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EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

CONNECTING • NURTURING • TRANSFORMING

JANUARY 6, 2018



PRAYER GARDEN

10:15AM-10:25AM

DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30AM-12:00PM

Children's Church

Fellowship Hall

Call to Worship..... Elder Edna Gardner

Invocation

Commission

Hymn of Worship.....Holy Holy

Spotlight.....Stewardship

Welcome & Fellowship

Ministry through Music

Intercessory Prayer Pastor Compton Ross Jr.

Tithes & Offering..... Elder Tracy Cook

Children's Story

Ministry through Music

Spoken Word..... Pastor Compton Ross Jr.

It's Within Your Reach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcements by noon on Wed.
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SERMON CD: Please see A/V Team member

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY Wed. at 5:45pm.

ELIJAH RADIO: WSJL 88.1 FM Power for Daily Living www.WSJLradio.com

PRAYER SUMMIT March 9-11: Early bird rate extended to Jan 15, 2018, Shocco Springs. www.scc-adventist.org to register see W. Whatley for more info.

ELDERS MEETING, Sunday, January 14th at 9:00am, Pastor's Study.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING, Sunday, January 14th at 10:30am, Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP COUNCIL MEETING, Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00pm, Youth Room.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday, January 28th at 10:00am, Fellowship Hall.

VEGETARIAN COOKBOOKS for sale. They are - "It's All Good," "Optimal Diet" (really good for diabetics), "Seven Secrets," and more. They are on sale for \$20 each

2018 CENTRAL ALABAMA WINTER YOUTH FEDERATION: Fri and Sat., Feb. 2-3, 2018. LIP SYNC BATTLE and Vespers, Fri. Feb. 2nd between our praise teams. MUSICAL "MORE THAN CONQUERORS" during Divine Worship, Afternoon seminars, evening concert and recreation.

YOUTH CONGRESS - March 15-17, 2018 See www.scc-adventist.org/youth

ACT PREP on Sunday from 3-5:00 pm at Ephesus Academy.

YOUTH CHURCH: January 13, 2018

2018 Two Year Bible Reading Plan: "Patriarchs and Prophets [Illustrated]" by Ellen G. White. Start reading it for free: <http://a.co/5029NV4>

PASTOR'S CORNER

On this our first Sabbath together I would like to wish each of you a happy new year! It is my prayer for you that this year will see positive growth, change, and forward movement in our personal as well as corporate lives. In 2018 we wish to be particularly focused and intentional about our vision of connecting, nurturing, and transforming disciples for the kingdom of God. We envision becoming "a place to call home!" So this year we are focused on the first part of this vision - "Connecting." we want to really connect with God, one another, and with our community. Everything we do this year is to help us toward making connections. Our bible reading plan, change of worship and Sabbath school times, and community outreach initiatives are all bridges to help us connect. I hope that you catch the vision and most of all embrace it. Please keep myself, our church leaders and entire church family in your prayers, and also let us know how we are doing... Remember we either fail together or succeed together.

Shalom,

Pastor Compton Ross, Jr. DMin.

SABBATH SCHOOL

12:15 PM-1:15 PM

Stewardship - Motives of the Heart

Lesson 1 The Influence of Materialism

Memory Verse: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2, NKJV).

Opening Song & Prayer
Mission Story
Lesson Study and Review

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Deuteronomy 7:6 and 1 Peter 2:9. What is God's purpose in making us His special people?
2. Read Galatians 2:20 and John 15:5. What causes us to identify with Christ? How does this identification benefit us, and those around us?
3. Read Luke 12:21 and James 5:3. What kind of treasure is not to be stored up in the last days?

SUMMARY

Here's some advice on how to manage the pull of materialism:

1. Don't let money, or possessions, be your god.
2. Don't store up temporary treasures that won't last.
3. Don't be swayed by the alluring nature of worldly merchandise.
4. Don't let love of money cause you to love yourself more than you should.
5. Don't forget that you are God's special treasure, and that's all that really matters.

FINAL WORDS

Let's remember that materialism isn't about how much we have or don't have. It's our attitude toward our possessions, or even lack of them.

Safeguards for this wiser line of thinking can be found in many Bible verses...

- "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:2 NKJV
- "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV
- "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21 NKJV
- "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15 NKJV

As you set up your family budget for the new year, keep these principles in mind. Remember that the "good life" consists of more than what's in your pocketbook.

Next Week's Lesson: I See, I Want, I Take

SUNSET TODAY: 4:54

SUNSET FRIDAY: 4:59