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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: 6:24 PM
 Sunset Friday: 6:17 PM

EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
CONNECTING • NURTURING • TRANSFORMING
OCTOBER 6, 2018

PRAYER GARDEN	10:15AM-10:25AM
SABBATH SCHOOL	10:30-11:30 AM

CREATION AND FALL
"ONENESS IN CHRIST"

Memory Text: "Then [God] brought [Abraham] outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness” (Genesis 15:5, 6, NKJV).

OUTLINE

The story of God’s people and the unity God desires for them began with Creation, and was deeply impacted by the Fall of our first parents. **Pertaining to the Creation and the Fall**, we examined this week...

- love being the foundation of unity
- the consequences of the Fall that resulted in our loss of unity with God and each other
- the Tower of Babel’s contribution to further disunity
- the promises to Abraham that would restore unity for his descendants
- the role of Israel, God’s chosen people, in promoting unity for all nations

CONCLUSION

Since we’re looking at the Creation of our world to find ways to have our relationship with God restored, and to be at one with Him again, two institutions that were given to us by God must not be overlooked. From the very beginning, He gave us...

- the Sabbath (a sacred time of rest devoted to God, given to us on the seventh day of Creation week)
- the family (consisting of father and mother, and the children God designed for them to bear)

How are these two blessings able to unify us?

- Spending a designated time with God, on the day He established and blessed for this purpose, was God’s plan to encourage unity long before the time of Moses. It’s a time to reflect on God’s wonderful Creation, which makes us feel closer to Him.
- Spending time with our family during the week, and worshiping God in a special way on the Sabbath, is another way we can achieve more unity with each other and oneness with God. If we can learn to get along with family members, all our other relationships in life are improved, including our relationship with God.

After Satan caused Adam and Eve to question God and eat the forbidden fruit, he has engaged in every effort to disrupt our restoration and unity with God by attacking these two initial forces for good...the family and the Sabbath.

Satan has blatantly attacked God on these two fronts:

He has convinced most of the Christian world to worship God on another day that hasn't been blessed, that was never sanctioned in the Holy Scriptures.

And, of course, the threat of divorce is just the tip of the iceberg in causing families and marriages to fail. Many other sexual offenses and perversions have infiltrated our society, making it almost as hard for many to identify the wrongness of these activities, as it is to recognize that we are worshiping on the wrong day.

Yes, God has a better way of life in mind for us, and observing His commandments through a bond of love with our Creator is the only way to achieve that life and experience the unity with Him we so desperately need.

Next Week's Lesson: Cause of Disunity

DIVINE WORSHIP

11:45AM-1:15PM

Call to Worship-Invocation.....	Elder Tracy Cook
Hymn of Worship	Hymn #612 Onward Christian Soldiers
Welcome & Fellowship	
Intercessory Prayer	Pastor Joe I. Grider
Tithes & Offering	Mark Hannah, Elder
Children's Church	
Praise & Worship	
Spoken Word.....	Pastor Joe I. Grider
Benediction.....	Mark Hannah, Elder

EPHESUS TRAILBLAZER PATHFINDER-ADVENTURER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meetings continue monthly on the 1st & 3rd Sunday, 9am-12noon. Next meeting Nov 4th
- Oshkosh Chosen International Camporee: August 12-17, 2019. Club members, please see your email to register and purchase tickets
- Camp Fletcher: Oct 19-21 in McCalla AL
- Classic Weekend Outreach: Oct 27
- CAYF Fall Federation: Nov 30-Dec 1

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/6/2018

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.

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

Church Bus

- `FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED...Bus seats 14 passengers
- Departing Sunday morning, October 7th at 9am / Returning Sunday afternoon, 4pm
- There will be no pick-ups and drop-offs.

You may pick-up Oak Mountain State Park tickets:

- After Divine Worship today in the office. If you are not available to pick-up your ticket(s) today, someone may pick them up for you.
- No tickets will be left at the entrance booth of the park.

CALLING ALL SINGLES!!! potluck dinner TODAY following Divine Worship. We would love to have you join us for spiritual fellowship and praise!

FALL FESTIVAL, Sunday, October 14, 12-3pm 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.

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.

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