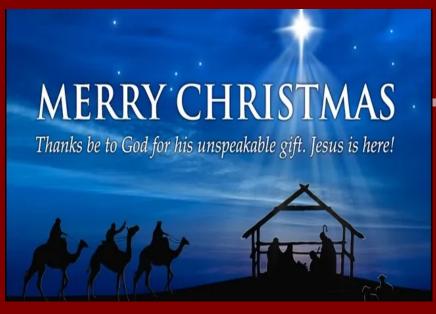


December 25, 2022



Vision 2022
Regenesis
"New Beginning"

Lamentation 3:21:22



ServiceTimes

<u>SundaySchool@9:00a.m.</u>

Sunday<u>MorningWorship@10:15a.m.</u>

Wednesday<u>BibleStudy@6:45pm.</u>

ThursdayYouthBibleStudy@6:30pm

"Building People; Mind, Body, and Spirit." (Matthew 28:16-20)



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ELDER ERNEST COARD

∞ DEACON CHAIR

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∞ TRUSTEE CHAIR

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The Marriage Ministry would like for you to join them in small group. If you are a married couple and are not in the Marriage Ministry, please contact London and Cheryl Dubois at 601-291-8503.

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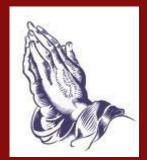
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Melvin Fielding 706-495-8207

Please contact the designated Deacon or the Trustee if you need assistance during the week.

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Steele Family
Henderson Family
James Johnson
Julia Bell
Nora Baker
McAdoo Family
Lavenia Richardson
Dejoris Smythe
Caletha Johnson
Bishop Harvey Paul Johnson Sr.



HOMEBOUNDSAINTS

James Johnson Ruth Phillips Ruth Graham Emma Stokes Ludian Perrins Mamie Freeman

CALLING ALL YOUTH

Please join us on 1st, 2^{nd,} and 3rd Thursday in person for Youth Bible Study

6:45 pm





Important Dates to REMEMBER this December

12/24 Christmas Eve

12/25 Christmas Day

12/26 Office Closed

12/31 Watch Night Service

01/01 New Year's Day

10:15am Sunday Service

6:00pm - 8:00pm 9am Sunday School 10:15am Sunday Service



Wishing Happy Birthday this Month to:



Annette Johnson Pamela Sullivan Shanta Riggins Tamia Bellamy Derrick Myers Jayden Futrell Larry Mackie Sydney Perry
Ruth Gowdy
Denise Lowe
Mataviah Davis
Tiana Andrews
Charles Whitfield
Glenda Thurmond
Sondra Bibbs

Cameron Lancaster
Cheryl Dubois
Gregory Garnett
Prosper Ogonga
Dynasty Blue Ned
Taylor
Chad Washington Jr.

An excerpt from Our Daily Bread



Treasured Prayer

May these words of mine . . . be near to the Lord our God day and night. 1 Kings 8:59

The Clark's Nutcracker is an amazing bird. Every year it prepares for winter by hiding tiny caches of four or five whitebark pine seeds, as many as five hundred seeds per hour. Then, months later, it returns to uncover the seeds, even under heavy snow. A Clark's Nutcracker may remember as many as ten thousand locations where it has hidden seeds—an astounding feat (especially when you consider the difficulty we humans can have remembering the location of our car keys or glasses).

But even this incredible act of memory pales in comparison with God's ability to remember our prayers. He's able to keep track of every sincere prayer and remember and respond to them even years later. In the book of Revelation, the apostle John describes "four living creatures" and "twenty-four elders" worshiping the Lord in heaven. Each one was "holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people" (5:8).

Just as incense was precious in the ancient world, our prayers are so precious to God that He keeps them before Him continually, treasured in golden bowls! Our prayers matter to God because we matter to Him, and through His undeserved kindness to us in Jesus He offers us uninhibited access (Hebrews 4:14–16). So pray boldly! And know that not a word will be forgotten or misplaced because of the amazing love of God.

By: James Banks

REFLECT & PRAY

How does it encourage you to know God never forgets your prayers? Who do you need to pray for today?

Heavenly Father, please give me the perseverance to pray faithfully and the faith to look for what You alone can do.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

While it may surprise us that the book of Revelation explicitly mentions prayer only three times, what it says about the prayers of the saints is encouraging. The word prayers is mentioned in Revelation 5:8, 8:3, and 8:4, along with the word incense each time. "He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people. . . . The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand" (8:3–4). Aromatic incense in the Old Testament accompanied the sacrifices offered to God. The offering of fragrant incense preceded the offering of the first sacrifice of the day and followed the last offering (see Exodus 30:7–8). The priestly nature of his prayers did not escape David: "May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141:2).

Arthur Jackson