

# The Testament

April 2021

Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

Durham, NC

*A timeless message from the archives...*

## The Needs Of The Many

- by Bro. Dean Jernigan

A few years ago, I was touched by the passing of the actor Leonard Nimoy. Playing the role of "Mr. Spock" in the Star Trek television and movie series, Nimoy became a fan favorite because of the mystique and intricacies surrounding his Spock character. Set in the 23rd century, Star Trek is the story of a team of space explorers who travel from galaxy to galaxy throughout the universe on an extraordinary space ship called "The Enterprise".

Born on a planet outside of our galaxy and only half-human, Spock is devoid of emotion and his actions are guided by the principles of logic. Based on these principles, the core of Mr. Spock's belief is centered on the notion that - "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one". Driven by this view, Spock once sacrificed his life in order to save the many lives aboard the Enterprise.

While Star Trek is an awesome work of fiction, it's interesting to note that this same "needs of the many" approach often finds its way into the fabric of the real world. The majority rules in board rooms, committee meetings, PTA meetings and even church conferences based on the needs and desires of the many who constitute the majority. The needs of the few, or the one, are often pushed aside or not addressed at all.

Fortunately for those of us in the faith community, the needs of the one are always at the forefront of concern for our Heavenly Father. Whether it's the prodigal son, who sheepishly returns home to the loving arms of his father after squandering away his inheritance (Luke 15:11-32), or the woman with the issue of blood, who merely needs to touch the hem of Jesus' robe to be cleansed of her condition (Luke 8:43-48), God's Word places a premium on the value and needs of the one. Consider the parable of the lost sheep in Matthew 8:12-14. In this parable, Jesus provides an example where if a man has a hundred sheep, and if one of the sheep happens to wander away, the man will leave the ninety-nine sheep (the many) and go in search of the one. Even

more, the man will rejoice more at finding the one than at having the ninety-nine. The parable, along with the lessons learned from the prodigal son, serves as a fine example of God's Will that no one perishes and that the value and the needs of the one are just as important as the needs of the many. The message from God is resoundingly clear - "you" matter!

Your needs are important to God. Search the scriptures and you will find that God loves us so much that He promises to supply all of our needs (Philippians 4:19), to give us the desires of our hearts (Psalm 37:4) and to serve as a constant source of protection, vowing to never leave or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). Praise God, thank Him often, and express your needs and wants to Him through prayer and supplication as directed by His Word. *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)*

As you go about your daily walk on faith's highway, take pride in knowing that you are the apple of God's eye. Fearfully and wonderfully made with your own combination of flaws and perfections, God broke the mold after creating you! No one else possesses the DNA that creates the uniqueness of you. While many of us may share the same skin tone, bone structure, hair texture and other attributes that contribute to the outer image that the world sees, our inner compositions vary from person to person. This creates an inner beauty in each of us that manifests itself in the manner in which we treat others, help others, worship God and how we satisfy our most basic need to love and to be loved.

Indeed, there are places in our society where the needs of the many will often outweigh the needs of the few, or the one. But those places will never exist within the realm of God's Will for you. With a heart



**Resurrection Sunday**  
**April 4, 2021**  
**HE LIVES!!**



***I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.***

***John 11:25***

**Good Friday Service:**  
**The Sacrifice of Christ**  
**April 2nd - 6:30pm**

***(Please note - this service will be presented using Zoom)***

**Scriptural Readings and Presentations**

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**Sunday - 11:00am**

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**Limited seating will also be available in the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.**

full of love for His most prized creation, the needs of the one are always the most important of all needs to God. *Isn't it great that each of us has the opportunity to be the one!*

# *Around Lincoln...*

## *Congratulations Ebony!*



*Congratulations to Sis. Ebony Atkins on her recent graduation from the University of Phoenix with a Master of Business Administration degree! Keep moving forward Ebony!*

*Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*

*Proverbs 4:5-7*



***Deacon on Duty for the month of April:***

***Deacon Eugene Lofton  
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## ***FAITH: Encouragement for the Discouraged***

Perseverance seems to be an outdated concept in our day of instant everything. If it doesn't come easy, why pursue it? If it's hard or requires endurance, maybe it isn't your thing.

God encourages the discouraged to persevere. He cares about the discouragement we are facing. The Lord does not ask us to gloss over or ignore our situation. He simply asks that in all our troubles to remember that He understands and cares for us.

