

THE CROSS NEWSLETTER

A church where everybody is somebody and Christ is Lord of all

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FREEDOM

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"What does the Bible say about freedom?"

Freedom is a multi-faceted concept in the Bible. The story of man begins with freedom gone awry. In His generosity, God tells Adam in the Garden of Eden, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden"; there was one restriction: "But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die" (Genesis 2:16-17). However, even with all that freedom and all those blessings, mankind misused freedom, rebelled against God, and brought death into the world.

God desires that His people be free. Seven times in the book of Exodus, God's direct message to Pharaoh through Moses was, "Let My people go" (Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3, NKJV). God redeemed His people out of Egypt and out of slavery "with a mighty hand and outstretched arm" (Psalm 136:12). The national freedom God granted Israel becomes a fitting picture of the spiritual freedom God grants us in Christ, who is "worthy of greater honor than Moses" (Hebrews 3:3).

Freedom from Eternal Punishment

Man's ultimate problem has always been sin. God, in His benevolence, offers us the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ based on Christ's atoning death on the cross (John 3:16). Those who are in Christ have been freed from the punishment of their sin (see 1 Thessalonians 5:9 and Revelation 20:6).

Isaiah foretold the mission of Christ and the freedom He would bring: "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1). Those whom Jesus sets free are free indeed (John 8:36). They will never be condemned by God (Romans 8:1).

This idea of freedom from the penalty of sin must have been music to the ears of those who tried

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"What is Christian freedom?"

The Bible states emphatically in Galatians 5:1 that believers are free in Christ: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). Before Jesus died on a cross, God's people lived under a detailed system of laws that served as a moral compass to guide their lives. The Law, while powerless to grant salvation or produce true freedom, nevertheless pointed the way to Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:19-24). Through His sacrificial death, Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law, setting believers free from the law of sin and death. God's laws are now written in our hearts through the Spirit of God, and we are free to follow and serve Christ in ways that please and glorify Him (Romans 8:2-8). In a nutshell, this is the definition of Christian freedom.

An important aspect of Christian freedom is our responsibility not to return to living under the Law. The apostle Paul compared this to slavery: "Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1). Continuing to live under the Law after salvation is merely a legalistic form of religion. We cannot earn righteousness through the Law; rather, the Law's purpose was to define our sin and show our need of a Savior. Christian freedom involves living not under the burdensome obligations of the Law but under God's grace: "For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14).

In Christ, we are free from the Law's oppressive system, we are free from the penalty of sin, and we are free from the power of sin. Christian freedom is *not* a license to sin. We are free in Christ but not free to live however we want, indulging the flesh: "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13, NLT). Believers aren't free to sin, but free to live holy lives in Christ.

Christian freedom is one of the many paradoxes of the Christian faith. True freedom means willingly becoming a

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Prayer for Healthy Church Growth

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your blessing for the growth of our church. We believe that You are the source of all growth, both in our personal lives and in the body of believers. We acknowledge that without Your presence and power, our efforts are in vain.

Father, we ask for Your wisdom and discernment as we make decisions that impact the growth of our church. Help us to be sensitive to Your leading and to follow Your will faithfully. Give our leaders insight and vision, that they may effectively shepherd and guide Your flock.

Lord, we pray for unity and love to abound within our church family. Help us to set aside differences and personal agendas, and instead, focus on our common purpose of glorifying You. Grant us hearts of compassion and kindness towards one another, that we may be a shining example of Your love to the world.

Father, we lift up our evangelistic efforts to You. Equip and empower us to boldly share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us. Open doors of opportunity for us to reach the lost and bring them into Your kingdom. Give us a burden for the lost, that we may fervently pray for their salvation and be intentional in our outreach.

Lord, we ask for Your provision and blessing in every area of our church's growth. Provide the resources, both financial and human, that we need to carry out Your work effectively. Bless our ministries, small groups, and outreach programs, that they may bear fruit and bring glory to Your name.

Finally, Lord, we commit the growth of our church into Your hands. We surrender our plans, desires, and ambitions to You, knowing that You alone can bring true growth and transformation. May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in our midst.

We pray all these things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VISION 2025: LEVEL-UP

WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO GOD'S NEXT!

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”
Isiah 43:19 (NIV)

Transitioning to God's Next
Honoring Our Past • Celebrating Our Present • Investing in Our Future!

The Vision Statement in four simple words

Members are to **GATHER**

Every member should attend faithfully a worship service every week. Christians are commanded to worship the Lord together. Read Acts 2:42-47. not only are we called to worship the Lord, but we are also to encourage one another when we gather together.

