

# The BREAD OF LIFE

What's INSIDE

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## HOW you can HELP

Don't just come to church, join a church where the Word of God is preached with clarity and power!

## Eternal Implications

It does not take a rocket scientist to see that the world around us is changing rapidly. I will not regurgitate the litany of bad news occurring around the world. I will take time to appeal to you based on the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. This is a time where we need to consider the condition of our eternal soul.

God created us as eternal beings who are destined to live forever. There is one problem. We must make a critical decision. This is not a group decision. It is an individual decision as to whether you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (John 3:8, 16-18)! Your decision carries eternal implications!

The average person does not spend time contemplating life (spiritual) after death. Daily, we witness the depravity of morals, wars and rumors of wars, famine, earthquakes, etc. It should occur to us that things are not getting better. In fact, the Holy Scriptures in Matthew 24:6-13 offers insight into what we are experiencing. The Holy Scriptures also provides confirmation that we will die at the appointed time, (Hebrews 9:27) but it is not the end!

With that said, it is probably a good time to consider whether one is right with God. Perhaps you regularly attend church and even pay your tithes. That does not

put you in right standing with God. Perhaps you are on the deacon board, or serve as an under-shepherd. Maybe, you have been a member of your church for as long as you can remember! Again, that does not mean that you are in right standing with God (Matthew 7:21-23).

There must be an internal change that defies all-natural logic or laws of nature. Jesus described this process in John 3:3 when he told Nicodemus that he must be "born again!" The Amplified Bible expounds on this phenomenon "Jesus answered him, "I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless a person is born again [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified, he cannot [ever] see *and* experience the kingdom of God (John 3:3 AMP)."

The New Birth (being born again) is not a physical transformation, but a spiritual transformation. This miracle occurs the instance we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! It is a supernatural experience where our "sin nature" is exchanged for God's nature. We are "born again" through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit! We gain right standing with God when we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

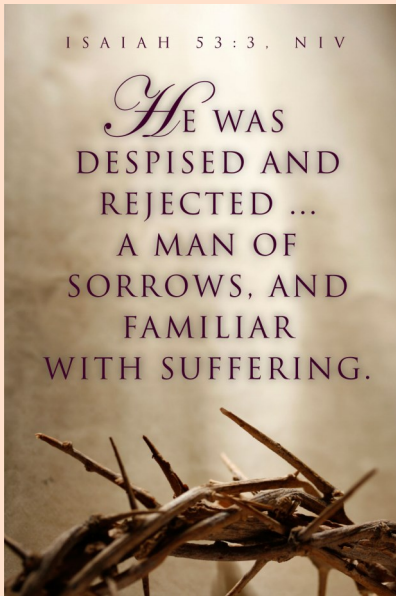
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## Memory Verse

Romans 10:9-10 (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. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.





**No Greater Love**

Jesus Christ demonstrated the greatest act of love! He paid a price that He did not owe. We owed a price that we could not pay. What an awesome display of love. Reflect on the love of God and its profound implications. God did His part. The rest is up to you!



**Sunday Mornings:**

First Step: New Members Orientation – 9:00

Worship Service: 10:30

**Wednesday Nights:**

First Step: New Members Orientation – 6:30

Training Center – 6:30

**Intercessory Prayer:**

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

**Eternal Implications (cont.)**

Our sin nature separates us from God. It is only through our acceptance of His Son, Jesus Christ, that we are accepted by God and are able to partake of His saving grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our works, titles or anything else, will not put us in right standing with God.

All of us have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God (Romans 3:23). God provided a way for us to escape eternal judgement and separation from Him (Romans 5:8). He did this because there is a penalty for sin (Romans 6:23). On the other hand, God sent Jesus to die on our behalf.

God did His part! The rest is up to us (Romans 10:9). When we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Romans 10:13), our sins are forgiven and we will spend eternity with God.

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, now is a good time to do so. The five scriptures used in the previous paragraph is the Romans Road to Salvation. If you are backslidden, you can use 1 John 1:9 to be brought back into fellowship with God. Please take this time to examine your relationship with God!

**The Prayer Room**

If you want to experience change in your life, then prayer is the answer! Prayer paves the way for God to intervene on your behalf. God can do nothing unless we pray. It is easy to complain about our situation. Complaining does not change anything. Complaining is counterproductive. On the other hand prayer is a powerful spiritual weapon. Satan does not want us to pray!



**You Are Special to God**

Suicide is on the rise. As Christians, we have a responsibility to encourage, exhort, and to build. On the flip side, Christians are not immune to Satan’s attacks. Satan’s initial attack is on our mind. If you or someone that you know is going through a difficult period, please take a moment to let them know how special

they are to God! Christians are not immune to buying into Satan’s deception! God created you with purpose. In other words, God does not make mistakes. In fact, you are so unique that God broke the mold (Psalms 139:14). Please take a moment to encourage someone today or refer them to someone who can!

