

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

Psalm 67:1-5 (ESV)

(If it is convenient, please stand for the reading)

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
- 2 that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Westchester Reminder



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	Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY	Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
	Afternoon Bible Study	1:00 P.M.
MONDAY	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	7:30 P.M.

Westchester CoC News

This Wednesday Is Our Final Call For Prayer and Fasting:

We invite you to join us on Wednesday for a day of prayer and fasting to plead to the Lord to return us to normalcy in our lives. **Starting at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 6:00 P.M, each hour we will pause to pray.** You decide the type of fasting you will do. Perhaps it is a day of no food or water; or the exclusion of some type of food you really crave.

We are grateful that the Lord has heard our prayers, and the virus cases have begun to drop. As we prepare to return to our physical assembly, please know that the elders are working on a plan, and we will proceed with caution. We will continue assembling virtually until a plan is in place.

Thank You for Your Generosity:

On behalf of Alexander Bychkov, thank you all for your amazing generosity during these difficult times. The full \$3,500.00 dollars was raised between us and the Tuscumbia congregation. Our congregation was able to contribute \$1,500.00 to his dental needs. See Alexander's note below:

My Beloved Brother in Christ Richard,
I have received the wire perfectly. They even did not ask me a question.
Great thanks to the Westchester congregation for the outpouring of love for me !!! I am very deeply moved by your brotherly love in practice !!!
I am writing these words with tears in my eyes!!!
LOVE YOU!!!
In His Service,
Alexander

Don't Forget About Sunday Evening Bible Study Tonight At 6:30pm:

We resumed Sunday evening Bible study last Sunday, and we had good attendance. The subject matter is topical studies. We meet on GoToMeeting. We invite all to join the Bible Study. See the login information below.

Worship Service and Bible Classes:

- **Sunday Morning 10:00 A.M. Bible Class and 11:00 A.M. Bible Study:**
 - **To join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone go to** <https://www.gotomeet.me/WCOC> and follow their directions.
 - **To use your phone dial:** United States: ~~+1 (669) 224-3412~~ and use **Access Code:** 536-658-421.
 - Make sure Elias Gabriel has your correct phone and email number so you can get notices quickly. His contact information: 914-319-1468[c] and ejgabriel@gmail.com.
- **Sunday Evening Bible Study @6:30** – follow the above instructions.
- **Wednesday night Bible Study** – 7:30 P.M. – follow the above instructions.
- **Spanish Service:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/264445565> **Sundays at 10:00** A.M. and Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. or Llame a: +1 (646) 749-3112. Access code: 264-445-565 #.

Worship Service Live Stream:

- We will only live stream the worship service today from our website because Peter is still out of state.
- Follow these instructions to see the service live:
 - Go to the church website [www.wcocwp.org] then click on the button that says “Live Stream” to view the services.
 - The service will be streamed to Facebook and You Tube also at 11:00 A.M.

The Walking Believers are meeting at 7:00pm every Friday:

- **Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**
<https://www.gotomeet.me/WalkingBelievers>
- **You can also dial in using your phone.**
United States: ~~+1 (646) 749-3122~~
- **Access Code:** 875-820-957
- New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/875820957>

Today’s Devotional:

One of my favorite Bible accounts is found in 2 Samuel 9. Note how the chapter begins.

“David asked, ‘Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?’.” 2 Samuel 9:1

Remember that David and Jonathan had made a covenant with one another. Jonathan, the son of king Saul, was as close to David as a brother. So, in that respect, the way this chapter begins may not seem unusual. But we have to recognize that it was custom in those days for a new king to kill all the relatives of the previous king to prevent future acts of revenge. When Saul died, Mephibosheth, who was a young boy at the time, was rushed away and taken to a far off town. In the process, he was injured and remained a cripple. Thus, when Mephibosheth is brought to David, he is probably thinking the worst.

“So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, ‘Mephibosheth!’ ‘Your servant,’ he replied. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ David said to him, ‘for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table’.” 2 Samuel 9:5-7

This is grace in action. Someone who was as good as dead in the eyes of the world was brought to the king. Fearing punishment or even death, instead he is shown mercy. Instead of poverty, he is given riches. Instead of living in a far off, remote, barren place, he eats at the table of the king, “like one of the king’s sons.” This is like us with God. In our sins, we are apart from him. We deserve his wrath. Yet, he calls us out of his mercy. If we accept his gift of grace, we are called the sons and daughters of God, the true eternal King. And, we are promised to eat in his kingdom, at his table for eternity. Let us be thankful for God’s priceless gift.