Members are to **CONNECT**

That's the word picture to describe locking hands and arms with others. We are called to connect together in a small group (ministry, organizations, class leader system, bible study, Sunday school, and others).

Members are to **GO**

The members should be involved in at least one ministry in the church each year. Many should be involved in ministries that got them involved outside the walls of the church. The Great Commission should be at the heart of what we do as part of the process of discipleship (Matthew 28:19-20).

Members are to **GIVE**

Every member should be a regular and faithful financial giver to the church. Jesus, Himself, said it best:
“wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be”
(Matthew 6:21).

The Treasure Christ Offers

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 John 5:11

Michael Sparks walked into a thrift store and brought a souvenir copy of the US Declaration of Independence for \$2.48. Later, as he looked closely at his parchment copy, he felt there was something unusual about it. So he had it assessed by experts, who told him it was one of thirty-six remaining copies of two hundred commissioned by John Quincy Adams in 1820. Sparks then sold his rare copy of the Declaration for \$477,650!

While the acquisition of this treasure for such a small price is astounding, there's a treasure that's infinitely better. As a child, I found out about a priceless, matchless, and eternal treasure that didn't cost me a cent. But I didn't find it at a thrift store.

My parents revealed to me that a man named Jesus had purchased this gift by giving His life on the cross as a sacrifice for my sins. They then told me this gift was called salvation. It promised the treasure of an abundant “life...to the full” on earth (John 10:10) and an “eternal life ...in [God's] Son” with Jesus (1 John 5:11). I accepted that gift by faith.

It's amazing to find an earthly treasure at low cost, but that can't compare with the eternal treasure Christ offers at no cost. This treasure offered to each person is received as we “believe in the name of the Son of God” — Jesus (V. 13).
Dave Branson

What does it mean for you to trust Jesus as your Savior? How can you tell others about this great treasure?

Thank You, Jesus, for paying the price for my salvation. It's a treasure I could never purchase on my own.

Learn more here: odb.org/personal-relationship-with-god.

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Today's Scripture: **1 John 5:6-13**

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹ We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

INSIGHT

John says, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). This echoes the purpose of his gospel: "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31). Faith in Christ not only saves us from judgment but gives us abundant and eternal life. John uses the word life more than forty times in his gospel, most dramatically in the shepherd parable: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (10:10-11). Jesus gave up His life to make eternal life possible for us. Tim Laniak

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unsuccessfully to meet the demands of the Mosaic Law. Paul, speaking to those gathered in an Antioch synagogue, said about Jesus, "Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses" (Acts 13:39).

Freedom from Sin

The regenerate, forgiven sinner not only enjoys the promise of eternal life in Christ, but he also has the power to live free from sin. Sin's dominion has been broken. "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25). Paul uses the struggle between slavery and freedom to illustrate the believer's transformation: "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin may be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin" (Romans 6:6-7). Our sin was imputed to Christ, and Christ's righteousness was imputed to us (2 Corinthians 5:21). In this way, we have freedom from the power of sin.

Freedom from the Law's Burden

One of Jesus' condemnations of the religious leaders of His day was, "You load people down with burdens

they can hardly carry" (Luke 11:46). In contrast, Jesus promised "rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29), and He said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

"The law brings wrath" (Romans 4:15), because no one can keep the law. Before Christ came, "we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed" (Galatians 3:23). Paul likened our responsibility under the law to a child's responsibility to a guardian: "So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian" (Galatians 3:24-25). And Paul warns us not to return to that bondage: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1).

A Caution About Freedom

We have a propensity to go to extremes, and the Bible cautions us about our freedom: "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13). So our freedom from the rule of law is tempered by our service to and love of others. We must also exercise self-

control (1 Corinthians 6:12). And our freedom in Christ never provides an excuse for sin: "Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves" (1 Peter 2:16).

We have a responsibility to use the freedom Christ gives to choose what is right. "Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh" (Romans 13:14). When Jesus forgave the woman taken in adultery, He told her, "Go and sin no more" (John 8:11, NLT). *Go* is freedom; *sin no more* is responsibility.

Conclusion

Clearly, God wants His children to experience the joy of freedom. The believer is free from the power and penalty of sin and is promised eternity with Him. That fact should stir immense joy in the heart of the believer. This freedom of the redeemed in Christ will also be shared by the natural world: "The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God" (Romans 8:21).

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slave to Christ, and this happens through relationship with Him (Colossians 2:16–17). In Romans 6, Paul explains that, when a believer accepts Christ, he or she is baptized by the Spirit into Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. At that moment, the believer ceases to be a slave to sin and becomes a servant of righteousness: "But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness" (Romans 6:17–18, ESV).