One of the most memorable stories I can remember while attending Thomas Edison High School was about how the famous inventor tried again and again to find the right filament for the incandescent electric light bulb. One day he had completed his 10,000th experiment only to discover another way that would not work. When he arrived home that night, he shared this bit of news with his wife. She responded by saying, "Aren't you discouraged?" He remarked back, "Discouraged?" "Certainly not! I now know 10,000 ways that won't work!"

God is well aware that delays will come and in there coming we become discouraged. Outside opposition and criticism will surface, and when they do, we will become discouraged. Inside pessimism, comparisons, and faulty expectations are likely to appear and also discourage us.

God's word to us when we are discouraged is to persevere. Three times the Lord repeats "Be Strong!" ("Take Courage.") He tells the children of Israel to keep going! From this lesson we can glean a few helpful points to encourage us in our discouragement.

There are two aspects to perseverance: an attitude and an action. The wrong attitude comes when we take our focus off the Lord and onto what seems to be a slow disappointing process. Your attitude affects your ability to continue. God says, "Be Strong!" We aren't strong in our own strength, but in God's strength

Perseverance also requires the right action. Attitude provides the motivation but motivation without action won't lead to progress. Being steadfast is a combination of inspiration and perspiration. Madam C.J. Walker said, "I had to make my own living and my own opportunity. But I made it! Don't sit down and wait for opportunities to come. Get up and make them."

God assures the discouraged by His presence and His promise. The assurance of His presence should lift the cloud of discouragement and enable us to press on. When we grow discouraged, remember His promise that He will not leave us and will come to us.

During a Monday Night Football game between the Chicago Bears and the New York Giants, one of the announcers observed that Walter Payton, the Bears running back, had accumulated nine miles in career rushing yardage. The other announcer remarked, "Yeah, and that's with somebody knocking him down every 4.6 yards!" Walter Payton, one of the most successful running backs in history, knew that everyone, even the best get knocked down. The key is to get up and run just as hard.

*Pastor Anthony L. Scott  
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# ***Black History Spotlight***

*Historically Black Colleges and Universities Series*



## **Fayetteville State University**

In 1867, seven Black men: Matthew N. Leary, Andrew J. Chesnutt, Robert Simmons, George Grainger, Thomas Lomax, Nelson Carter, and David A. Bryant paid \$136 for two lots on Gillespie Street and converted them into a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees to permanently maintain the property as a site for the education of Black children in Fayetteville. The deed was registered on November 29, 1867 by Robert Simmons to the Howard School. General O. O. Howard of the Freedman's Bureau, one of the best-known friends of Black education, erected a building on this site which became known as the Howard School. By an 1877 legislative act, the North Carolina General Assembly provided funds for a Normal School for the education of Black teachers. The Howard School was chosen because of its successful record of academic accomplishment during the previous ten years. It was designated a teacher training institution, and its name was changed to the State Colored Normal School.

Several leaders have guided the institution. During the administration of Dr. J. Ward Seabrook, the school was authorized to grant the Bachelor of Science degree in Education and, subsequently renamed, Fayetteville State Teachers College. In 1947, the college received both state and regional accreditation.

In 1969, the institution acquired its present name, Fayetteville State University. By a legislative act in 1972, Fayetteville State University became a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina System.

The general academic structure of the university assumed its present configuration in 1985 when it became a Comprehensive Level I Institution. The curriculum was expanded to include a variety of both baccalaureate and master's level programs. In addition, the Fort Bragg-Pope AFB Extension Center in conjunction with the Week-End and Evening College, was established to provide military personnel and other persons working full-time the opportunity to advance their education.

Acting on its motto of "Res non Verba", meaning "Deeds, not Words", Fayetteville State University's continued success is a testament to the tenacity of the spirit of its founders and its commitment to providing a quality education to its student population.

<http://library.uncfsu.edu/archives/fsu-history>

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# ***Food For Thought...***

*The best vitamin for a Christian - B1*

*Life has many choices. Eternity has two.  
What's yours?*

*Prevent truth decay.  
Brush up on your Bible.*

*Give God what's right, not what's left.*

*Give the devil an inch and  
he'll be your ruler*

*Man's way leads to a hopeless end.  
God's way leads to an endless hope.*

*A lot of kneeling will keep you  
in good standing*

*Kneel before Jesus and  
you can stand before anyone*

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## ***Happy Birthday to our***

### ***April Birthday Celebrities!***

*Vera Hodge (2nd) • Apryl Jernigan (2nd)  
Barbara Leathers (4th) • Eric Melvin (4th)  
Deborah Murphy (5th) • Carolyn Davis (6th)  
Carvia Williams (6th) • Stacy Shaw (7th)  
Saige Wooten (8th) • Katie Williams (22nd)  
Tony Williams (24th) • Patricia Lee (25th)  
Anelle Jackson (26th)*

