NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

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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



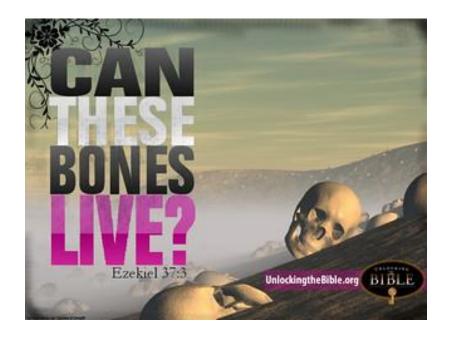
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SUNDAYSCHOOL9:15AMSIS BEVERLY DURST
CALL TO WORSHIP
MUSICAL INTERLUDE11:30AMMUSICIANS
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PRAYEROFFICERS
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SELECTION
THE SPOKEN WORDPASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR.
MESSAGE: "CAN THESE DRY BONES LIVE AGAIN, LORD YOU KNOW"
SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 37:1-14
TIME TO RECIEVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS CALLED PULPIT
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BENEDICTIONPASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR.
RECCESIONALLET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

Announcements:

Responsive Reading today: Romans 6:1-14

FROM THE PASTOR:

Come join us for a free in-person training on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 10 am to 1 pm Child & Youth Discipleship Network. We will be respecting the CDC guidelines and wearing masks as we gather at the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 11115 Kinsman Rd Cleveland, OH 44104. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited.

Please call the church to register and leave a message with your name, email, phone number and your title at your church.

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Camp Program. Please contact Victoria Dennis.

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. – Call In: 701-802-5360 and Access Code: 7817353

as of the two witnesses. The bones of Gog and Magog shall be buried, for their destruction is final; but the bones of Israel are in the open valley, under the eye of Heaven, for there is hope in their end.

He was made to own their case deplorable, and not to be helped by any power less than that of God himself. That's why the text says, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Is it a thing likely? Cast thou devise how it should be done? Can thy philosophy reach to put life into dry bones, or thy politics to restore a captive nation?" "No," says the prophet, "I know not how it should be done, but Lord thou knowest." He does not say, "They cannot live," lest he should seem to limit the Holy One of Israel; no, but, "Lord, thou knowest whether they can and whether they shall; if thou dost not put life into them, it is certain that they cannot live."

God designs the sanctification of those among whom he sets up his sanctuary. And blessed and holy are those who, enjoying the privileges of the sanctuary, give such proofs and evidence of their sanctification that the heathen may know it is no less than the almighty grace of God that sanctifies them. Such have God's sanctuary in the midst of them, the kingdom of God within them, in the principles of the spiritual life, and shall have it so for evermore in the enjoyments of an eternal life.

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.....

"The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed, they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So, I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Ezekiel 37:1-3

The threatening's of the destruction of Judah and Jerusalem for their sins, were not so terrible, but the promises of their restoration and deliverance for the glory of God, are as comfortable; and as those were illustrated with many visions and similitudes, for the awakening of a holy fear, so are these, for the encouraging of a humble faith.

Here is the vision of a resurrection from death to life, and it is a glorious resurrection. This is a thing so utterly unknown to nature, and so contrary to its principles, from privation to possession there is no return, that we could have no thought of it but by the word of the Lord; and that it is certain by that word that there shall be a general resurrection of the dead some have urged from this vision, "for otherwise it would not properly be made a sign for the confirming of their faith in the promise of their deliverance out of Babylon, as the coming of the Messiah is mentioned for the confirming of their faith touching a former deliverance.

Whether it be a confirmation or no, it is without doubt a most lively representation of a threefold resurrection, besides that which it is primarily intended to be the sign of. The resurrection of souls from the death of sin to the life or righteousness, to a

holy, heavenly, spiritual, and divine life, by the power of divine grace going along with the word of Christ. The resurrection of the gospel church, or any part of it, from an afflicted persecuted state, especially under the yoke of the New-Testament Babylon, to liberty and peace. The resurrection of the body at the great day, especially the bodies of believers that shall rise to life eternal. Follow His vision.

When you review the deplorable condition of these dead bones, the prophet was made, to take an exact view of them. By a prophetic impulse and a divine power he was, in vision, carried out and set in the midst of a valley, probably that plain spoken of, where God then talked with him; and it was full of bones, of dead men's bones, not piled up on a heap, as in a charnelhouse, but scattered upon the face of the ground, as if some bloody battle had been fought here, and the slain left unburied till all the flesh was devoured or putrefied, and nothing left but the bones, and those disjointed from one another and dispersed. He passed by them round about, and he observed not only that they were very many, for there are multitudes gone to the congregation of the dead, but that, lo, they were very dry, having been long exposed to the sun and wind. The bones that have been moistened with marrow, when they have been any while dead, lose all their moisture, and are dry as dust.

The body is now fenced with bones, but then they will themselves be defenseless. The Jews in Babylon were like those dead and dry bones, unlikely ever to come together, to be so much as a skeleton, less likely to be formed into a body, and least of all to be a living body. However, they lay unburied in the open valley, which encouraged the hopes of their resurrection,