



WELCOME!

We are honored and blessed to have you worshipping with us today and we extend our warmest welcome. Our service is modeled after the New Testament pattern of worship. If you have questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.

Today's Services

- Singing
- Opening Prayer
- Singing
- Preaching
- Invitation Song
- Communion Song
- Communion
- Offering
- Announcements
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear Romans 10:17
- Believe Mark 16:15-16
- Repent Luke 13:3-5
- Confess Matthew 10:32-33
- Baptism 1Peter 3:21
- Live Faithfully Revelation 2:10

Schedule of Services

- Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM
- Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM
- Sunday PM Worship 5:00 PM
- Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 PM



Need Volunteers:

To help with Gospel Carnival on June 15th. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.



**Let's Pray!** **Health:** Zandra, Ebony, Francisco & Wanda & family, Peaches, Prince, Leola & Larry, Thom & Mary Elizabeth, Irma, TC & friend Don, Sylvia & Patrick, Carol's mother Loretta, Lorena & the Young family as they mourn their loss, Blake's mother (Heather), Carla's husband, Arcy's Mother (Theresa), Young Jeremiah's cousin (Rashad), Shannon's friend who has cancer, Stanley.

**Surgery/Recovery:** Lenard, Lorena, Jullian, Ricky & Albert Young (Lorena's brothers). (King) Jessica's nephew.

**Also:** Kevin Williams & family. Shannon's well being. Paul Brass' well being. The Johnson's are traveling.

May 27th - 29th 6:00 PM

GOSPEL MEETING



## Worthy of Death?

by Royce Frederick

They came to His place of prayer to arrest Jesus. He did not show any evidence of guilt in the way He reacted. When the armed mob approached Jesus, He did not try to escape. Instead, He stepped forward, and His captors fell backward in fear (John 18:6). When Peter defended Him with a sword, Jesus stopped and rebuked him (John 18:10-11). Then, Jesus healed the man whose ear Peter had cut off (Luke 22:50-51). Jesus would not quit doing good to those who hated Him!

At His trial by Jewish religious leaders, false witnesses attempted to convict Jesus of wrongdoing, but their accusations did not agree (Mark 14:55-59). Finally, the ultimate question was put to Jesus. He freely answered it, confessing that He was the Christ, the Son of God (Matthew 26:63-64). That was enough for the high priest. The court made no attempt to hear evidence in support of the claim Jesus had made. Their decision was immediate: "He is deserving of death" (Matthew 26:66). It was not the testimony of false witnesses, but His own confession that brought the wrath of the religious court down upon Jesus.

Judas, who had betrayed Jesus, later came and told the religious leaders, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4). The Roman governor Pilate also repeatedly declared that he found no fault in Jesus. Herod examined Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate uncondemned. Pilate's own wife believed Jesus was innocent, and she tried to persuade her husband not to get involved in punishing Him (Matthew 27:19). Four more times Pilate pronounced Jesus as innocent.

However, the religious leaders had stirred up the mob almost to the point of mutiny

against Pilate's authority. The rebellion was too strong, and Pilate's own moral fiber was too weak. Pilate yielded to the mob and delivered Jesus to be crucified.

## The Mature Faith

by Ronald D. Reeves

I suppose everyone would like to view himself as reasonably mature concerning all the facets of life, whether as a family man, a worker or as a citizen in the community as assessed by one's friends and acquaintances. What about maturity of faith? Do we know enough about faith to be able to properly judge a mature faith? James advises us that the mature faith is both exclusive and inclusive in character (3:13-5:20). The mature faith excludes envying and strife, the enthronement of pleasures, speaking evil of brethren, sins of omission, the improper use of wealth, grudge holding, vacillation and hypocrisy. On the other hand, the mature faith includes purity, peace, forbearance, compliance, mercy, humility, resisting the devil, mourning for sin, spiritually sound business practices, patience, dependence on godly prayer and the conversion of the lost. No doubt all of us have room for growth unto maturity. May each of us have the courage to commit himself to possess the character of faith presented by James so long ago. Such a commitment will surely sponsor the favor of the Lord and the receipt of blessings unanticipated in kind and measure.

## Who Is Man?

by Royce Pendergrass

All of us are interested in learning more about our heritage. Who were our ancestors? What kinds of things did our ancestors pass on to us? Do we look like some of them? Perhaps some still own family lands from generations ago. I am a genealogy buff. I love learning more about my ancestors. Not only have I researched my background, but I have

explored Alice's also. I have several notebooks of family history for both of us. I've traced my family back to where family on my mother's side left England on the good ship Francis to come to America, approximately in the year 1634. I'm the 12th generation from there.

The traveling manifesto even states that a young girl who was not a family member came to this country with them. There is no indication who she was. I've often thought maybe she was a household servant, but who knows? My interest in genealogy has been so strong that when our grandchildren were small and we were out driving, when we'd come to a cemetery, they'd say, "Pa-pa, we are not going to go there are we?" We've walked through lots of cemeteries and looked and taken pictures of lots of headstones.

Not only am I interested in familial history, but I'm also interested in our Christian heritage. From where did we come? Who were our ancestors? What are we doing here? Where are we going? How is this all going to come to pass? Perhaps you, too, have posed these questions. Let's delve into some of them.

**From where did we come?** Certainly not from apes as some suppose! "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, the cattle and all the earth and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth...' The Lord formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living

soul" (Genesis 1 & 2). That's from where mankind came. It's that simple! Who were our ancestors? "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He them, male and female He created them... God said to them 'Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth'" (Genesis 1). "Adam knew Eve, his wife, and she conceived and bare Cain" (Genesis 4). These were our ancestors, and through their bloodline God planned to populate the earth.

**What are we doing here?** "Who is man that You are mindful of him? ... You made him a little lower than the angels and crowned him with honor and glory" (Psalm 8:4-5). "You are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26), and we must demonstrate that faith in Jesus, Who said, "If you love Me, you will keep My

commandments" (John 14:15). We have one purpose upon this earth, which is, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). We are here to love and honor God.

**Where are we going?** "It is appointed unto men once to die and, after this, the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). "We will all stand before the judgment seat of God" (Romans 14:10). "The King shall say to those on His right hand, Come... inherit the kingdom prepared for you... He will say to those on His left hand, Depart from Me...into everlasting fire" (Matthew 25:34, 41). Our eternal destiny will be determined by what we've done [or not done] here on earth.

