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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

SERMON CD



PLEASE SEE THE A/V TEAM

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

Sunset Today: 6:35 PM
 Sunset Friday: 6:26 PM

EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
CONNECTING • NURTURING • TRANSFORMING

SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

SABBATH SCHOOL

10:30-11:30 AM

Journey to Rome, Lesson 13

"The Book of Acts"

Memory Text: "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar." Acts 27:24 ESV

CONCLUSION

The book of Acts is our New Testament link between the Gospels and the Epistles. Although it mostly documents the evangelistic activities of the apostles, mostly Peter and Paul, it clearly introduces us to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It might be better to think of it as "The Book of Acts of the Spirit of Christ working in and through the Apostles".

Some notable lessons for our church today might be derived from its study...

- we are all sinners, in need of redemption; even the apostles were not above mistakes
- we are called to witness to all people, irrespective of race, class, or gender
- we must follow God's sovereignty, exalting Jesus at every turn of events, even the ugly ones
- we should humbly seek the Holy Spirit's power and guidance, to fulfill our mission
- we, as individuals, have a duty to support and nurture each other along the way, even when we disagree on methods or strategies to achieve our goals
- we can accomplish so much more when we share our spiritual gifts and work with our brothers and sisters in Christ (no one person can do it all)

This quote from *The Acts of the Apostles*, by Ellen G. White, underscores the role of each member of God's church...

"Christ has given to the church a sacred charge. Every member should be a channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that the Savior desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and His character. There is nothing the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Savior's love. All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity." p. 600

A devotional thought from an admired Christian follower, Brenda Walsh, further reminds us...

"Filling your mind with negative nonsense is not only bad for your personality, but it doesn't make you very endearing to others – and more importantly . . . separates you from God! It's impossible to be negative and have a Christ-like attitude...in Psalm 68:3 it says, 'But let the righteous be glad; let them exult [rejoice] before God; Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.' Wow! It doesn't get clearer than that – God wants His children to be glad! No matter what crisis you

are going through, or disappointing event that threatens to ruin your day – give it to Jesus and go forward with a positive attitude knowing God’s in full control and He has you covered.”

Therefore, both these authors point us to the way to win souls. It isn’t by pounding them with “negative nonsense” (our human speculations about our impending doom, for example–most people already sense the seriousness of the times we live in). What they desire, what they demand, is an alternative to the harsh circumstances many endure on this earth. Sharing God’s love seems to be the most suitable way to be ready for Jesus’ soon return, both for others and ourselves!

Next Week’s Lesson: new quarter– “Oneness in Christ” (Less. 1–Creation and Fall)

DIVINE WORSHIP **11:45AM-1:15PM**

Call to Worship-Invocation YOUTH
Hymn of Worship Hymn #590 – Trust and Obey
Welcome & Fellowship
Intercessory Prayer Clementine Collins, Elder
Tithes & Offering Clinton Jones, Elder
Praise & Worship
Spoken Word..... Pastor Compton Ross Jr.
"You're Gonna Make It!"
Benediction..... Clinton Jones, Elder

ANNOUNCEMENTS **9/29/2018**

Submit announcements by noon on Wed. ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org

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

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

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING on Wednesday October 3rd at 7:30p (immediately following prayer meeting) with the SCC president, Elder Ben Jones. All board members are asked to be present and on time.

ALL MEN ARE REQUESTED to help secure Ephesus Church property Sunday, September 30th at 9:00am. Should you have questions, please contact Bro. Wayne Blanding.

Ephesus Church 4th **ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY** – Oak Mountain State Park. Magnolia & Sycamore Pavilions. Sunday, October 7th, 2018 10-6pm

Hoover Christian School is inviting everyone to their **FALL FESTIVAL**, Sunday, October 14, from noon to 3:00 pm in the gym at Birmingham First Church in Hoover. Admission fee is a can of food, to be distributed later to local families in need. It’s a family-friendly good time!

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) me as soon as possible.

Help our veterans be a blessing to some deserving youth by supporting the Alabama Veterans for Christ 3rd **ANNUAL EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BANQUET** Saturday November 10, 2018 6-8pm

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.

SINGLES MINISTRY will have a "pot-luck" dinner October 4th , @ the home of Lisa Carpenter. For menu:RSVP Cerita Moultrie:205 834 6945 or Lisa Carpenter: 205 616 2971

Join our **HOMELESS MINISTRIES** team on the 4th Sabbath of every month. *Bring a dish or send a donation via cash app to \$scorpioyo to support them.*

PASTOR'S FINAL WORD

Dear Ephesus Church family. This is a final word of thanks to each of you who welcomed us, loved us, supported us, prayed for us, and also helped us grow. Over the past three and a half years we have shared both joys and sorrows, and ups and downs; but through it all we can say that God is good. We are leaving Ephesus but our lives have been greatly enriched by the experiences we shared and the many new friends and family we've gained. We will always have you in our prayer even as we solicit yours. We encourage you to fully support, love, and pray for your new pastor and his family and we believe that the best days for Ephesus are ahead.

May God bless, keep, and prosper each of you now and always.

With much love,
Dr. Compton Ross, Jr

