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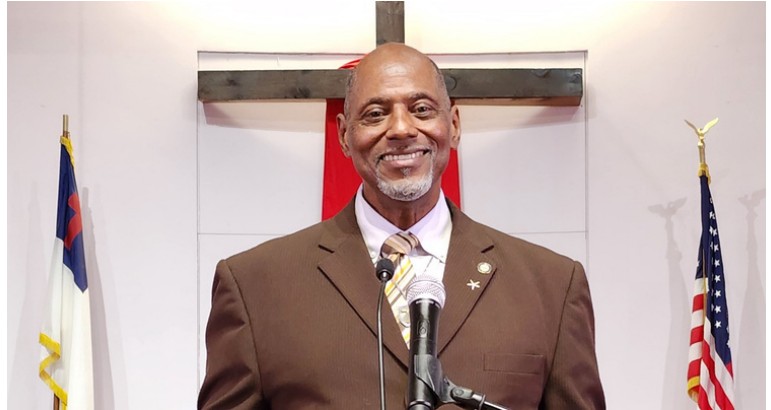
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Pastor's Corner

God made the seasons as a time for us to rejoice in Him for different things. In Summer we enjoy great weather, the beaches, traveling, etc. In Winter snow, cold, skiing, warm fires, etc. In Fall all of the different colors of the plants, trees, and the crisp weather. In Spring is a time of new awakenings. The plants are emerging, the birds are singing, the bees are buzzing. We are made to rejoice in every season of our life, so why not rejoice in every season of your life. This perspective has helped me to see that there is a way to have joy in every season of life. As a baby and a child (Spring), as a youth and young adult (Summer), as an adult with children and youth (Fall), as a seasoned citizen with grand and great grandchildren, and possibly retired (Winter).

Jesus is the way. So, rejoice every moment that you have. Stop waiting until you achieve some goal, finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until Spring, until Summer, until Fall, until Winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, or until you die, to decide. There is no better time than right now to receive Christ, be more Christ like, or serve Him more, and in this you will find joy. Then you can truly rejoice." Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Phil. 4:4 NIV)

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Join us every Sunday at 11am for Church Service. Here is our current schedule for Bible Studies and other services:

Thursday: 5:30pm- Special Needs Bible Study on Zoom: 819 0115 3607

**Thursday: 6:30 In-person Bible Study
6:30 Choir Bible Study
7:00 Choir Rehearsal**

Friday: (On hiatus)

Saturday: 5:00pm- Hour of Prayer- In-person and online

Sunday: 9:00am- Sunday School- online only

10:45am Praise and Worship- In-person

11:00am- Church Service- In-person and online

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, an important time to increase awareness about child and family well-being. It also emphasizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Research shows that the most significant risk to children doesn't come from strangers but from friends and family. People who abuse children look and act just like everyone else. They often go out of their way to appear trustworthy, seeking out settings where they can access children easily, such as sports leagues, faith centers, clubs, and schools.

A nationally estimated 3,016,000 children received either an investigation or alternative response to reports of child abuse at a rate of 40.7 children per 1,000. States reported at least 588,229 victims of child abuse and neglect. 76 percent of victims are neglected, 16% percent are physically abused, 10.1% percent are sexually abused, and 0.2% percent are sex trafficked. 1,820 children died from abuse. Children in the first year of their life are 15% of all victims, and more than a quarter (28%) of child maltreatment victims are no more than 2 years old.

Hearing statistics like these is hard. Hard to comprehend and even harder on our hearts. Shying away from a difficult subject like child abuse doesn't make it go away. Silence about child abuse allows the perpetrators to continue hurting children. If we don't talk about it, we can't fix it. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven" Matthew 18:10

Bible Study

We believe that all Scripture is divinely inspired and serves as the final authority in all matters of belief and behavior (**2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21**).

Therefore, we value Bible-centered preaching and teaching as the foundation for all that we do.

In addition to our Bible Studies online, we also offer two in-person studies on Thursday nights. Choir Bible Study goes from 6:30-7:00, followed by choir rehearsal. And there is a general Bible Study that goes from 6:30-7:30.