Only Christians know true freedom: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). But what does Christian freedom look like in a practical sense? What are we free to do and not do? What can we watch on TV? What can we eat and drink? What can we wear to the beach? What about smoking and drinking? Are there limits to Christian freedom?

In 1 Corinthians 10, the apostle Paul gives a practical illustration of Christian freedom: "Everything is permissible—but not everything is beneficial. 'Everything is permissible'—but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others" (1 Corinthians 10:23–24, NIV84).

In writing to the church in Corinth, Paul mentions members who were attending meals in pagan temples, just as they had done before receiving Christ. They felt free to continue participating because they thought these festivals were merely a normal part of the social culture. They didn't see their actions as pagan worship.

Paul laid out several warnings, reminding the Corinthians of Israel's

dangerous flirtation with idolatry in the Old Testament. Then he handled the practical concern of eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols.

"Everything is permissible," the Corinthians were saying. True, Paul says; Christians have a great deal of freedom in Christ. However, not everything is beneficial or constructive. Our freedom in Christ must be balanced by a desire to build up and benefit others. When deciding how to exercise our Christian freedom, we ought to seek the good of others before our own good.

In Judaism, restrictions were placed on purchasing meats in the market. Jews could only buy and eat kosher meats. Paul said believers were free in Christ to buy and eat any meat (1 Corinthians 10:25–26). However, if the issue of meat sacrificed to idols came up, believers were to follow a higher law. Love is what limits Christian freedom.

A little later in the chapter, Paul wrote about eating meat as a guest in someone's home. Christians are free to eat whatever they are served without questions of conscience (1 Corinthians 10:27). But, if someone brings up that the meat has been offered to an idol, it is better not to eat it for the sake of the person who raised the issue of conscience (verse 28). While believers have freedom to eat the meat, they are compelled to consider what's best for those who are observing their behavior.

Romans 14:1–13 raises a key determiner in understanding the limits of Christian freedom. In the passage, Paul again brings up the issue of eating meat sacrificed to idols and also observing certain holy days. Some of the believers felt freedom in Christ in these areas while others did not. Their

differing perspectives were causing quarrels and disunity. Paul emphasized that unity and love in the body of Christ are more important than anyone's personal convictions or Christian liberty: "Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister" (Romans 14:13).

Essentially, Paul's message to the New Testament believers and to us today is this: even if we believe we are right and have Christian freedom in an area, if our actions will cause another brother or sister to stumble in his or her faith, we are to refrain out of love.

Paul spoke again of the matter in 1 Corinthians 8:7–9: "Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak."

The issue in New Testament times was eating meat offered to idols; today there are other "gray areas" that arise in our Christian walk. Romans 14:1 calls these "disputable matters," areas where the Bible does not give clear-cut guidelines on whether a behavior is sin. When we are faced with gray areas, we can rely on two guiding principles to regulate our Christian freedom: let love for others compel us not to cause anyone to stumble, and let our desire to glorify God be our all-encompassing motive (1 Corinthians 10:31).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN NEED YOUR CALLS, CARDS AND VISITS. ABOVE ALL, THEY NEED ALL OUR PRAYERS!

The **VAN MINISTRY** is rolling once again!!!

If you or someone you know needs a ride to Worship Service please call the church office by
Friday by 12:00 p.m. (NOON)

If you leave a message please be sure to leave **your name, number, and address for the pickup.**

For more information, visit our Website: www.crossstreetamezion.org

CROSS STREET AME ZION CHURCH PRESENTS

Lancaster Show Trip & The Dutch Country

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FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Rev. Ella Perry or Earlene Grant
860-344-9527

WAYS TO GIVE

1. Realm, (Realm: <https://onrealm.org/TheCross/-/give/TJXKDEVIXE>)
2. Text 73256 (Thecross)
3. PayPal
4. CASHAPP: \$TheCross440
5. Mail: P.O. Box 223, Middletown, CT 06457

6. Drop off on Sunday 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
7. Call the office for someone to pick up
8. Church outside Lockbox

(Note: you can find links on the website; www.crossstreetamezion.org/give)

Hope Line: 860-754-4606

The Cross Street Recovery Ministry's Hope Line is in operation 24 hours/day.
Call 860-754-4606 if you, a friend, or family member are in need of counseling or in crisis,
PLEASE dial the Hope Line. All information will be kept confidential.

*We can't, but through God, all things are possible.
How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?*

Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way.

