

# The BREAD OF LIFE

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## HOW you can HELP

There is a function for you in the church! There's something about having your hands on something in the church that gives you ownership. Get involved!

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### Is Hell A Real Place?

The average Christian possesses very little, if any, reality of hell. For whatever reason, this is one topic people would rather avoid. As Christians there should be no fear in discussing such an important subject. After all, those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, will spend eternity with our heavenly Father. That's enough to make one stop and take a praise break!

On the other hand, we must take a moment to reflect on the state of the unsaved. The unsaved are those who have not received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This article is not to incite fear but to inform. Let's see what the Bible says about hell!

God has given us an opportunity to decide. One passage of scripture that most are familiar with is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)." This verse of scripture is used to introduce individuals to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

First and foremost, "hell" is a real place. God did not make hell for people. The following scriptures reveals this fact. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into

everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41)." Hell was for Satan (the Devil) and those angels who rebelled against God. God is merciful and longsuffering toward us. The Bible says "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9)." It is important to repeat the fact that God is loving, merciful, and gracious toward us (Romans 5:8).

On the other hand, God must punish disobedience and rebellion. "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment (2 Peter 2:4)" Some of the angels who disobeyed God were instantly cast into hell. This does not mean that all fallen angels are in hell. There is a specific group who were especially evil who received this punishment.

Perhaps one of the clearest illustrations of eternal punishment lies in the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-310). Take some time to read these passages for yourself.

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### Monthly Scripture

Romans 10:9 (AKJV)

<sup>9</sup> that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.





## Is Hell A Real Place?

The story told by Jesus Christ is clear and concise regarding the separation between the righteous and the wicked. The article is to inform you that we must make the right decision regarding eternity. The reality is that we have a short time here on earth. For the sake of time, please see the previous article on "Eternity!"

There's another sobering story in the Bible that gives an insight illustration of hell (Numbers 16:25-33). It reveals how God dealt with rebellion in the Old Testament. Remember, the Holy Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God (2 Peter 1:20-21). The Holy Bible is given to us to teach us the proper way to conduct ourselves (1 Corinthians 10:11-12).

Everything in the Bible was not inspired by God but He allowed these stories as an example.

Jesus told his listeners "...And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:43-46)." Based on Jesus' description, hell is real!

The goal in writing this article is to increase our understanding of hell. We serve a God of love and mercy (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:19; Ephesians 2:8-9). It's imperative to get the message. Hell is a real place!

## The Prayer Room

Prayer is important! The Bible says we should always pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer is an important communication tool we use to interact with heaven. God intervenes on behalf of His people through prayer. It is through prayer that God brings about change in the life of His people!

Prayer is so important that we should ensure it's a daily regiment. There is something else significant about prayer. Prayer should not be ignored. No matter what, Pray!



## Managing Our Thoughts

What we meditate on is critical. In fact, God has thoughts about us (Jeremiah 29:11). It should be no surprise that God possesses positive thoughts toward us. The Holy Bible provides information on what we should meditate upon.

Christians must carefully govern their thoughts. It's import for us to understand that our thoughts influence our actions. Therefore we must regulate our thoughts. The Bible declares "for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7a)!"

People do not fully understand the significance of their thoughts. It is advised that we monitor what we meditate on, especially anything that's negative. Christian must disengage themselves from being overwhelmed with unwholesome thoughts. A powerful scripture that may help says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.... (Romans 12:2a). Philippians 4:8 informs us what to meditate on. Meditate on that!"



### Sunday Mornings:

Discipleship Class: 9:00—10:00

First Step: New Members Orientation 9:00

Worship Service: 10:30

### Wednesday Nights:

Intercessory Prayer 6:00

First Step: New Members Orientation 6:30

Training Center 6:30—7:30

### Intercessory Prayer:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 9:00—10:00

## Stay Connected

We value the importance of information being disseminated. Communication is an invaluable means of ensuring that critical information about the church is available. We're doing our part. It takes teamwork to make this a seamless operation.

We need your correct phone number. Why? We use a texting service to reach every member at a push of the key. We need your correct email address. Why? Sometimes an email is required to contact you. Please help us to help you! Stay connected!



## Women With Purpose Prayer Breakfast

After a two-year hiatus, the Women with Purpose Prayer (WWP) Breakfast is back! We're excited that God has paved the way for the ladies to enjoy this powerful time of fellowship. Sorry fellows, it's for ladies only! Spread the word that the Prayer Breakfast like no other is back and better than before!

What is the WWP Prayer Breakfast? The prayer breakfast started from a women's fellowship on or about 2013. WWP started as a ladies fellowship with the ladies in the church. As word quickly spread, WWP was extended to ladies who were non-members. The rest, as they say, is history! The event has been growing by leaps and bounds.

We've had previous attendees from California, Florida, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia. No, this is not an exaggeration. Attendees physically resided in these states and traveled to Alabama to participate in this tremendous event. And yes, ladies from the Tennessee Valley attended as well.

This is a fellowship. We do not solicit other church members. This fellowship does not recruit individuals from other churches. Everyone is invited regardless of your denomination. This will be a time where women can get reenergized and be recharged. Come, fellowship, and be encouraged to walk as Women With Purpose!

## Women On the Move Conference

Welcome as Touch by the Word Ministries Apostolic Center presents the inaugural Women On The Move Women's Conference to be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. To alleviate any confusion, let's break it down. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Women With Purpose Prayer Breakfast will convene at the Westin Hotel.

That same night, the inaugural Women On the Move Women's Conference will be held at 2611 Pulaski Pike NW.