***Best Wishes For Many More!!***

# Women Of Faith

- submitted by Sis. Joan Lofton, Chair

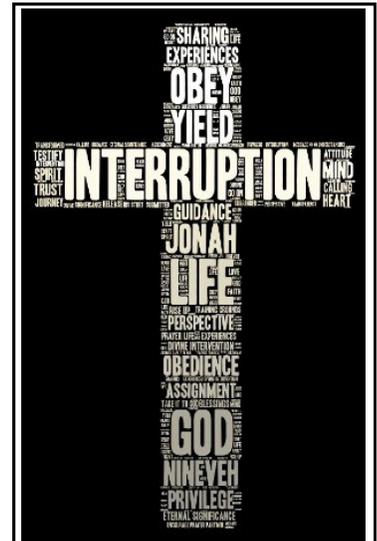
The Women of Faith Ministry started the book study on “Life Interrupted: Navigating the Unexpected” by Author, Priscilla Shirer.

## Part 1: Interruptions, Interruptions.

Interruptions are events in our lives that cannot be forced back any more than the sea can be kept three meters from the shoreline. These interruptions remind us that we do not have life figured out and that we cannot do it on our own. They are like the Shepherd’s rod, pulling us back from our wandering ways, back to our Great Shepherd. We *need* these interruptions. Like nothing else, they push us to the cross of Christ where we must remember the gospel and receive his grace and forgiveness.

As stated in the book, think of it. Almost every person in the Bible whose story made a lasting mark faced a sizable interruption in his or her life. They each stood at a crossroad, forced to decide if they would yield to divine intervention or continue ahead on their own path. Beforehand they were just a name on a page. But after it happened, that is when they truly became historic and inspiring.

- ♦ Noah was interrupted. Snatched out of comfortable obscurity to an uneasy season of challenges with an unknown outcome, he was called by God to build an ark.
- ♦ Abraham was interrupted. Commanded by God to leave his family and friends behind, he embarked on an adventurous journey with few GPS directions but one that ultimately led to the establishment of God’s covenant with His chosen people.
- ♦ Sarah was interrupted. One can imagine Sarah’s shock in hearing that she would give birth to her first son at an old age of ninety.
- ♦ Joseph was interrupted. A simple day spent hanging out with his brothers ended up with his being tossed into a pit, left for dead, then sold to traveling slave traders bound for Egypt.
- ♦ Jonah was fleeing from God who had commanded him to go to Nineveh and preach repentance. His escape was interrupted by God’s big fish that swallowed him and while in the belly of the fish he repented and then went on to Nineveh.
- ♦ Moses was interrupted. He was just minding his own business, tending sheep in the Sinai desert, when he was shocked to see the smoke signal of God’s presence show up, calling him from tending one flock to leading another (human) one. A wasted, tragic life turned into God’s instrument for delivering His people from more than four hundred years of bondage.
- ♦ Mary, perhaps most of all, was interrupted. She was just making some simple wedding preparations when an angel stopped by to visit, saying, “I’ve got different plans for you, plans that will make you a personal part of the one defining event in all human history.”



Result of the ending activity using words from the group discussion.

How about you? Is your life filled with interruptions? Do you see God’s hand at work in them?



Sis. Pamela Jernigan leads a spirited and enlightening discussion on Part 1 of *Life Interrupted*. Participants reflected on the author’s experiences as well as their own interruptions that they have encountered and overcome during their lifetimes. The meeting ended with an activity during which the women used descriptive words to summarize Part 1. Sis. Adrienne Jernigan created an image based on those words. All women in the Lincoln family are invited to join the Women of Faith each 1st Saturday and share in this fellowship experience. Minister Antoinette Duye will lead the discussion on Part 2 of the book. It’s not too late to participate in the book study. Please see Sis. Joan Lofton for more details!

# Health and Wellness

- submitted by Sis. Betty Jay, Chair

**Women's Health Awareness 2021**  
Transforming Communities by Enhancing Women's Health

**Race and Health:  
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## You'll Never Get to the End of God's Love

*I give them eternal life, and they shall never  
perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

*John 10:28 (NIV)*

When I took my kids to the Grand Canyon when they were young, my two boys were especially wiggly. I held on to their hands as we walked up to the edge, and they wanted to let go. There was no way I was letting go of their hands! As their father, I loved them too much to let them go.

