

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: Ephesus Academy, Paid daily rate. Please contact our office at 205-786-2194 for applications.

DEACON MEETING: Today the 18th after sunset. Please be present & on time.

PRAYER SUMMIT March 9-11, 2018 at Shocco Springs. www.scc-adventist.org to register

TAKING IT BACK
HEALTH EMPHASIS WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 18-19

NOVEMBER 18: DIVINE WORSHIP
"TAKING BACK WHAT THE DEVIL STOLE"
SPEAKER: PASTOR COMPTON ROSS

NOVEMBER 18 AT 5:00PM
"WHAT THE HEALTH" NETFLIX DOCUMENTARY, FELLOWSHIP HALL

NOVEMBER 19 FROM 2-5pm
VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS WITH PASTOR ROSS AND MARLENE RYAN. DOOR PRIZES, HEALTHY RECIPES AND GREAT FOOD. REGISTER AND PAY BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15; \$5 - ADULTS; \$2 FOR 12 & UNDER

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EPHESUS TRAILBLAZER PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On-going Events:

- **Club Meeting:** continue on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month 9am-12noon
- **Club Meeting:** Next meeting Nov 19 for Pathfinders that do not attend the Sylacauga events

Current Events:

- **Pathfinder Day Today:** Pinehill SDA Church Honor Mid-Way / Lock-in beginning at 7am
- **Volunteer:** TrailBlazers (and Pathfinders that do not attend Pinehill) will volunteer with Feed the Homeless Ministry Today
- **Bake Sale:** The TrailBlazer Bake Sale is December 16th. Baked Goods, Music, Fun and Games. All TrailBlazers must be present
- **Volunteers Needed:** Join our team as staff, counselors, volunteers, and Behind-the-Scenes Boosters, laborers or Sponsors. Your help is appreciated
- **Donations:** any/all past uniforms, accessories, t-shirts, food, equipment and monetary donations

Future Events:

- **Usher/Greeters:** Pathfinders/Adventurers Usher and Greet every 5th Sabbath in Class A Uniform. Next 5th Sabbath is Dec 30th.
- **Induction:** Tentative dates are TBD

THE FUNDAMENTALS

Teachings About the Church

#12 Church

Did you know You are invited to be a part of God's family on Earth?

The church is the community of believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In continuity with the people of God in Old Testament times, we are called out from the world; and we join together for worship, for fellowship, for instruction in the Word, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, for service to all mankind, and for the worldwide proclamation of the gospel.

The church derives its authority from Christ, who is the incarnate Word, and from the Scriptures, which are the written Word. The church is God's family; adopted by Him as children, its members live on the basis of the new covenant. The church is the body of Christ, a community of faith of which Christ Himself is the Head. The church is the bride for whom Christ died that He might sanctify and cleanse her.

At His return in triumph, He will present her to Himself a glorious church, the faithful of all the ages, the purchase of His blood, not having spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish.

Genesis 12:3, Acts 7:38, Ephesians 4:11-15, Ephesians 3:8-11, Mathew 28:19, 20, Mathew 16:13-20, Mathew 18:18, Ephesians 2:19-22, Ephesians 1:22, 23, Ephesians 5:23-27, Colossians 1:17,18

Sunset Today: 4:42 pm

Sunset Friday: 4:40 pm

DIVINE WORSHIP

Call to WorshipElder Willie Mae Whatley

Invocation.....Elder Willie Mae Whatley

Commission.....Elder Willie Mae Whatley

Hymn of Worship..Come He Thankful People Come

SpotlightPersonal Ministries

Welcome & Fellowship

Ministry through Music

Intercessory Prayer ..Elder Benjamin Sellers.

Tithes & Offering.....Cedric Burden, Elder www.adventistgiving.org/?OrgID=ANTPCB

Children's Story

Ministry through Music

Spoken Word Pastor Compton Ross Jr. "Taking Back What the Devil Stole"

BenedictionCedric Burden, Elder



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OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

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WHAT a gift YOU are...

Too often life just rolls along and we don't take the time to tell those who have touched our lives in some special way how much they mean...

You have such a good heart. And I want to be sure you know how much you are appreciated and what a gift you truly are.

Thanks so much,

Veronica Williams & Family

EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

CONNECTING • NURTURING • TRANSFORMING

NOVEMBER 18, 2017

SABBATH SCHOOL

Lesson 7 Overcoming Sin

Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."Romans 6:14

SUMMARY

Grace is not only evident when we first come to God for forgiveness. It's evident all through the salvation process. All too often, at a time when works do matter (during our sanctification), we forget that God continues to provide us with grace to obey His commandments. It's easy to feel that we've had some part in our works of righteousness. After all, we did them. So, where does grace fit in, when it comes to building our character and making us fit for heaven?

- Christ was resurrected to a "newness of life", and we can experience a "newness of life" after our justification (or dying to sin).-Sunday
- Our lusts/desires can be replaced with God's will, but only through the promised grace that originally justified us.-Monday
- We must understand the phrases "under the law" and "under grace" correctly, in order to make the fullest use of God's power to free us from sin.-Tuesday
- Choosing to sin or to obey is freely given to us, but unless obedience comes from the heart, it won't be effective or lasting.-Wednesday
- Sin and the temptation to sin will always be with us on this earth, but these sinful tendencies won't dominate or rule us, if God sits on the throne of our heart.-Thursday

FINAL THOUGHTS

God has promised to forgive our sins through grace, but also to help us overcome that sin. Sometimes we feel that, unless sin and its temptation has been eliminated, this promise has not been fulfilled. When this happens, we tend to either blame God for not being able to help us enough, or we blame ourselves and allow our guilt to render us incapable of further spiritual growth.

But there's another spiritual fallout for Christians. We are in danger of judging each other for failed attempts to keep from sinning. Forgetting that God is working differently with individuals to get them to the place on their spiritual journey where they need to be. Instead of judging fellow believers, our task is to encourage and bolster the faith of struggling church members, wherever they are in their Christian walk. See Luke 18:9-14, the prayers of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

What I'm saying is that sometimes compassion and humility come easier for one who has lived a hardened life of sin than it does for someone who has been a law-abiding church member. We have much to learn from each other. Let's not distance ourselves by overblown feelings of guilt that deal us incapable of seeing beyond our own failures, or by the judgmental attitudes that make us incapable of extending tender mercy to those entangled with sin.

ALL kinds of sinners are needed in God's church. We're ALL in this together.

"for ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Next Week: *Who Is the Man of Romans 7?*

SICK & SHUT-IN

11/18/2017

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