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Worship Service 11:00 am

Thursday Bible Classes 6:00 pm

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## **BAAL OR GOD?**

'How long are you going to limp along on both sides?If the Lord is God, follow Him, but if Baal, follow him." With these graphic words from I Kings 18:21, Elijah asked the children of Israel how long they intended to hesitate between worshipping the true God and worshipping the pagan gpd, Baal. He thus warned them that an **EITHER OR DECISION** had to be made. On the mountain top of Mt. Carmel, there was a great contest between polytheism and monotheism. This beautiful mountain stood 1600 feet above sea level. From the picturesque mountain top, one could see the waters of the Mediterranean Sea, the wheat field of Esdraelon, the sluggish waters of the Kishon River, the city of Jezreel, with King Ahab's palace and Jezebel's temple. My God, what a place to meet. The fire from Heaven dramatically authenticated that Elijah's God was the true God and condemnation was flashed on his opponents.

The 21st Century man faces the same choice. He must decide between God and Baal. Everyday man faces this EITHER OR DECISION. Young people are facing this decision, pre-marital sex or moral purity; dope or God, crack or God. Adults face this **EITHER OR DECISION** just as graphically: money or God, materialism or God, liberalism or God. Modern man needs to understand that TRUTH is MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. My Lord said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you **free."** (John 8:32) The temptation to relativity is great where nothing is absolute.

It is the Baal or God Confrontation when it comes to the use of instrumental music in the church. Most people when visiting the church of Christ for the first time are quite puzzled and amazed to find that no instrumental music is used. The question of the origination and the scripturalness has never entered their mind. However, there is not a solitary instance of the ise of instrumental music. Singing is authorized in the worship service of the New Testament church. (Eph. 5:19, Heb. 1:12) God's music is singing. How long halt ye between two opinions.

The Late Dr. Eugene Lawton

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It was a most historic weekend, over 250 young people and adults from over 20 congregations and 8 states converged in Newark to attend our Northeastern Youth Conference, April 11—13, 2025. Brother Deon Booker, Suitland Rd. MD preached Sunday morning and did an outstanding job. On Friday, some 230 persons were present for the basketball games and witnessed Newark defeat New Haven to become our 2025 champions. Waterbury, CT was the Best Youth Cheerleaders in 2025. Saturday was filled with speeches by youth, classes were taught be Deon Booker, Suitland Rd. MD, Randall Colson, Manchester CT, Willie Parker. Manchester CT, Joy Hart of Newark gave the Welcome Additional Jamila Lyiscott, Manchester CT. Joy Hart of Newark gave the Welcome Additional Additional Spoke as youth from Clinton Avenue. Constant Manchester NY, and Mya Newton, New Haven CT who can day. About 190 youth and adults bowled the picting was many young people in the worship everyone who helped to man day a veryone who helped to wan day a veryone wh Newark defeat New Haven to become our 2025 champions. Waterbury, CT was the Best Cheerleaders in 2025. Saturday was filled with speeches by youth, classes were taught by Deon Booker, Suitland Rd. MD, Randall Colson, Manchester CT, Willie Parker, Montclair NJ, and Jamila Lyiscott, Manchester CT. Joy Hart of Newark gave the Welcome Address, Terrance Hart Jr. & and Jade Nicolson spoke as youth from Clinton Congratulations to Darelle Parker. so many young people in the worship service last Sunday and witness three baptisms. We want to thank \*

SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER The date is **next Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 2:00** p.m. in the church dining hall. You must be at least 60 years old for a complimentary meal. The cost to attend is \$20.00 for non-seniors. Please give your name to sisters Tonya \* Jones or Vivian Francis before you leave today if you wish to attend so we can prepare for adequate food supply. Today is the deadline to register.

TODAY is SENIORS' APPRECIATION CONTRIBUTION DAY where we: will be taking up a Love Offering for our seniors to give them their flowers at the upcoming Seniors' Dinner on next Sunday, April 27, 2025.

