

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

James 1:2-8 (ESV)

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

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Westchester Reminder



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

Westchester CoC News

Thank You for Joining In On the Wednesday Call For Prayer and Fasting Opportunity:

The elder's challenge: the elders encourage each of you to take the present circumstances seriously and commit time in prayer. Pray for matters confronting our nation, our state, our county and our cities and the church worldwide. As scripture says: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. [James 5:16, ESV] Therefore, starting Monday, June 1st we challenge you to pause and pray three times every day Monday through Friday at 9:00 am., 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm. The prayer sessions need not be long. Will you accept this challenge?"

Happy 60th Anniversary!

Last Sunday WCOC threw Art and Mabel a surprise 60th wedding anniversary celebration. Special thanks to Beverly Pierce, Melanie Bell-Kirk and Edith Shakespeare for orchestrating the catered meal served outside with a fancy table, balloons, streamers and a fancy cake accompanied by a procession of 14 cars blowing their horns and church members yelling like banshees. It was a fun, delightful surprise celebration with a little bit of fellowship mixed in!

From Art and Mabel:

Mabel and I would like to thank everyone involved in our surprise anniversary dinner party. It was great to see the parade of cars, so many loved ones from church and a beautifully decorated dinner table with all the signs and balloons. We are fortunate to have so many ladies that do so much for our congregation. We would appreciate it if anyone has photos they would like to share please send them to my email davidsona@verizon.net or text to 914-841-2713.

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy to Nikesha Ashley and family for the death of her mother-in-law, Paulette Ashley. Nikesha's mother-in-law died from the covid-19 virus. These are truly difficult times for all but especially for families who have lost loved ones from the virus.

Please Join Us In Celebrating Our Lads 2 Leaders Participants:

The pandemic and closing down of our nation took its toll on the Lads to Leaders convention and our annual trip to Louisville, KY. Our young people and younger children worked hard preparing for convention, and we are so proud of each one of them. We are thrilled to celebrate our young people!

2020 Louisville Pearls Test High Scores

- Abigail Charles
- Michael Gabriel
- Rachael Gabriel
- Sebastien Marseille
- Miguel Merchant
- Jurell Palmer

Good Samaritan

- Miguel Merchant - Silver
- Jurell Palmer - Silver

Know the Books

- Renee Charles - Level 2 Bronze
- Rachael Gabriel - Level 2 Gold
- Michael Gabriel - Level 3 Gold

Read the Word

- Miguel Merchant
- Jurell Palmer
- Taurease Strickland
- Suzan Dennis-Strickland

Teach to Teach

Sebastien Marseille - Level I

Year-Round Bulletin Board

- Rachael Gabriel - Bronze
- Julien Marseille - Bronze
- Miguel Merchant - Gold
- Jurell Palmer - Gold

Year-Round Bible Reading

Jurell Palmer

Year-Round Song Leading

- Michael Gabriel - Bronze
- Miguel Merchant - Gold
- Jurell Palmer - Gold

Today's Devotional:

From Romans 3:21 thru the end of chapter 8, we see the plan of salvation explained. We all need God's grace (see 3:23) for, in sin, we are all separated from God. Note how chapter 5 begins: "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." 5:1-2

Our past problem is corrected: we are justified, cleansed of our sins, thus our standing with God is rectified. Thus, we can be at peace with our Creator. And the knowledge of his love and his promises gives us hope. Now, there is no promise it will all be easy, on the contrary we are assured suffering will accompany us. But it is to our benefit.

"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Romans 5:3-4

How does this all come about? Jesus became our sacrifice. God looked down and saw us: warts and all. He loved us at our worst. That is who he reached down and saved. That is who Jesus went to the cross for: you at your worst.

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8

Amen

Bible Reading Schedule June 1- 7, 2020

- Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10
- Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11
- Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12
- Proverbs 11-13; Ps 8; Romans 13
- Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14

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***

Please diligently and persistently pray daily for the Lord's intervention for the prayer concerns below.

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.
- Miller Hamilton, April Olsen's father, is having prostate surgery tomorrow morning.
- 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.
- 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

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.

In Answer to Prayer:

- The Strickland family have found a new apartment in which to live in Waterbury, CT. They moved this past week. For now they will continue to worship with us, but matters may change after school reopens.
- Evelyn Nesbit’s hip surgery went well.

**“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!

Hezekiah's Priority, 2 Chronicles 29-31

David Maxson

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!

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 YouTube also at 11:00 A.M.

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

- **Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**
<https://www.gotomeet.me/WalkingBelievers>
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