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**Call In: 701-802-5360**  
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**Join Sunday School at**  
**9 a.m. online –**  
**Call in 978-990-5047 ~**  
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**July 2, 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: "RELIGION OR RELATIONSHIP"  
SCRIPTURE: LUKE 11:37-44  
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  
COMMUNION .....

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# THE CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the LORD Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just to those in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

AMEN.

## NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SPEAKER \_\_\_\_\_

TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

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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

## Announcements:

*Responsive Reading today:* II Chronicles 13:3-18

### FROM THE PASTOR:

We will be **celebrating Rev. Jimmy Gates, Sr. Pastoral Anniversary** on Sunday morning, July 11<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Christopher Washburn at 11 a.m. Also, on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. will be Rev. Larry Harris. There will be separate envelope in the bulletins during the month of July for those who want to bless Rev. Jimmy L. Gates.

Asking for volunteers for Woman's Day 2021, the 4th Sunday in July.

Also asking for volunteers for our **104<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary** on Sunday, September 3, 2021.

**Men's Month and Men's Day** will be in October only having morning service.

**Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. –**  
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**Wednesday Bible Study** online at 7 p.m. –  
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## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.” Luke 11:37-38

COVID although we are not in the mode of eighteen (18) prior, is still capable of spreading like a sinister wildfire smoldering its way around the world. It is a time when we're all very concerned about being “clean” and washing properly, so I think the account of Jesus failing to wash up before dinner is particularly noteworthy today. Jesus had been invited to a Pharisee's home for dinner but was looked at critically for not washing up according to code before the meal.

Was Jesus simply too busy, or did he intentionally choose not to wash up in order to make a point? Either way, his statement, as was so often the case seems like a spin line from the issue: “Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and behold, all things are clean unto you” (Luke 11:40-41). The apparent issue was personal cleanliness, but like God, his Father, Jesus did not look on the outward appearance. Jesus looked on the heart. In a room full of well-dressed and carefully manicured guests, who actually qualified as being “clean”?

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. This thought kept coming back to me as I pondered giving alms and the

question of what is truly clean. The answer? Not those who have washed up, but those who have given out. Not those who have mastered social graces, but those who are actively following God's call to meet the world's deep hunger by giving “alms” out of their personal storehouse of deep gladness.

Do you know what “alms” are? I always thought the term was synonymous with “money,” but I was wrong! The term alms is only used 14 times in the Bible, and “zedakah,” literally means “righteousness.” It refers to doing what is right more than giving charitable monetary gifts.

In the light of this, it is not surprising that Jesus told the Pharisees to give alms “of such things as ye have.” What do you suppose they had? If they had wisdom to share or the power to heal, what gifts those would be! If they were truly just and righteous in their dealings with others, rather than being self-serving and oppressive, which is what angered Jesus about the Pharisees.

So, as we ponder our commitment and dedication to Christ, maybe we should review our position first. There is a need to determine if you have religion as the Pharisees, or a relationship as the disciples. Which one applies to you, **“Religion or Relationship?”**