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Ephesus SDA Church(Birmingham).  
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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

**EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

**CONNECTING • NURTURING • TRANSFORMING**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

**SABBATH SCHOOL**

**10:30-11:30 AM**

**Confinement in Caesarea, Lesson 12**

**"The Book Of Acts"**

**Memory Text:** Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that not only you but also all who are listening to me today might become such as I am—except for these chains. Acts 26:29 NRSV

Opening Song & Prayer  
 Mission Story  
 Lesson Study and Review

**CONCLUSION**

Look at the violent lineage of Agrippa II...

- his great-grandfather Herod had all those babies killed in Bethlehem after Jesus was born
- his great-uncle Antipas had John the Baptist's head brought to him on a platter
- his father Agrippa I was responsible for the martyrdom of the apostle James

Agrippa II, the last monarch of the Herodian dynasty, although quite familiar with the Jewish religion by then, doesn't seem to display any religious qualities in his behavior and lifestyle. The pomp and pageantry displayed on the day of Paul's hearing (Acts 25:23), coupled with the common belief that there was an incestuous relationship going on between he and Bernice (his sister), certainly do not indicate any true, Jewish upbringing.

And yet, Paul readily agreed that Agrippa was quite familiar with Jewish customs and beliefs (Acts 26:3). He should have known that his example for his subjects was less than stellar.

How often do we know all the "customs" of the religion of our parents and grandparents, and even agree with the truth of their teachings, yet fail to exemplify them in our own lives?

How often do we procrastinate making the changes we know are right? Is it ever safe to procrastinate following God? Whether the God of our fathers, or newly discovered truths about God?

Procrastination of anything has consequences; but we must agree that procrastinating religious decisions and changes carries with it the worst consequence of all.

*Next Week's Lesson: Journey to Rome*

**SICK & SHUT-IN**

<b>Noah Akphan</b> Terrace Oaks Nursing Home 4201 Bessemer Super Hwy Bessemer, AL 35020	<b>Parker Moore</b> 3729 42nd Street North Birmingham, AL 35217	<b>Johnnie Stanton</b> (205-787-0172) 7216 Belgium Avenue Birmingham, AL 35244
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## DIVINE WORSHIP

11:45AM-1:15PM

Call to Worship-Invocation.....Elder Benjamin Reeves  
 Hymn of Worship ..... Hymn #163 - At the Cross  
 Stewardship  
 Welcome & Fellowship  
 Intercessory Prayer.....Clementine Collins, Elder  
 Tithes & Offering .....Kee'Laun Crum, Elder  
 Children's Church  
 Praise & Worship  
 Spoken Word..... Chaplain Kimberly Mann  
 Benediction .....Kee'Laun Crum, Elder

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/15/2018

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

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



Mon-Tues: 6am & 6pm  
 Wed: 6am  
 Thurs-Fri: 6am & 12pm  
 (515) 739-1015 Code: 337243850#

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

**ELDERS MEETING** Sun. Sept. 16th at 8:00am –

**CHURCH BOARD MEETING,** Sun. Sept. 16th at 9:30pm

**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING** Thurs. Sept.20th at 6:00pm

**CALLING ALL THANKFUL PEOPLE!** Adventist Community Services is planning to give 300 baskets to needy families. We need your financial assistance, please place a GENEROUS monetary gift in a tithe envelope and write Adventist Community Services -Thanksgiving on the line. Questions contact Willie M. Whatley 205-923-3081.

**SINGLES MINISTRY** will have a "pot-luck" dinner the fourth Sabbath 9/22/18, @ the home of Lisa Carpenter. For menu:RSVP Cerita Moultrie:205 834 6945 or Lisa Carpenter: 205 616 2971

**PRAYER MEETING** Wednesday at 12:00noon and 6:30p. Pastor Ross will continue series at 6:30p entitled "Authentic Christianity"

- Wednesday, Sept 19th Practice What They Preach
- Wednesday, Sept 26th : Are Quick to Forgive



EPHESUS SDA CHURCH PRESENTS  
**Stay Connected!**  
 September Series  
 UNDERSTANDING THE P's OF YOUR LIFE  
 Join us for Pastor Compton Ross, Jr.'s  
**"Farewell Sermon"**  
 Sabbath, September 29, 2018 @ 11:45 am  
**Farewell Lunch & Well Wishes following Divine Worship**  
 If you are unable to attend, you may send farewell wishes to: [ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org](mailto:ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org)  
 Pastor Compton Ross, Jr., Senior Pastor Ephesus SDA Church  
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**High School Seniors. Experience Oakwood. Expect Success.** Calling all High School Seniors who are interested in attending "Oakwood Live 2018!" see AYS team member for details

**FAMILY FEUD** If you and your family would like to play in our next game of Family Feud, please call (205-422-1978) or email ([wtimothy@mac.com](mailto:wtimothy@mac.com)) me as soon as possible.

Join the **CENTRAL ALABAMA YOUTH FEDERATION** for "A Federation Christmas" during the weekend of November 30-December 1. Our theme is HIS STORY - The Life of Christ. We will tell the story of the life of Christ through various songs by our outstanding Federation choir and through a mini movie by our very own youth and young adults.

**ACTORS NEEDED** If you would like to be an actor or actress in our mini-movie, please contact your AYM leader, our Public Relations Director, Charmeretta Timothy, our Vice President, Jeremie Mason or myself, Wendell Timothy.

Sunset Today: 6:53 PM

Sunset Friday: 6:45 PM



### EPHESUS TRAILBLAZER PATHFINDER-ADVENTURER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### On-going Events:

- Meetings continue 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month 9am-12noon in the fellowship hall. Next meeting Oct 7
- Staff Meeting: Next Pathfinder Staff Meeting Sep 16 @ 6pm via Teleconference

#### Current Events:

- Sumatanga: Camping Trip Sep14 (5pm)- Sep16 (noon) in Gallant AL
- \*CANCELLED\* Sylacauga Sep22 \*CANCELLED\*
- Oshkosh Chosen International Camporee: August 12-17, 2019. Club members, please see your email to register and purchase tickets

#### Future Events:

- Sylacauga Induction/Midway: Oct 6 (8am-8pm)
- Camp Fletcher: Oct 19-21 in McCalla AL
- Classic Weekend Outreach: Oct 27
- CAYF Fall Federation: Nov 30-Dec 1

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Please join us for a  
**Baby Shower**  
 honoring  
**Victor & Geneva**  
 Sunday, September 30, 2018  
 2:00 pm  
 Ephesus Church, Fellowship Hall  
 Registered at Target & Amazon