\*\*CONGREGATIONAL SINGING PRACTICE The date is Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:15 p.m. Members are asked to attend to practice and learn new congregational songs. Brother Cornelius Clark is in charge. p.m. Members are asked to attend to practice and learn new congregational songs. Brother

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THE FOODBANK ITEM IS A CAN OF GREEN BEANS FOR THIS MONTH.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

**Service Administrator Announcements** Invocation Song Leader Scripture **Prayer** Sermon **Administer/Prayer Requests** 

**Response Assistant** Lord's Supper/Offering 1—C. Hamilton, 2—W. Davis, 3—B. Cannon, 4—R. Love

**Leadership Announcements** Benediction

Attendance Manager **Charlene Johnson USHERS IN MAIN LOBBU**—K. Williams, J. Lauredent, A. Bygrave **USHERS IN OVERFLOW AUD.**—C. Barclay, K.

Gourdine, R. Bendolph **USHER IN ELEVATOR ENTRANCE-**Clarence Holley \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Camera Computer Assistant

**David Kahiga Joshua Saint Pierre Luis Arias** 

**Kevin Williams** 

**Ryan Johnson** 

**Gregory Hunt** 

Andre Hart Jr.

**Michael Graves** 

Andre Hart Jr.

**Weston Paton** 

Sip Whitaker

**Dr. Jerry Houston** 

**Adam Kar** 

**Luis Arias** 

**Cornelius Clark** 



**FELLOWSHIP** MEN'S **TRAINING BREAKFAST** The date is Saturday, May 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the church dining hall. The men of this congregation are asked to make a donation of \$5.00 per person.

There will be great fellowship and encouragement. You may give your donation to Andre Hart Sr., Kevin Williams of Luis Árias. Brother Terrance Will Sr. is in charge.

**NEWARK COC 1st ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN LADIES GETAWAY** The date, June 19—21, 2025 at Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City MD. The theme is: SEA & SHE. Join Real Girl Talk: A conversation with Debb **Houston.** For registration info visit the church website/ events or contact sister Daphne Best. Flyers are being distributed in the foyer.



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

**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—Inglemoor Rehab, 311 Livingston Ave., Livingston NJ; Paul Richardson



GET READY **FOR** OUR SPRING GOS-PEL MEETING with DR. O.J. SHABAZZ of Harlem Church of Christ in Harlem NY, as our guest evangelist. The date is Sunday, May

May

21st, 2025. Keep your calendar open and plan to come and invite your family and friends.

18th—Wednesday,

#### BAISLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST PRE-**SENTS A LADIES DAY CELEBRATION**

The date is this Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Springfield Gardens Church of Christ, 144-04 Farmers Blvd., Jamaica NY. The theme is *Experiencing God's Grace During Challenging Times*, *Psalm 34:1*. Guest Speaker is sister Cathi Wilson of Kings, Brooklyn NY. Checkin & breakfast is 9am and the program starts at 10am.

#### LADIES ZUMBA CLASS AT NEWARK

COC The date is Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. downstairs in the fellowship hall. The cost is **\$10.00 per person** and all sisters & friends are invited to attend. Register with sister **Daphne Best by Aril 20th.** Flyers are out in the front foyer.

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

THREE BAPTIZED ON LAST SUNDAY Welcome to Shamar Morris, 600 Melnea Cass Blvd., Boston MA 02120, 617 319-6185, Cassandra Estiverne, 1317 East 89th St., Brooklyn NY 11236, 718-475-0561 and Carlos Rondon of Newark NJ who were baptized on last Sunday. Oh Praise His Holy Name! RESPONSES ON LAST SUNDAY K. Wesley-Dixon and K. Bleus were restored. T. Winfield, Y. Enos, I. Deberry and J. Arias requested prayer. RESPONSES FOR 2025 5 Baptized, 282 Restorations/Prayer Requests, 3 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. Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Worship 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