After you put your hand in God's hand, there will be times you're going to want to let go. But no matter how your feelings or circumstances change, God is steady, sure, and faithful. When you become a Christian, he promises to keep you saved until heaven.

Jesus said, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28 NIV).

There have been times in my life when I have said, "God, it's not convenient to be a follower of Jesus right now. I'd like to let go for a little bit." God says, "Well, you might want to let go of me, but I'm not letting go of you. You are in my hand, and no one can snatch you out."

I had a person tell me one time, "Well, you can't be snatched out of God's hand, but you can jump out."

How big do you think God's hand is? Do you think it's so small that you can get to the edge of it? His hands are bigger than the universe. You'll never get to the edge of God's hands. You'll never get to the end of God's love.

Once you are born again, you can't be unborn. Once your name is written in the eternal book of life, it's written in indelible ink and the blood of Christ. Once you're saved, you are always saved.

You don't know what your future holds or how many years you've got left. You might lose everything, but you are never losing your salvation. The world could go mad, but you have a loving Father who is working things out for good.

You can have all the confidence in the world with the assurance that the One who holds you in his hand is never letting you go.

*Pastor Rick Warren*  
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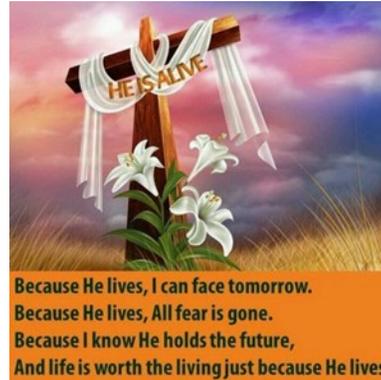
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# KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

## Believe It or Not!



### Theme

Jesus has risen. Believe it or not!

### Scripture

**John 20:24-25** <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the LORD!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

There is an interesting book called "Believe It or Not." It was written by Robert Ripley. Mr. Ripley enjoyed collecting strange and amazing bits of information that were unbelievable, but true. Let me share some examples from his book.

According to Mr. Ripley, a boy went to the doctor because he had a pain in his foot. The doctor discovered that the boy had a tooth growing in the bottom of his foot. Can you believe that? I think I would have to see it to believe it!

You may be surprised to know that a man by the name of James Cook once had a chicken that laid a perfectly square egg. Now, I have seen white eggs, brown eggs, even spotted eggs, but I have never seen a square egg. I think I'd have to see it to believe it!

Did you know that the world's largest weenie was over 3000 feet long, weighed 885 pounds, and took 103 butchers to carry it? That's a lot of baloney! I don't know if I believe that or not. This book is filled with a lot of things that I think I would have to see to believe, but if they are true, they are true, whether I believe it or not!

On the Sunday that Jesus rose from the grave, He appeared to a group of his disciples. One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with them. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus and that He was alive, Thomas said, "I won't believe it until I see it with my own eyes." He said he wanted to see the nail-prints in Jesus' hands -- and the place where the spear was thrust into His side.

A week later, Thomas saw Jesus. Jesus invited Thomas to touch His hands where the nails had been. He told Thomas to put his hand in the wound in His side. Then Thomas believed! Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

A lot of people today won't believe that Jesus really rose from the grave because they haven't seen Him with their own two eyes. Do you know what? It is true whether they believe it or not! You and I have never seen Jesus. We have to accept Him by faith. The question is, will you believe it -- or not?