For more information contact:
Church Office: 860-344-9527
Rev. Gregory Winborne: 860-616-3834

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Sunday School Church
9:00 a.m. — 09:45 a.m.
ALL CLASSES ARE IN PERSON

Adults

Sister Sylvia Pina / Brother Ken Simmons

Children

Ms. Carolyn Smith / Rev. Grant.

Any questions call: 860-490-3199
Gloria Malloy, Church School
Superintendent.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/959628798>
Meeting ID: 959 628 798
(929) 205-6099, Code: 959628798#

Facebook

Tell your family and friends from across the
Country.
We can be watched worldwide.

Monday — Friday

Daily Prayer @6:00 am

Dail-in Phone#: (978) 990-5105
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday

Bible Study

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 562 367 770
Passcode: 596307

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting

06:00 p.m.
Dial-in Phones#: (978)990-5105
Access Code: 204730#

Women's Bible Study

Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015
Passcode: 266443



**Welcome
Back**
*Pastor
Robyn M. Anderson*

We here at The Cross are
thankful and excited for
your return so we all can
continue to **LEVEL UP!!**

EVENTS

CROSS STREET A.M.E. ZION CHURCH'S

Back-2-School Community Day



FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT RESOURCES • and more!

SATURDAY AUGUST 23RD 12PM 3PM

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Celebrating 200 Years of Service
440 WEST STREET
MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457



HARTFORD DISTRICT CED CONVENTION

Theme: Restoration, Revival, and Renewal

2 Corinthians 13:11

Saturday, August 16, 2025

🍳 Breakfast • 🙏 Worship & Workshops
👶 Classes for All Ages • 🍔 Cookout

🕒 Breakfast 9:00AM • Worship 10:00AM

📍 Booker T. Washington Academy Middle School
306 Circular Ave. Hamden, CT 06514

Rev. Monique Sanders
Morning Preacher

Rev. Dr. Kelcy G. L. Steele
Host Pastor




YALE CENTER FOR CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

FREE Community Event!

Health & Wellness Fair

Saturday
Sept. 27, 2025
12 pm - 4 pm

Scantlebury Park
139 Ashmun Street
New Haven
Free Parking

Great opportunity to get information and gain knowledge about best practices for a healthy lifestyle, targeted health issues, clinical research, and more.

DEMONSTRATIONS of Healthy Practices & Preventative Health Screenings

- Diabetes Education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Dietary Health Awareness
- BMI Readings

FUN for the Entire Family!

- Face Painting
- Zumba Demonstration
- Raffle Prizes
- Giveaways
- Snacks/Refreshments

For more information, contact our Help Us Discover team at 1-877-978-8343.

HELP US DISCOVER **Yale**



Cross Street Missionaries are looking for you to

donate your old eyeglasses!

The new deadline for collection is

End of August 2025

You can find the donation box in the church office!!

SATURDAY'S 10AM - 12PM

Reading
"Five Essentials for Intimacy"

440 West Street Middletown, CT 06457
Every 1st and 3rd Saturday



cross street ame zion church
Celebrating 200 Years of Service

Marriage Enrichment Ministry

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

FACILITATORS
Brother Carlton Malloy & Sister Gloria Malloy

UNCF K-12 EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

A mind is a terrible thing to waste

UNCF K-12 Education Fellowship

The UNCF K-12 Education Fellowship is a leadership and talent development initiative aimed at building a robust pipeline of high-achieving African Americans engaged in education in America. The program selects undergraduate juniors from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to participate in a 10-week summer experience that includes leadership development, a paid internship with an innovative K-12 educational organization or school, and participation in an education reform case competition. Upon completion of the ten-week summer experience, Fellows have access to additional coaching and skills development aligned with K-12 career pathways during their senior year of college.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST:

- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
- Must be enrolled at an HBCU and classified as a Third Year Student (Junior)
- Demonstrated leadership experience and community service while a college student
- Have an interest in K-12 education as evidenced by academic, paid or volunteer experience, and/or extra-curricular activities

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the online application
- Submit a personal statement describing your interest in K-12 education
- Submit a current resume, updated as of Fall 2024
- Submit a recent transcript as of Fall 2024
- Submit a letter of recommendation from an administrator or faculty member at your current institution

To learn more and apply for this fellowship, please scan the QR code or contact k12fellow@uncf.org




ZNEF

2025 ZNEF Chairman's Scholarship \$150,000

The Zeta National Educational Foundation is a proud affiliate of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Adiva McQuarrie, Oia Mingo
2024 Recipient

Criteria

The ZNEF Chairman's Scholarship offers financial assistance to a female high school student to cover undergraduate and graduate tuition up to and not to exceed \$150,000 total. The student must demonstrate a moderate to significant need for financial assistance in attaining her educational goals.