Bible Reading Schedule for May 25- 31, 2020

- 1 Chr 22-25; Psalm 78; Romans 5
- 1 Kings 1; 1 Chr 26-28; Romans 6
- 1 Kings 2; 1 Chr 29; Romans 7
- 1 Kings 3; 2 Chr 1; Ps 42; Romans 8
- 1 Kings 4; Prov 1-2; Psalm 43; Romans 9

Prayer Requests

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

Answered prayers: Michael Yanis recovered from the virus, and he has returned to work.

Please join us in prayer:

- Liza Harris is extremely discouraged. Her cancer medications are not working. Her current doctor has told her she doesn’t have long to live. She is planning on returning to her old doctor, but her worries are for her daughter Carley. She has pleaded with the Lord to spare her life, cure the cancer and extend her life so she can continue to care for her daughter.
We ask you all to implore the Lord, provided that this is His will, to grant Liza her request. Please diligently and persistently pray daily for the Lord’s intervention.
- Lisa Symonds’ in-law suffered a heart attack. Stents were put in, and she is doing better.
- Monica Liman’s husband, Stuart, was involved in a work related accident last week in which his foot was run over by a machine. Praise the Lord, his foot was only badly bruised, but he has been in considerable pain.
- Craig Hughes, a friend of the Olsens, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has migrated to his liver.
- The Harris family – [Liza, Mark & Carley] that God will watch over them in their weakened condition to protect from the coronavirus infection.
- The Strickland family needs prayers toward finding a new place to live.
- Our sister Evelyn from the Dutchess County Church of Christ is having hip surgery next month.
- Special Prayer Request for the following of our number who are on the front lines fighting the coronavirus:
 - Doctors: Lulu Batchateu, John Tedesco, Sara Aguirre’s husband, and Cedrick Batchateu, pharmacist
 - Nurses: Lisa Symonds; Ruth Okonkwo; and Charlton Crewe

- Hospital personnel: Sam & Linda Cotte, William Bryant; Yvonne Sanchez, and Agreena Jeudi
- Nursing Homes: Heidi Hendricks and Ke Coleman
- First Responders: Jonathan Boyd, EMT; Carrie Boyd, paramedic; Michael Yanis, bus driver for the MTA; and Javid David, Tula's husband, MTA.
- Others in dangerous situations: Taurease Strickland, food delivery

Traveling prayers for: DeAndre Symonds, AZ; Olsen family, MA, Andre and Lisa Symonds, PA.

On-going Prayer Needs: Orlando Upegui; Miguelito Lopez; Sharon Boyd; Carolina Vazquez, Jimmy Reynolds; Mary Holdip; Paul Bell-Kirk; Diane Ghiloni; Digna Cruz; Monica and Kayla Liman; the country of Guyana and the Guyanese people because of the current political unrest; and Kevin and Shaina Dyer, that they will return to the church.

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, 914-563-2604. 2) **Paul Bell-Kirk:** The Country House, 2000 Baldwin Rd – Room F-75, Yorktown Heights, NY. His cell number is 914-310-6931.

Those Fighting Cancer: 1) **Liza Harris** is fighting liver cancer. Her phone number is 914-806-2068. 2) **Steven Campbell's father** undergoing radiation treatment.

**“When you get to your wits end, you will find,
God lives there.”**

– Unknown

If there was ever a time that the old adage “the Church is not a building” rings true, it's now.

We are the church!

Priorities, 2 Chronicles 29-31

by David Maxon

And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced because God had prepared the people, for the thing came about suddenly. 2 Chronicles 29:36

The first hundred days of a President's tenure in many ways are considered the most important. The rhetoric from the campaign trail is over. You set the tone for your administration and show with action what your top priorities are.

Hezekiah showed what was most important to him. It wasn't fixing the economy or making changes in foreign policy. It was restoring the house of God!

"In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of God and repaired them. He brought in the priests... and said to them, 'Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place. For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of the LORD our God.'" 2 Chronicles 29:3-6

Unfortunately, few of us make spiritual problems our top priority. When we're faced with various problems in life (finances, relationships, education, career, etc.), we try to fix them without God. It's not that we don't recognize spiritual deficiencies in our life. We just think that after we get all our problems solved, then we'll get around to repairing our relationship with God.

Hezekiah would tell us to take care of the temple of God first, and then everything else will take care of itself.

Father, inspire us with the same sense of urgency Hezekiah had in working on our spiritual lives!