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**OUR CHURCH SCHOOL**  
[www.ephesus-academy.org](http://www.ephesus-academy.org)

Ephesus Academy	205-786-2194
Child Development Center	205-786-2195

**WSJL 88.1 FM**  
 WSJLradio.com

**Elijah**  
 RADIO

**POWER FOR DAILY LIVING**  
 Tue & Thurs 10:30am  
 Dr. Compton Ross Jr.

**SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**



**EVERY MONDAY**  
 Advanced @ 5pm      Beginners @ 6pm

*Wednesday Night*  
**PRAYER MEETING**  
 6:30 pm

**1st Wed:** Call 605-475-3233, Code 963044#  
 or via Facebook live.

**All others:** Join us at church, 105 6th Ave N

**SICK & SHUT-IN**

**Noah Akphan**  
 Terrace Oaks Nursing Home  
 4201 Bessemer Super Hwy  
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 (205-213-2475)  
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**EPHESUS ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**YOUTH DAY**

**THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS...IT'S THE LORD'S**



**SABBATH SCHOOL 10:30-11:30 AM**

**MINISTRY OF PETER, LESSON 6**

**THE BOOK OF ACTS"**

**Memory Text:** "Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.'  
 " Acts 10:34, 35 NRSV

**SUMMARY**

Peter's ministry was successful despite the immense challenges that were faced:

1. Persecution intended to scatter—from outside sources, like King Agrippa, and harassment from the Jewish leadership, who did not accept Jesus as the Messiah.
2. Barriers intended to divide—such as the struggle for Jewish believers to accept Gentiles fully into their fellowship unless they became Jewish first.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

Unfortunately, God's church still experiences similar challenges. All Christians find it difficult to escape some type of separation or dividing, either from those outside or even within their ranks. It often reveals itself in ugly ways, but always in some way that creates barriers for God's people to carry out their mission of spreading the gospel.

For those who have "put on Christ", Paul wisely told us...

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* Galatians 3:28 NKJV

The gender barrier that Peter mentioned last here seems to be the hardest one to surmount. There has always been animosity between the sexes since the Fall in the Garden of Eden, but that does not seem to be God's original intention when He created them so that "they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

Peter himself pointed out earlier in his Pentecost sermon a prophecy from Joel, which said "...I will pour out of My Spirit on ALL flesh; your sons AND your daughters shall prophesy.." Perhaps in the last days then, God's church will finally recognize men and women as full equals when it comes to receiving His spiritual gifts. The gender barrier will also be gone, and at last God's church will be fully united.

*Next Week's Lesson: Paul's First Missionary Journey*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/11/2018

Submit announcements by noon on Wednesdays to [ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org](mailto:ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org)

**SERMON CD:** Please see A/V Team member

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

**ACS ANNUAL CAN GOODS** collection for Thanksgiving Baskets will begin August 1<sup>st</sup>

**PRAYER MINISTRIES** A prayer walk is scheduled for Ephesus Academy on Monday, August 13, at 7:00 am. I know this is early but we have to work with what works for the school. Jesus prayed early. So please plan now to head to the school after the prayer line ends so we can pray in the building, the classrooms, with and for the teachers, principal, staff and students.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY EMPHASIS DAY**" Sabbath, August 18, 2018, Theme: "She is clothed with strength and dignity."

**BOARD MEETING** August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

**ELDERS MEETING** August, 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am



**FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY** is August 25. Dr. G. A. Bryant will be our guest speaker. Invite your friends, family, and missing members and lets make this a great experience.

**"AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY."** Pastor Ross will start a dynamic new series of messages entitled "Authentic Christianity." Every Wednesday night from August 22 - October 10, 2018 at 6:30p. This will serve to prepare us and to coincide with the upcoming September Revival Series - "Staying Connected..." Come on out and get refreshed.

**Sunset Today:** 8:29 PM

**Sunset Friday:** 8:46 PM

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### THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS...IT'S THE LORD'S

Call to Worship/Invocation .....	Elder Benjamin Sellers
Welcome and Fellowship .....	Elder Delsadie Callins
Welcome Song .....	Praise Leader
Special Music .....	Rhema
Intercessory Prayer .....	Cedric Burden, Elder
Tithes & Offering.....	Kee-Laun Crum, Elder
Children's Story .....	CAYF Puppet Ministry
Praise & Worship .....	Rhema



Scripture Reading.....	2 Chronicles 20:14-16.....	Colin Jones
Youth Talk.....	Kee-Laun Crum, Elder	
"The Battle is not Yours. It's the Lord's"		



Scripture Reading.....	Galatians 3:1-5 .....	Kenton Jones
Youth Talk.....	Cedric Burden, Elder	
"The Big Switcheroo"		



Scripture Reading.....	1 Samuel 17:47-50 .....	Simuka Holmes
Youth Talk.....	Wendell Timothy	
"The Bigger they are, the Harder they Fall"		

Appeal Song.....	Karen Gibson	
Benediction.....	Elder Delsadie Callins	