Come get a "double" portion of the Lord's anointing! Prophetess Joyce Mason will be your speaker and conference host. Are you ready for this? It's free! It does sound too good to be true. The event is free to the public.

Come expecting a move from God in a way that you have not encountered before. Get ready because there's going to be a "Word" from the Lord just for you! Invite someone who needs a Word!

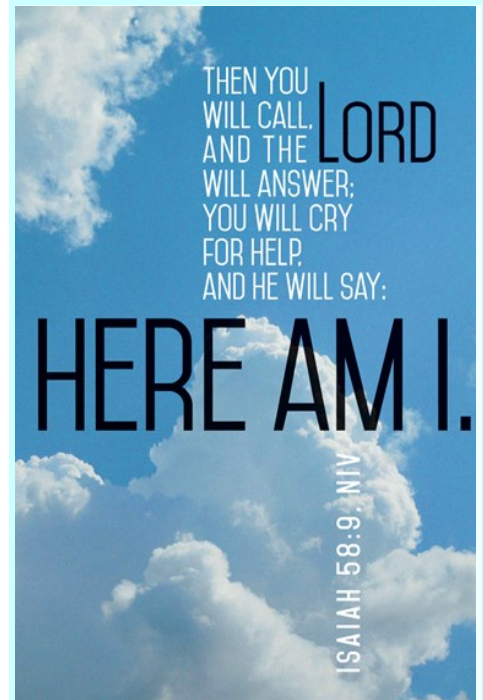
## Evangelism Corner

Being raised from the dead, Jesus emphatically proclaimed His authority, power and dominion over heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). He instructed us to go! Evangelism will not manifest itself unless someone moves out. Next Jesus requires that we teach others about Him. The Gospel Message is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Jesus also iterates that we must be baptized. Baptism symbolizes his death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus isn't done!

Jesus instructs us to teach (Matthew 28:20). Teaching is powerful because it assists in helping others to understand; we baptize them; and we teach them how to live for Christ!

We are commanded to carry out these instructions. The Great Commission requires us to tell others that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We are to tell others that God sent His only Begotten Son to save us so we might have eternal life. Share Jesus with someone today!



## Birthday Celebration!

**Sis. L. Pruitt 2 August**      **Sis. N. Rogers 4 August**  
**Sis. A. Stringfellow 6 August**      **Sis. A. Rawls 14 August**  
**Bro. S. Fellows 16 August**      **Pro. J. Mason 21 August**  
**Bro. Dennis Burrell 22 August**      **Bro. P. McCaulley 24 August**



## Upcoming Events

Greeters' Workshop—August 13 @9:00

Baptism—27 August. 9:00 at Mastin Lake Baptist Church

Women with Purpose Prayer Breakfast is September 10 at the Westin Hotel.  
Register at [www.touchbytheword.church](http://www.touchbytheword.church)  
Tickets on sale now \$25.00!

Women On The Move Women's Conference on 10 September at Touch by the Word Ministries Apostolic Center at 6:30 pm.

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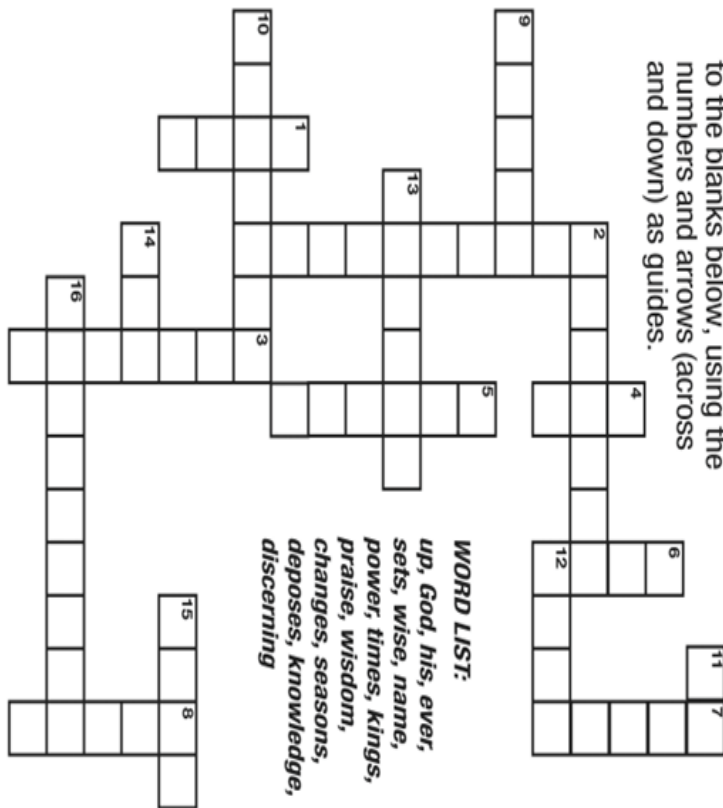
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THE LORD LOOKS DOWN FROM HEAVEN  
ON ALL MANKIND TO SEE IF THERE ARE  
ANY WHO UNDERSTAND, ANY WHO SEEK GOD.

PSALM 14:2, NIV

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.

# Puzzle



**WORD LIST:**  
up, God, his, ever,  
sets, wise, name,  
power, times, kings,  
praise, wisdom,  
changes, seasons,  
deposes, knowledge,  
discerning

" \_\_\_\_\_ be to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ . He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ ; he \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
them. He gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_ . " DANIEL 2 : 20 - 21

Answer: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. Daniel 2:20-21