

# NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

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NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

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PERSONAL APPLICATION:

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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



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**April 11, 2021**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAYSCHOOL.....9:15AM.....SIS BEVERLY DURST  
.....CALL TO WORSHIP.....  
MUSICAL INTERLUDE.....11:30AM.....MUSICIANS  
SCRIPTURE.....OFFICERS  
PRAYER.....OFFICERS  
SELECTION.....  
OFFERING.....FINANCIAL COMMITTEE  
SELECTION.....  
THE SPOKEN WORD.....PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR.  
MESSAGE: "GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?"  
SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:10-14  
TIME TO RECIEVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS  
CALLED..... PULPIT  
ALTAR CALL.....PULPIT  
BENEDICTION.....PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR.  
RECCESIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

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## Announcements:

***Responsive Reading today:*** Romans 5:1-11

### FROM THE PASTOR:

Precept Class will start by Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Please come wearing a mask and social distancing is required.

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

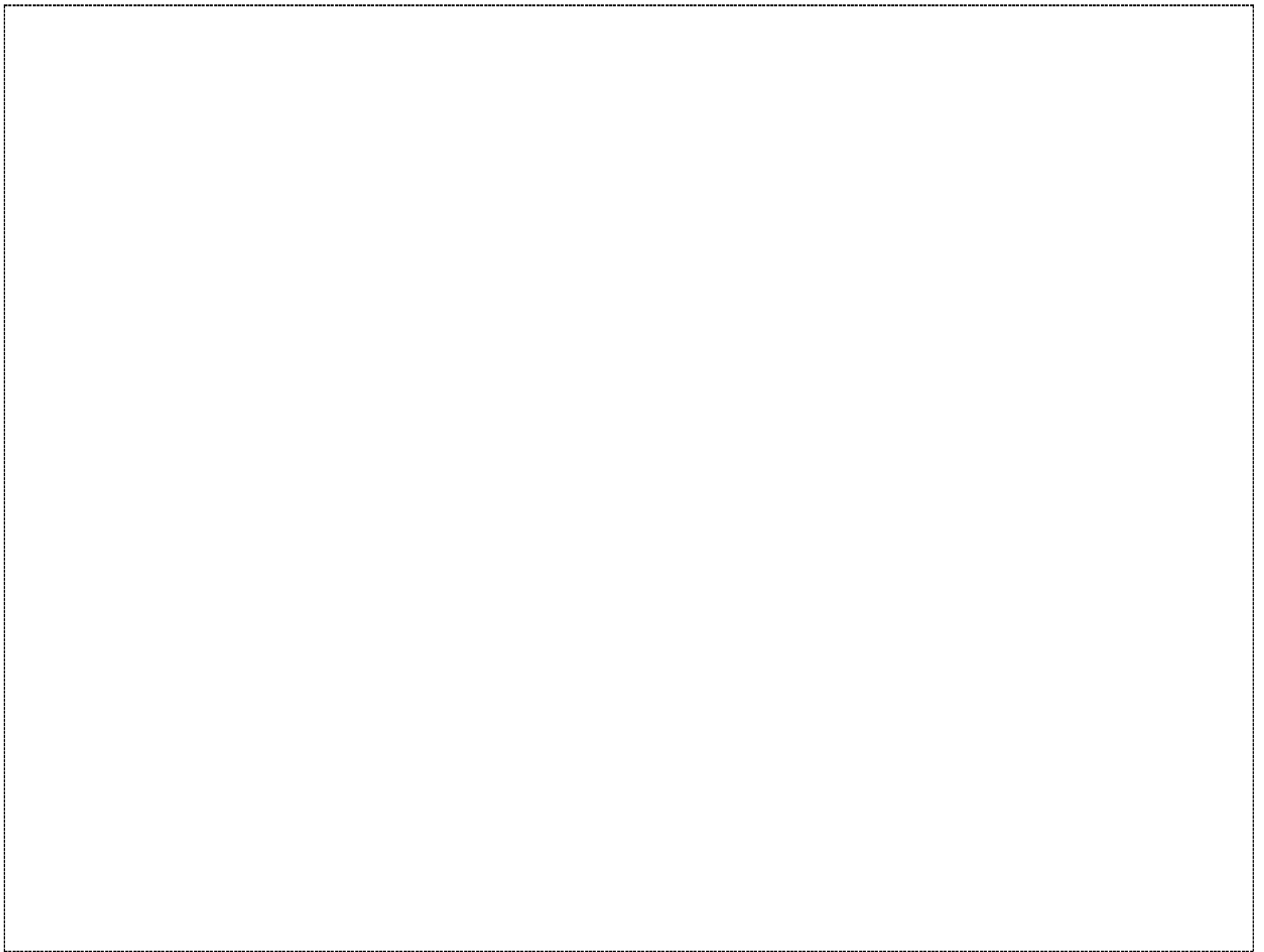
Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. –  
Call in: 978-990-5047 ~ Access Code 3312613#

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m. –  
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***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***





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

*“Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So, Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” John 21:10-11*

After his appearances in Jerusalem that established the faith of the disciples, Jesus now appears in Galilee to a portion of the disciples. The seven disciples mentioned may be symbolic of the entire group, though John does not draw attention to the number. More important is the simple fact that they are together. Jesus had formed the nucleus of the new community during His ministry and had further established it at the cross and in the breathing of the Spirit. Now He reminds them of His lordship and their dependency upon Him in the fulfillment of the commission He has given them. Jesus does this by focusing on two of the leaders among the disciples, Peter and the Beloved Disciple.

John does not tell us why the disciples are back in Galilee, but in fact Jesus had told them to return there, where He would meet them. They seem to have been sitting around, unsure of what to do, until Peter decides to go fishing and the others come along. Peter is taking the lead, but what sort of lead is it? Some see this act as "aimless activity undertaken in desperation" or even apostasy, that is, abandoning the Lord and returning to their former life. Others think they went fishing simply because they needed to eat. The latter is probably true enough, but there is also a sense that Peter and the others, while not necessarily aimless and certainly not apostate, are doing what is right in their own eyes. The stories in this chapter reveal Jesus' bringing His disciples, especially Peter, more completely under His

lordship. The disciples do not know what to do, so they do that which is necessary, and in taking this initiative they put themselves in a place where Christ meets them. Here is the simple truth, attested to by the saints, that when we are uncertain what to do, we should simply do our duty and God will guide.

That night they catch nothing, a graphic portrayal of barrenness. They have done what they thought was the right thing but experience utter failure. This prepares them to learn one of the central lessons of discipleship, apart from Jesus we can do nothing. Jesus has taught this lesson before, for "never in the Gospels do the disciples catch a fish without Jesus' help" But they need the lesson repeated, as we often do as well.

The turning point comes early in the morning, perhaps symbolizing the dawning of spiritual light. Jesus is described again as simply standing there, without a description of His arrival on the spot. Also, as earlier, they are not able to recognize Him at first. Although some scholars take this as evidence that this chapter does not fit well after chapter 20, in fact this ignorance fits with the theme running throughout these chapters that there was something different about Jesus' body. John stresses in these descriptions both the continuity and discontinuity of Jesus' body.

One thing is for certain, the tomb is empty, but “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?”