- Attend any accredited college!
- Submit your bill each semester!
- Focus on your studies!

Visit Our Website www.znef.org **APPLY NOW**

1802 Vernon St. NW Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20009



UPCOMING EVENTS

July

Monday, July 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
1st Monday Prayer Meeting
Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday, July 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 7:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY
(Every Tuesday)
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099
Meeting ID: 562 367 770 **Passcode:** 596307

Monday-Friday
July 7-11 @ 5:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School
*We will have classes for all ages!!!!
More information to come!!*

Wednesday, July 9 @ 6:00 p.m.
Steward & Trustee Boards
Monthly Zoom Meeting
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099;
Meeting ID: 912 137 200
Passcode: 633219

Thursday, July 10 @ 12:00 p.m.
SENIOR LUNCHEON
here at The Cross in the Fellowship Hall.
We invite all of our Seniors to come out for some good food, fun, and fellowship!!

Saturday, July 12 @ 11:00 a.m.
Missionary Meeting

Friday, July 18 @ 6:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

Saturday, July 19 @ 10:00 a.m.
Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Friday, July 25 @ 6:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

August

Monday, August 4 @ 7:00 p.m.
1st Monday Prayer Meeting
Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday, August 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 7:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY
(Every Tuesday)
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099
Meeting ID: 562 367 770 **Passcode:** 596307

Wednesday, August 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study via Zoom
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099
Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015 **Passcode:** 266443

Saturday, August 9 @ 11:00 a.m.
Missionary Meeting

Wednesday, August 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Steward & Trustee Boards
Monthly Zoom Meeting
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099;
Meeting ID: 912 137 200
Passcode: 633219

Thursday, August 14 @ 12:00 p.m.
SENIOR LUNCHEON
here at The Cross in the Fellowship Hall.
We invite all of our Seniors to come out for some good food, fun, and fellowship!!

Friday, August 15 @ 6:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday, August 22 @ 6:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

Saturday, August 23
Community Day
Back-2-School
More information to come!!

September

Monday, September 1 @ 7:00 p.m.
1st Monday Prayer Meeting
Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 @ 7:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY
(Every Tuesday)
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099
Meeting ID: 562 367 770 **Passcode:** 596307

Wednesday, September 3 @ 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study via Zoom
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099
Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015 **Passcode:** 266443

Wednesday, September 10 @ 6:00 p.m.
Steward & Trustee Boards
Monthly Zoom Meeting
Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099;
Meeting ID: 912 137 200
Passcode: 633219

Thursday, September 11 @ 12:00 p.m.
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Saturday, September 13 @ 11:00 a.m.
Missionary Meeting

Friday, September 19 @ 6:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday, September 26 @ 6:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

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Vision: Level-Up

WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO GOD’S NEXT!

I AM A CHRISTIAN

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I’m not shouting “I’m clean livin’.”
I’m whispering “I was lost,
Now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I don’t speak of this with pride.
I’m confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I’m not trying to be strong.
I’m professing that I’m weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I’m not bragging of success.
I’m admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... “I am a Christian”
I’m not holier than thou.
I’m just a simple sinner
Who received God’s good grace, somehow!

The Lord’s Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from
evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and make it plain on
tablets, that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel
saying, **“Oh, that You would bless
me indeed, and enlarge my
territory, that Your hand would
keep me from evil, that I may nor
cause pain!”** So God granted him
what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

God’s Word

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul
and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and
is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of
the heart” Hebrews 4:12*

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is set-
tled in heaven. I bless you because you have
given me rest according to all that you have
promised to me. Not one word of all your
good promises has ever failed. In light of
this truth, I will walk in your Word at all
times.

I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path. All of
your words are pure, O God, and you are a
shield to me. Lord God, your way is perfect,

and your Word is tried. You are a shield and
a mighty buckler to me as I trust in you.
With your Word you made the heavens, O
Lord. all of your promises are yes in Christ,
unto your glory, O God. You have spoken
through your Word since ancient times, in
order to give light to those who sit in dark-
ness, and you guide my feet in the way of
peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful, and
sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces
even to the dividing asunder of my soul and
spirit, and of my joints and marrow, and is a
discerner of the thoughts and intents of my
heart.

Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I
will endeavor to walk in the light of your
Word all the days of my life.

Doxology

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 24-25