### NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

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## January 3, 2021

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Etiquette \*Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service. \*Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted. \*No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary." \*Please silence cell phones." \*Please no talking during offertory service \*Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement \*Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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THE SPOKEN WORD PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR		
Message: "Brand New Start"		
Scripture: John 3:3		
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## Announcements:

**Responsive Reading today**: John 2:1-11

#### FROM THE PASTOR:

The Trustees are in the offices on Mondays from 10:30am until 1:00pm if you want to drop off your tithes and offerings.

Communion Sunday, January 3, 2021, from 12:30pm - 1:00pm

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting resumes January 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9



# **VOLUNTEERS HELP WANTED:**

Audio / Visual Assistant ~ Praise Team Members Staff Support with Setting Up

Those who are seriously interested please see Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr.

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PLEASE RETURN INFORMATION TO: <u>zhmb1042@att.net</u> by January 15, 2021 or call 216-561-8824 and leave voicemail; information will be available January 31, 2021 for pick-up from the Finance Department office. Please see Charlett Chatman or Pam Baker		

#### FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

John chapter 3 is one of the most important in the entire gospel. Many crucial ideas are explained in this passage, including the role of Jesus as Savior. After the loud, public commotion at the temple, John transitions to a quiet, nighttime discussion. These verses make it clear that Christ and Christ alone is the means of salvation for the entire world. This text also states that those who reject Jesus are rejecting God.

John 2:24–3:15 describes a meeting between Jesus and a Pharisee. The last two verses of chapter two highlight the fact that Jesus knew men better than they knew themselves. Nicodemus was the ancient equivalent of a politician, priest, and professor all rolled into one. Jesus proves that this man doesn't understand religion as well as he'd like to think. In contrast to the loud, public spectacle of clearing the temple, this encounter is a private, night-time meeting. Their actual conversation was probably longer than the brief summary recorded here.

Jesus explains that a person cannot be redeemed unless they are "born again." The Greek phrase can also mean "born from above." Nicodemus does not fully understand this. People frequently misinterpreted Jesus' spiritual teachings in overly physical ways. The question Nicodemus asks in verse 4 about re-entering a mother's womb proves that he knows physical birth is not what Jesus means. He is asking Jesus to further explain the idea.

This concept of rebirth is critical for understanding the gospel. Children inherit the attributes of their parents: to be a "child of God" is no small thing! This also implies the associations of change, and pain, involved in childbirth. The change is mostly on the part of the child, but the pain is mostly on the part of the parent. In this case, the pain suffered by God, in the form of Jesus on a cross, produces rebirth and change in those who turn to Him for salvation.

Paul reminds us in II Corinthians 5:17, "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things are passed away, behold all things are new." As we have ventured into 2021, I think its imperative to take inventory of our lives. What are we able to keep, what can we discard, and what is missing that was there when the year began? In the text Jesus is explaining to Nicodemus it is not about a physical rebirth, but a spiritual rebirth that will allow for "A Brand New Start"

# HAPPY NEW YEAR