

WHEN GOD SAID, STOP PRAYING

You might think that this subject is a bit unusual, but I hope it does not prove to be so. I think that it is absolutely necessary to preface this lesson with several readings from the Bible which deal with **"the importance and essentiality of prayer..."** (Rom. 12:8). Jesus said that men ought to always pray. (Luke 18:1) Paul told Timothy, **"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands.."** (1 Tim. 2:8)

MEN OF GOD HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ALTAR BUILDERS. Before he built a house for his family or even a shed for his cattle, Noah built an altar. What I am trying to get you to see is that this is not a lesson against prayer. Prayer is too important and much too neglected to teach against it. But there are times when God says, **STOP PRAYING.**

Read Joshua 7:6-10. The setting of the story is that Joshua and the Israelites took the city of Jericho with God's help. Now they were to go against it. Spies were sent and they reported that the city was weak. Israel fled retreating disorderly, and Joshua knew something was wrong; the Lord had left them, so he prayed to God. The Lord said, **"Get thee up" (STOP PRAYING),** and in verse 11 we learn that **THERE IS SIN IN THE CAMP.** When the Lord told Joshua to **STOP PRAYING,** he was not saying that prayer was not important, but He was saying there was something to be done that took precedence over praying. Joshua could have prayed forever, but until sin was removed, God was not with them. Achan was stoned (who had sinned by taking spoils from Jericho): sin was removed and Israel took the city. **OBEDIENCE WAS OVER PRAYER.**

WHEN LIFE IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH PRAYERS, we need to stop praying and correct the situation. Too often we pray to God, but do not live the way we pray. We ask God to feed the hungry and we close our purses to the needy. We ask God to comfort the weary, but we refuse to **WEEP** with those who weep. Read Isaiah 59:1,2 and Proverbs 28:9.

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The password is Acts2:38



41st ANNUAL MEN'S DEVOTIONAL IS COMING The date is next Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The men will prepare the meal. **Give your donation of \$20.00 to Weston Paton, Kevin Williams or Terrance Wood Sr.** The brothers are going to have a great time in the Lord.



BENEVOLENCE MEALS Free turkey dinners will be served on Saturday, November 22nd, 2025, 12:00 noon til 3:00pm by the church. Tell your friends and family about this dinner and plan to have them come and enjoy a delicious meal. There will be some good gospel singing and great preaching. **The Benevolence Ministry, with sister Henrietta Green as chairperson, is in charge.** If you would like to assist in this great work, see sister Henrietta Green.

THE SUNDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet next Sunday, November 9th, after service in the church dining hall. The cost for prix-fix lunch is \$5.00, due November 2nd. **Sister Mikki Taylor is the teacher.**

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Sunday
Bible School
10:00 am

Worship Service

11:00 am

Thursday
Bible Classes

6:00 pm

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THE FOODBANK ITEMS ARE RICE, CEREAL, MACARONI, ETC. FOR THIS MONTH.



SICK LIST AT HOME— Curlie Hooper, Sharon Carter, Romni Ellis, Erma Sanders, Rayfield Sanders

HOSPITALS— Fitzgerald

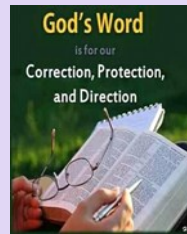
Lawton—Ashbrook Care & Rehab, 1610 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains NJ; **Fannie Broughton—White House Nursing Home,** 560 Berkeley Ave., Orange NJ; **Hattie Burney—Cornell Care & Rehab,** 234 Chestnut St., Union NJ

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Service Administrator	Kevin Williams
Announcements	Luis Arias
Invocation	Michael Canady
Song Leader	Donald Chisolm
Scripture	Gregory Hunt
Prayer	R.C. Jackson
Sermon	Jerry Houston
Administer/Prayer Requests	Weston Paton
Response Assistant	All Available EIT
Lord's Supper/Offering	Tia Grant
1—R. Richardson, 2—S. Whitaker, 3—I. Pernell, 4—B. Cannon	
Leadership Announcements	Terrance Wood Sr.
Benediction	Reginald Bendolph
Attendance Manager	Tia Grant
USHERS IN MAIN LOBBY— K. Williams, P. Saint Pierre, J. Nicolas	
USHERS IN OVERFLOW AUD.— C. Barclay, N. Saint Pierre, R. Bendolph	
USHER IN ELEVATOR ENTRANCE— C. Holley	

Multimedia

Nyla Camillo, Stina Ross, Joshua Saint Pierre



During the last two months of the year, it is **HARVEST TIME FOR SOULS**. Our goal is 50 baptisms for the year and we are trying to reach that goal. **Let us work harder during Harvest Time in order to reach our goal.**

THE NEXT WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS will be next Sunday morning, November 16th, 10—11am in the main auditorium. **Sister Debb Houston** will speak on **WOKE WORSHIP, Worshiping God on Purpose**”.

THE LADIES' TEA & SECRET PAL REVEALING is coming soon The date is Saturday, December 6th, 1:00—4:00pm in the church dining hall. **There will be lots of love, fun, games and great food.** Every sister is urged to attend this luncheon. **Hats and gloves are optional.** Sister Mikki Taylor is in charge of the Ladies Planning Ministry.

THE SICK VISITATION MINISTRY will be visiting **Cornell Hall Care & Rehab.,** 234 Chestnut St., Union NJ on **Tuesday, November 18th at 2pm** to uplift and encourage **sister Hattie Burney**

EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD NEED TO STUDY GOD'S WORD.

GETTING FOOD BASKET READY The Benevolence Ministry is getting ready to distribute food baskets to needy families on **Saturday, December 13, 2025, and your cooperation is needed.** Each member is urged to bring canned meats, canned vegetables, rice, pasta, cereal, cake mix, icing, etc. immediately. We need the names of needy families: name, address (with apartment number), phone number and family size. We would like to know if the family can pick up the food basket at the church on that Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **Please give this data to sister Henrietta Green,** the chairperson of our Food Benevolence Ministry.

CONDOLENCE We extend our heartfelt condolence to **sister Debra Russell and family for the loss of her sibling** in Ohio. Let's keep sister Russell and family in prayer.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP Welcome to **Isaac & Celeste Booker,** 532 E. Main St., #136, Bound Brook NJ 08805, 917 687-7661, who placed membership on last Sunday from the Harlem CofC, Harlem NY. **RESPONSES ON LAST SUNDAY** Y. Enos, J. Robinson and J. Arias **were restored.** Renay Campbell, T. Dixon, T. Winfield, T. Cotton, A. Walker, A. Nesbit, C. Williams, T. Grant, C. Cole, G. Graham and G. Jones **requested prayer.** **ONLINE** T. Ruiz, H. Smalls, C. Battle

RESPONSES FOR 2025 40 Baptized, 832 Restorations/Prayer Requests, 10 Placed Memberships

**WELCOME VISITORS, WE ARE SUPER DELIGHTED
TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY,
COME AGAIN SOON.**

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Bible School Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Website newarkchurchofchrist.net

Cable Television in Jersey City
Sunday, 7—7:30pm & Tuesday, 9—9:30pm, Channel 190

We had 226 in attendance in the 11 am service on last Sunday, November 2, 2025.