**Staying Connected**

Let’s stay connected! The church connects with you via group text messages and occasionally via email. We use the monthly church newsletter, the Daily Bread, and other items of interest as ways to connect with you. Please ensure that we have your latest contact information. Touch by the Word Ministries Apostolic Center is a church on the move. Stay connected!



**Ministry Highlight—Keepers of the Flame Ministerial Alliance**



This month, I am privileged to share with you about a ministry that some of you may not know exists. Keepers of the Flame Ministerial Alliance (KOTFMA) was initiated as a ministry course to prepare individuals for ministry. The course is extensive and extremely challenging. The goal is to equip men and women of God who are called to preach and teach the Word of God.

Why is a course of this nature needed? In the secular world, professionals such as lawyers, doctors, nurses, accountants, etc., are required to undergo extensive training and a rigorous testing process to qualify in their profession. Additionally, some professionals must undergo periodic certifications throughout their careers. The intent is to ensure that such professionals remain current regarding the latest changes and updates within their professions.

Individuals in the medical field serve an invaluable service which saves countless lives. The contributions by such professionals cannot be emphasized enough.

Ministry is an essential profession ordained by God. Usually, there is no formalized process for ministers to take that will equip them for such an awesome responsibility. The profound importance of ministry is addressed in Matthew 16:13 and Mark 8:36, when the value of an individual’s soul is addressed. Can I go deeper?

Since we realize the value of an individual’s soul, then we get an idea on the importance of ministry. The author of Hebrews articulates the responsibility God places on the under-shepherd, as well as how accountable he is to God in Hebrews 13:17. The responsibilities of an under-shepherd are enormous!

The Apostle Paul identifies key ministerial positions in Ephesians 4:11. Each position carries a different responsibility. Each gift must work in unison for the achievement of Ephesians 4:12-13. When you grasp the significance of the incredible responsibility, then you can see the need for ministers to be properly trained and equipped.

KOTFMA is an important component of our strategic vision. It is our responsibility to equip those who have been called by God! One of the hallmarks of an “apostolic center” is possessing the ability to equip members to fulfill their God ordained purpose. God has sanctioned the church as a training ground to prepare for the harvest.

Jesus Christ gave us the greatest gift! God, through His only Begotten Son, provided eternal life to all who would receive it. Please do not take this opportunity for granted. Take a careful look at the world, and it does not take a rocket scientist to see that things are rapidly changing.



If you have not done so, please accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior today. Tomorrow is not promised!



Get ready for the change in seasons. Time springs forward on March 13th.



**Happy Birthday**

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| Sister L. Rabb      | 5 March  |
| Sister P. Alexander | 15 March |
| Brother R. Ingram   | 16 March |
| Sister D. Houston   | 27 March |
| Sister J. Pie       | 31 March |

### Reflection On This

God has selected you and I to reflect His nature before a dying world. The average Christian is unaware that their life is on display (2 Corinthians 3:2). All around us, people are hurting and facing opposition. God has enlisted us as kingdom representatives to reflect the reality of our new life in Him (Galatians 2:20).

When we represent Jesus Christ, we give others hope that this Christian life works and is worthwhile. Some Christians are shy about testifying or sharing their faith. When you live as God ordained, then you are living out your testimony. Live with purpose and determination so God is reflected in your life! Be Blessed.

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# Puzzle!

Enjoy solving this Christmas crossword.

**CLUES**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He has a red nose</li> <li>2. Red plants</li> <li>3. A nova</li> <li>4. (across) The Anointed One</li> <li>4. (down) Crib</li> <li>5. Keeper of sheep</li> <li>6. Season that means "coming"</li> <li>7. He was a carpenter</li> <li>8. 12th month (abbr.)</li> <li>9. Northern little helpers</li> <li>10. Enfleshed</li> <li>11. Messiah composer</li> <li>12. Of Ephrathah</li> <li>13. Gabriel came to her</li> <li>14. A form of holly</li> <li>15. B&amp;B</li> <li>16. Wise men</li> <li>17. Tree decorations</li> <li>18. Patron saint of children (2 words)</li> <li>19. Red-suited man</li> <li>20. Heavenly singers</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21. Christmas song</li> <li>22. Home for Mary</li> <li>23. He ordered the Slaughter of the Innocents</li> <li>24. Messiah</li> <li>25. Presents</li> <li>26. A gift of the wise men</li> <li>27. Author of the most famous account of Jesus' birth</li> </ol>
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Answers: 1. Rudolph, 2. poinsettias, 3. star, 4. (across) Messiah, 4. (down) manger, 5. shepherd, 6. advent, 7. Joseph, 8. Dec, 9. elves, 10. incarnate, 11. Handel, 12. Bethlehem, 13. Mary, 14. mistletoe, 15. inn, 16. Magi, 17. ornaments, 18. Saint Nick, 19. Santa, 20. angels, 21. carol, 22. Nazareth, 23. Herod, 24. Christ, 25. gifts, 26. gold, 27. Luke