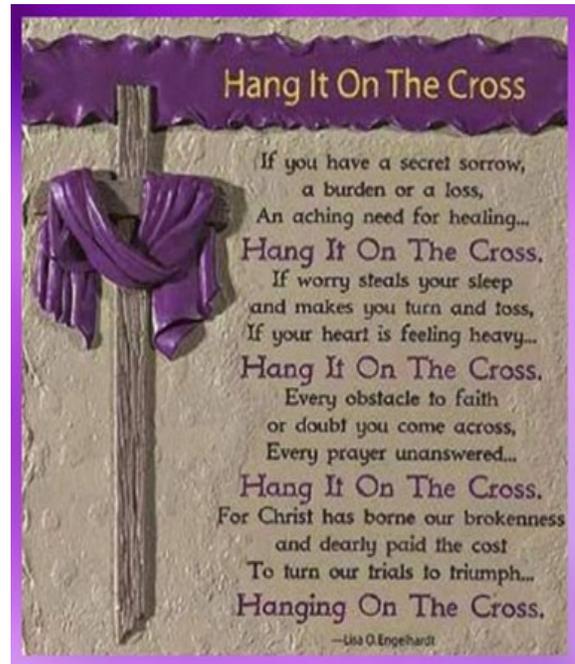
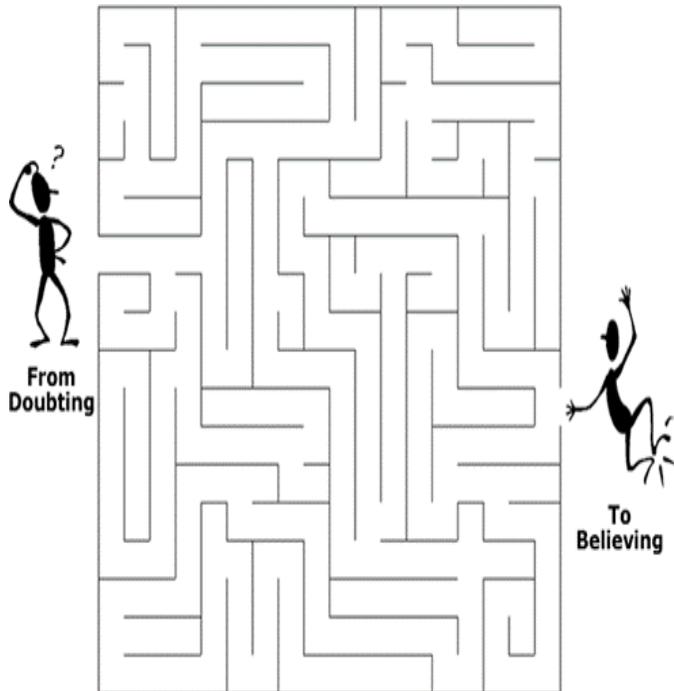
*Dear Jesus, Help us to accept by faith that You have risen from the grave and that You are alive. Help us to believe, because it is true, whether we believe it or not. Amen.*

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## Easter Bible Word Find



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|----------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bible    | Resurrection       | New Life     | Glorious King |
| Church   | Jesus Christ       | Cross        | Redemption    |
| Triumph  | Sunrise Service    | Joy          | Sunday        |
| Messiah  | Lamb of God        | Celebration  | Third Day     |
| Gospels  | Everlasting Life   | Easter Bells | Easter Lily   |
| Alleluia | Light of the World | Candles      | Empty Tomb    |

## Easter Bible Trivia

Answer the following questions from the Bible.

### He Is Risen!

1. What do we call the day Jesus was crucified? \_\_\_\_\_
2. "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise," is spoken by Jesus in what Book? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Jesus first appear to after he had risen? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The place the last supper was held is referred to today as the what? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What garden was Jesus praying in on Holy Thursday? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who betrayed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The week just prior to Easter Sunday is often referred to as what? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the Sunday before Easter called? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who denied Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
10. "They divided My clothes among them and they drew names for My coat," was foretold in what Book? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What did Jesus ride triumphantly into Jerusalem on? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What prisoner did the people request to be released at the Feast instead of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Which of the disciples did Jesus take with him into the garden on the night He was arrested? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body to bury Him properly? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Whom did the Roman soldiers force to carry the cross for Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
16. According to John, what were the last words of Christ on the cross? \_\_\_\_\_
17. As Jesus breathed his last what happened at the temple? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Who was the Roman king at the time Jesus was crucified? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Who said "I will not believe until I put my finger into the marks of the nails"? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Who used to visit Jesus at night and helped prepare Jesus' body for burial? \_\_\_\_\_

# April 2021

*“Building the Church in the Community and the Community in the Church”*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>*Conference Call Prayer Line: Dial (605) 475-3235 and enter the pin - 20396# after the prompt.</i></p> <p><i>To add an event to the church calendar, please contact Sis. Janice Campbell by calling the church at 919-688-1886. You may also reach her at churchcalendar@mylmbc.org.</i></p> <p><i>Please send articles, photos or information for The Testament to newsletter@mylmbc.org by the 3rd Sunday of each month.</i></p> </div>				1 1:00pm RTTC Community Group  6:30pm Mass Choir	2   6:30pm Virtual Good Friday Service	3  10:00am Trustees 12:00Noon Women of Faith 1:00pm Missionary Ministry
4 <b>Resurrection Sunday</b> 6:30am SonRise Service	5   6:30pm Music Committee	6   6:30pm Sounds of Joy	7 6:00am 12 Noon 6:00pm *Conference Call Prayer Line  7:00pm Bible Study	8 1:00pm RTTC Community Group  6:00pm Christian Education 6:30pm Sounds of Joy	9	10   10:00am Deaconess
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