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EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

SABBATH SCHOOL

Lesson 12 Living by the Spirit

Memory Verse: *"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16, ESV).*

9:15am – 10:40 am

Opening Song & Prayer

Mission Story

Lesson Study and Review

Prayer Garden (10:40 - 10:50am)

SUMMARY

Major points brought out in our study were:

- Walking in the Spirit includes obedience to the law (Sunday)
- There are still two natures battling within us, even after we are baptized (Monday)
- Works of the flesh can be very destructive; we are wise to stay away from them (Tuesday)
- Love is the most important virtue; without it the others would be empty and meaningless (Wednesday)
- We must daily crucify self and walk with the Spirit (Thursday)

FINAL THOUGHTS

Even the strongest Christian needs the encouragement of other believers in order to keep growing in the faith. Recognizing and acknowledging the Spirit's influence provides a mighty blessing to both the giver and the recipient in this exchange.

Jesus was fortified by his disciples, and we too are benefited when we allow ourselves to not just attend church, but to become involved in the life of a faith community.

This is only one way to fortify our spiritual nature, but one that many fail to appreciate enough these days. What are you doing to benefit your church? Is church a better place because you are there?

Your love will make a difference, no matter where you are. But think of how it can quickly be multiplied when expressed to others who are already on a path of faith. There is no more effective way to spread the gospel than to start within the context of one's own church. It will spread out from there and be a shining light to the world around us.

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35 NKJV

Next Week: The Gospel and the Church

SICK & SHUT-IN

9/16/2017

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Warm Words of Gratitude

If only you could hear the prayers that fill each thought of you and the smiles that warm each memory of the generous things you do, you'd know you're treasured more than words can say.

Thank You So Much,

Kimbrough & Lovejoy Family



Thank You... more than I can say.

Wilkins, Thomas, & Arrington

Family



NEED PRAYER. Prayer Request Boxes at each entrance.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR CHILDREN Wednesdays at 5:45pm. W. Whatley @ 902-7992



ACS Council Meeting will be held Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.

ACS Monthly Business Meeting will be held Sunday, September 17, 2017, 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES will resume Monday October 2nd @ 5:00pm

FAMILY FUN DAY Sunday Sept. 24th at the Oak Mountain State Park.

ELIJAH RADIO: WSJL 88.1 FM Power for Daily Living, Pastor Ross sermons on radio this Sabbath www.WSJLradio.com

CENTRAL ALABAMA YOUTH FEDERATION

2017 Fall Federation, September 29-30th
Theme: "I Am Intentional"

Friday: Praise & Worship Service and Lip Sync Battle.

Sabbath Services beginning at 9:15 includes (Sabbath School, Health & Temperance Showcase, Divine Worship, Lunch and Seminars, Gospel Extravaganza and Recreation Surge Trampoline Park)

Federation t-shirts for sale and mandatory by choir members. T-shirts are \$12/each. Final Order date Sunday Sept. 10th.

CAYF MASS CHOIR Rehearsals

SUNDAY, September 17th 2-4 at Hillview

LIP SYNC BATTLE on September 29, open to all ages. You must lip sync to two gospel songs. The grand prize is \$100. Interested? See a member of the executive committee or your AYS leader

OAKWOOD College Days / OU Live Any high school seniors who attend Ephesus Church who are interested in attending OU Live please contact Shayla Dowe by September 22, 2017.



THE FUNDAMENTALS

Teachings About God

3 God the Father

Did you know God is the eternal Father?

God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit are also revelations of the Father.

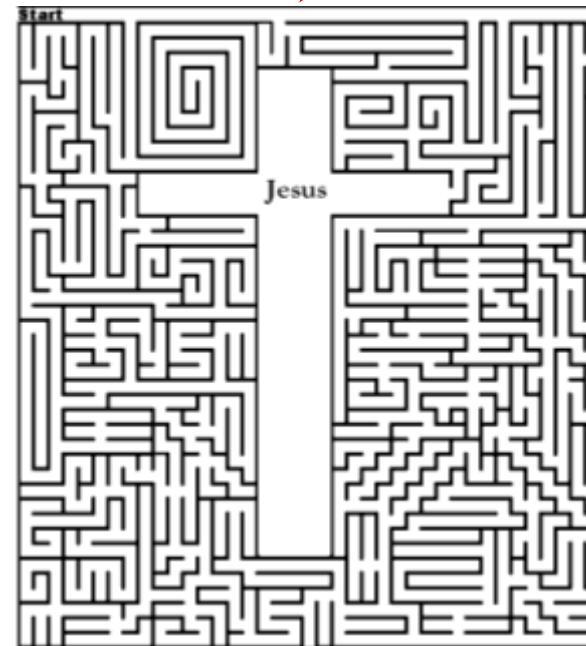
Genesis 1:1	Revelation 4:11
1 Corinthians 15:28	John 3:16
1 John 4:8	1 Timothy 1:17
Exodus 34:6, 7	John 14:9

Sunset Today: 6:51 pm

Sunset Friday: 6:42 PM

THE A-MAZE-ING CROSS

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice



DIVINE WORSHIP

Call to WorshipClementine Collins, Elder

Invocation.....Clementine Collins, Elder

Commission.....Clementine Collins, Elder

Hymn of Worship.....598 – Watch, Ye Saints

Spotlight Personal Ministries

Welcome & Fellowship

Ministry through Music

Intercessory Prayer Clinton Jones, Elder.

Tithes & Offering..... Elder Benjamin Reevers

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Children's Story

Baby Dedication Karsyn A'Mia Rutledge

Ministry through Music

Spoken Word..... Elder G. A. Bryant

Benediction Elder Benjamin Reevers

