Phone Number Change**

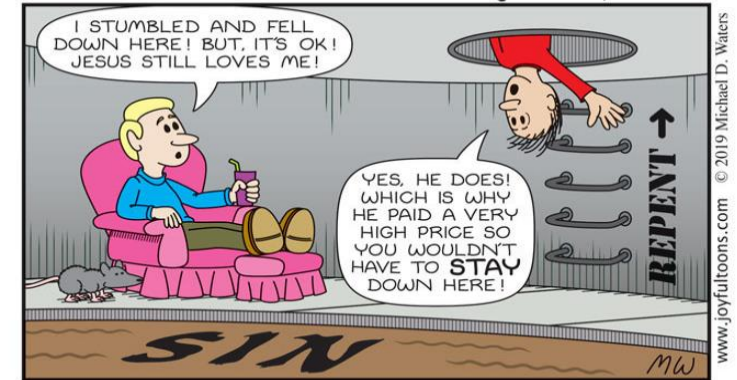
Please note that Diane Ghiloni has a new cell phone number. Please make the adjustment in your church directory: (914) 786-0014.

### **Thankfulness Challenge**

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

This is a great week to reflect on your Thankfulness Challenge. Have you been taking a few moments each day to mentally assess the things and people you're grateful to have in your life? We ask you to call, email, text, or send a note to someone on the prayer list and share in their day over the next **twenty-five 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.

### **DON'T STAY IN THE SEWER** A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? – ROMANS 6:1-2 NIV

### **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 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.

## Today's Devotional:

Revelation chapter 5 is a section of Scripture that gives great hope to Christians. But it starts with a question and then concern.

“Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?’ 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. 4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.” Revelation 5:1-4

No one was worthy. No person that ever lived, nor any angel - no one could meet the standard that allowed them to open the scroll. But then ...

“Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.’ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne...”. Revelation 5:5-6

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the only one worthy. Note the description: “looking as if he had been slain”. He sacrificed himself but he overcame death to reign on the throne and give us hope.

“And they sang a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.’ 11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they sang: ‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!’ 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!’ 14 The four living creatures said, ‘Amen.’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.” Revelation 5:9-14 (NIV84)

### Bible Reading Schedule December 7-13, 2020

- Neh 10-13; Rev 8
- Malachi 1-4; Rev 9; Ps 2
- Job 1-3; Rev 10; Psalm 129
- Job 4-7; Rev 11; Ps 99
- Job 8-11; Rev 12

## 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*

### Please Join Us In Prayer:

- Eliza Harris is in hospice care. She has fought a brave and long battle, but there is nothing else the doctors can do. Though she is in much physical pain, she is in good spirits. She has fought the good fight, and she is spiritually ready. Continue to pray for her that her final days will be filled with the joy of her husband Mark and daughter Carley as they surround her with love. Please pray for Mark and Carley during this time of great pain.
- Amadeo Cangana has surgery scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Allison Downer's sister as she recuperates from her recent surgery. She is having a hard time and must remain at home until the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January.
- Gianni Piccolino, a friend of the Olsens, has Covid. He is currently in the ICU and intubated. He is only in his forties with a young family.
- Susan Rosenbaum in the hospital in Live Oaks, FL with Covid.
- Beverly Pierce's co-worker, Iris Rivera, has COVID-19 and is extremely sick. She is at home, but things are rough. She has expressed her gratitude for our prayers on her behalf.
- Stephanie Champion, Beverly Pierce's cousin, has lost her sight due to cancer, but she is continuing to battle the disease.
- Emma Mullins, the minister's wife in Michigan, has started radiation treatment.
- The missionaries we support: Russia, Nigeria, India, and Johnstown, NY.
- Carolina Vasquez, life struggles
- Vicki Bartels's shoulder surgery is scheduled for this Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.

**Grieving:** Jieneces and Earl Boston; the Naik and Henderson, families; the Samara family; Christine McPhail.

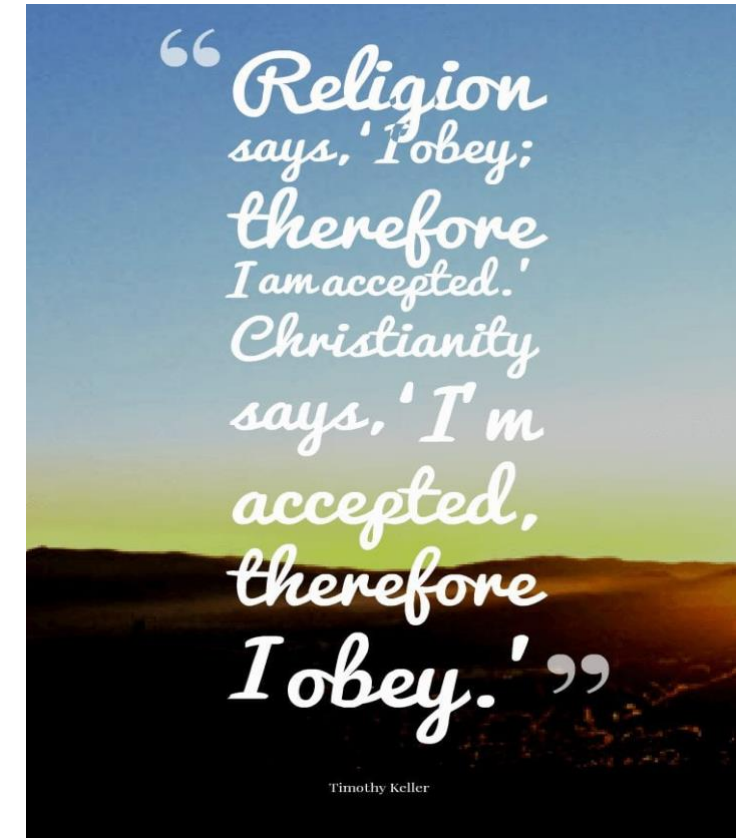
**On-going Prayer Needs:** Art Davidson; Orlando Upegui; Miguelito Lopez; Sharon Boyd; Carolina Vazquez, Jimmy Reynolds; Mary

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.



## **God's Correction**

by Inspiration Ministries

"Lord, do not forsake me; do not be far from me, my God. Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my Savior." – Psalm 38:21-22 NIV

David had made mistakes, and he knew it. He felt the wounds of his "sinful folly" (v. 5). He knew he deserved God's correction and discipline. He felt his guilt had become "too heavy to bear" (v. 4).

The impact had been intense. He had "no health," groaning in the anguish of his heart; he felt "feeble and utterly crushed." (v. 7-8) His heart pounded, and he felt no strength. "There is no soundness in my bones because of my sin" (v. 3). He had trouble seeing and hearing.

Everyone could see this. Even friends avoided him. His adversaries sought to take advantage of his weakened condition. As his enemies increased, his condition continued to deteriorate. "I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me" (v. 17).

He regretted his mistakes and realized, "all my longings lie open before you" (v. 9). Having been chastened and humbled, he cried out to God, "Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my Savior" (v. 22). No longer depending on himself, he waited on God, confident that He would answer.

Many of us have gone through situations in which we feel the impact of our mistakes. The spiritually sensitive realize that God disciplines, corrects, and seeks to purify us.

How should we respond? Admit our sins. Seek forgiveness. Cry out for restoration. Cooperate and learn from God's correction. Ask Him to take away our burdens and give us His peace.

### **Thoughts:**

Do you confess your sins to God? Are you grateful for His forgiveness?  
Do you thank Him for His forgiveness?

Read Psalm 38 for more insight.