

The Weekly Church Bulletin
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Our 2024 THEME...
**TRANSFORMING LIVES FOR THE
GLORY OF GOD!**

Romans 12:1-12

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WHEN MEN LAY THE BIBLE DOWN

The Bible is the best book in the world. Someone has said, "The Bible contains the best law, the golden Rule; the best philosophy, a contented mind; the best statesmanship, self-government; the best war, that is against one's own weakness; the best medicine, cheerfulness and temperance in all things; the best music, the laughter of an innocent soul; the best art, painting a smile on the face of childhood; the best diplomacy, the effecting of a treaty of peace with our conscience; the best engineering, the building of a bridge of faith across the river of death."

Despite all the good that the Bible has done and is doing, there are people who disrespect that sacred volume, contradict its holy contents, and audaciously change its infallible truths. **It is a sad and sinful day when men lay the Bible down, read I Tim. 4:1,2 and 2 Tim. 4:3,4.** False doctrine and fables are being preached in many public places today simply because men have laid the Bible down.

In the days of the apostles, there was only one church and the government of the church was no higher than the local church, each congregation having a plurality of elders. But within 150 years after Jesus returned to his Heavenly Father; **MEN LAID THE BIBLE DOWN AND CHANGED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH.** They set up chief elders or bishops over the other elders and later over the other congregation. **In 325 A.D. MEN LAID THE BIBLE DOWN AGAIN,** the 318 exalted bishops met at Nicea and wrote the Nicene Creed, the first human creed after the establishment of the church. This opened the door for nearly 2,000 creeds that are in the religious world today. In spite of the sacred declaration of not adding to or subtracting from the word of God (Rev. 22:18,19); they publicly declared that the Bible was not sufficient, contradicted the Bible and changed the Bible. **In 606 A.D. MEN LAID THE BIBLE DOWN AGAIN** and came up with the First Pope, Boniface III, thus rejecting Christ as the only head of the church. (Col. 1:18) Thus, the Roman Catholic church was developed having its own head, own church laws, own form of government, and system of worship.
— The Late Dr. Eugene Lawton

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Church Calendar

Sunday
Bible School

10:00 am

Worship Service

11:00 am

Thursday Bible Classes

6:00 pm

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OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

will be Tuesday, December 31st. Join us in the dining hall for fellowship and refreshments from 6:30—7:45 p.m. The service starts at 8:00 p.m. until benediction. Plan to attend the last service of the year. Our Choral Groups will be singing and brother R.C. Jackson and brother Weston Paton will have special evangelistic sermons, so bring a friend or a relative who is not a Christian. We want to baptize some souls during the last service of the year. Refreshments will be served; sister Pamela Askew is in charge, see her or sister Henrietta Green to make a donation. You must be present for an uplifting time.



END OF THE YEAR FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The date is this Saturday, December 21, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Church Dining Hall. A delicious, deluxe breakfast will be served. The men of this congregation are responsible for paying \$10.00 for the food. Please see Andre Hart or Terrance Wood with your donation. We will have an uplifting message for the family, family activities and games. Come out and break bread and fellowship with other families. Brother Terrance Wood is in charge.

ANNUAL MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING will be Saturday, January 18th, 2024.

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING will be Sunday, January 19th, 2024.



THE FOODBANK ITEM ARE RICE, CEREAL, MACARONI, ETC. FOR THIS MONTH.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024**

Service Administrator	Andre Hart Sr.
Announcements	Donald Chisolm
Invocation	Pascal Saint Pierre
Song Leader	Cornelius Clark
Scripture	Reginald Bendolph
Prayer	Weston Paton
Sermon	Michael Graves
Administer/Prayer Requests	Andre Hart Sr.
Response Assistant	Joshua Saint Pierre
Lord's Supper/Offering	Edward Mitchell
1—L. Arias, 2—R. Love, 3—B. Cannon, 4—M. Johnson	
Leadership Announcements	Weston Paton
Benediction	Anthony Bygrave
Attendance Manager	Janet Wilfong
USHERS IN MAIN LOBBY —K. Williams, J. Laudent, S. Whitaker	
USHERS IN OVERFLOW AUD. — A. Hart, Jr., I. Pernel, V. Williamson	
USHERS IN ELEVATOR ENTRANCE —C. Holley	

Camera	David Kahiga III
Computer	Joshua Saint Pierre
Assistant	Luis Arias

THE WILLING WORKERS FOR SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE will meet on **Saturday, January 4, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.** to discuss 2024 year end updates and 2025 goals. Every sister is urged to be present for this important meeting. **Sister Gia Bethea** is in charge.

SUNDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS will meet today in the dining hall **immediately following the morning service.** All sisters are invited to attend. **Sister Mikki Taylor is the teacher.**

DR. DAVID LANE WILL PREACH HERE NEXT SUNDAY, December 22, 2024 and will teach the **Adult Bible Class.**



SICK LIST AT HOME Curlie Hooper, Sharon Carter, Romni Ellis, Erma Sanders, Rayfield Sanders

HOSPITALS Fitzgerald Lawton— Ashbrook Care & Rehab. Center, 1610 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains NJ; **Fannie Broughton**— White House Nursing Home, 560 Berkeley Ave., Orange NJ; **Paul Richardson; Aniyah Walker**



HARVEST TIME IS HERE! During the last two months of the year, it is **HARVEST TIME FOR SOULS.** Our goal is 50 baptisms for the year and we are trying to reach that goal. **Let us work harder during Harvest Time in order to reach our goal.**

THE SECRET PAL REVEALING LUNCHEON WAS GREAT LAST SATURDAY. The sisters had a great program and great attendance. There were 53 present. The theme was: **Celebrating The Favor Of God And The Love We Have For One Another, 1 Peter 3:8.** They had plenty of delicious food and great fellowship. We commend sister Mikki Taylor who was in charge for a job well done.

SISTER BERNICE BARNES DEPARTED THIS LIFE on this past Wednesday, December 11, 2024 in Allentown PA where she lived with her son and daughter-n-law. **Sister Barnes was baptized here in Newark and remained faithful to this congregation even after moving to PA.** She still made every effort to worship here in person on some Sundays even if it meant being dropped off from PA and picked up after service. **She will be greatly missed.** Funeral arrangements are pending at this time but services will be here at the Newark congregation. Let's pray for her family.

RESPONSES ON LAST SUNDAY Welcome to **Tomas Henderson** who placed membership with Newark from Dellcrest Church of Christ in San Antonio TX on last Sunday. T. Grant, T. Jones, S. Benton and V. Branch **were restored.** R. Bendolph, V. Williams, L. Davis, S. Trent, G. Jones, T. Wood Sr., S. Chisolm and B. Wong **requested prayer.** **ONLINE REQUESTS**— L. Kuku, T. Wesley, H. Smalls, R. Love, Y. Enos, C. Samuel, M. Taylor and R. Gray
RESPONSES FOR 2024 22 Baptisms, 930 Restorations/Prayer Requests, 12 Placed Memberships

WELCOME VISITORS, WE ARE SUPER DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY, COME AGAIN SOON.



CALENDAR OF SERVICES



Bible School Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Website newarkchurchofchrist.net

Cable Television in Jersey City
Sunday, 7—7:30pm & Tuesday, 9—9:30pm, Channel 190

We had 131 in attendance in the 11 am service on last Sunday, December 8, 2024.