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In Search of Lord's Way 12.12.21 – "God Has Spoken"

When Jesus spoke in the first century, scribes took down His words. These words are in the New Testament and remain as authoritative as the day He first spoke them. God now speaks through His Son, and we must listen.

- Montgomery:** TV 8 Sunday 7:30 am
- DISH:** Sun 7:00 am (EST) Channel 239
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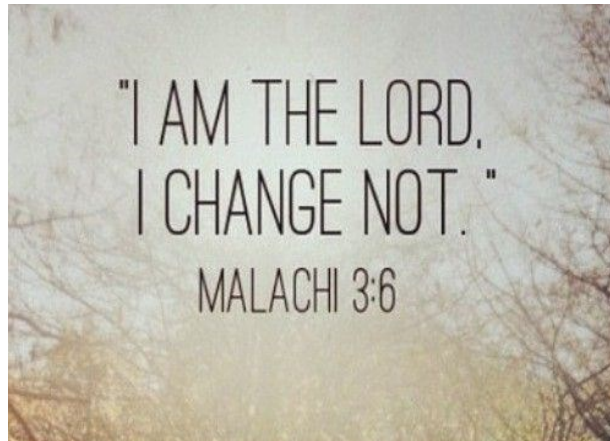
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kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15).

Men may continually make new laws substituting new ways and ideas for what we considered the "tried and true." God's Word, though, never changes (Isaiah 40:8).

Our Lord said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35). That unchanging Word will be the standard in the day of judgment. "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

God is the constant in our lives. He is the unchanging God who has given us an unchanging Savior, who built an unchanging church. There is no need to worry about being tested based on revised or newly established law, because His Word is unchanging.



May we stay anchored in those unchangeable things and remain confident in the knowledge that they

will lead to our salvation. (Gary Hampton)

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Things That Never Change

Most people have the sense that things are changing so fast they cannot keep up. Those who are slow to adjust find themselves frustrated. There is a sense of loss, often expressed through a longing for the "good old days." God's children, however, are comforted in the knowledge that some things do not change.

Christ never changes. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). His rule is unchanging. "But to the Son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom'" (Hebrews 1:8). He is our unchanging High Priest, serving as our unchanging Mediator (Hebrews 5:6; 7:25).

The church never changes (Hebrews 12:28). It is the everlasting kingdom (2 Peter 1:10-11).

Jesus promised to build His church and said even hades could not defeat it (Matthew 16:18). A part of the revelation given to John includes, "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The (continued on back page)"

You're Writing Your Eulogy

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

—Revelation 14:13

I have presided at the funerals of people who were unknown outside their family, friends, and church. But in those circles, they were well known for their love and commitment. Their exemplary lives made my eulogy a less agonizing assignment.

At first glance, the opening of Ecclesiastes 7 shocks us: "The day of death [is better] than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for this is the end of everyone, and the living will lay it to heart."

In "the house of mourning," we come face-to-face with what matters most.

New York Times columnist David Brooks asserts that there are two kinds of virtues: those that look good on a résumé and those that you want said at your funeral.

We defeat death, not by living long but by living well. (Joe Barnett)



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Adult bible classes this quarter: Young adults in the annex, taught by Greg Bryant (Sunday); all ages in the auditorium (Sunday), taught by Gary Davenport; all ages in the auditorium (Wednesday), taught by Roddy Thomasson.

Our elders will meet Sunday, December 19th at 3:30 in the annex, if you have items you wish to discuss.

There will be no fellowship meal in the month of December .

Our next monthly congregational singing will be Wednesday, December 29, at 6:30 in the auditorium.

Pantry item for December: Soup and peanut butter.

Wi-Fi connection — ID: CedarGrove, **password:** cedargrove2020.

L2L Youth (boys & girls) will meet the 3rd Wednesday night of each month during the school year at 5:30 p.m. in the annex for a monthly meal. **Provide food: December 15:** Thomasson; **January 19:** Bush.



WEEKLY LADIES CLASS
Meeting each Wednesday morning (10 a.m.) in the library. They are studying 1, 2, 3 John.



MONTHLY LADIES BIBLE CLASS (6 p.m.)
January 3: Terry Davenport, presenter. Service project: Children's Advocacy Center.

FOR THE RECORD

Today's Lessons
9:30 a.m. class and sermon series
Last Week's Record
Bible Classes: 78 Sunday AM: 129
Sunday PM: 62
Wednesday PM: 78
Contribution: \$5,564

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Sympathy is extended to **Linda Kyle** due to the death of her brother, **Douglas Adair**.

Linda Hendrix had back surgery on Thursday and is now in ICU in the hospital in Niceville, Fl.

Linda Rabren is feeling some better this week. She has one more week of Chemo and then will go back to her doctor.

Joe Keller saw his doctor last week and got a good report. His cancer is still in remission.

Shelia Bracewell will be seeing a doctor in Pensacola concerning a spot found on her lung.

Hyrant Lambert, brother-in-law to Sammy is no longer in Andalusia Manor but is at home under Hospice care. **Cheryl Boswell, Pat Grissett and Christine Bundrick** all remain in Andalusia Manor. **Dene' Canter, daughter of Roddy and Mary Thomasson** and her two sons have tested positive for COVID.

Remember those who for various reasons are still at home and unable to come to worship services or who have asked to be remembered in our prayers: **Judy Dillard, Joe Keller, Freida Bass, Mary Ann Rabren, Roy & Audrey Wilson, Dorrell Thomasson, Billy Max & Mary Wilson, family of Layla Watson and Ruth Moore's family.**

Gregory Davenport has returned to Bahrain in the Persian Gulf to complete his Coast Guard assignment until April, 2022.

We believe that to subscribe to any creed other than the New Testament, to refuse to obey any New Testament command, or to follow any practice not sustained by the New Testament, would be adding to or taking away from the teachings of God (Galatians 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19). The New Testament reveals that God has vested "all authority" in Christ (Matthew 28:18), and that Christ serves as God's spokesman today (Hebrews 1:1-21).



When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...

I always hug them with my prayers.



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LEADERSHIP & STAFF

MINISTRY LEADERS

Benevolence: Roddy Thomasson (deacon), Jody Dillard
Care Groups: Monty Russell (deacon)

Education: Curtis Thomasson (elder)

Visitation & Evangelism: Roddy Thomasson (deacon)

Grounds & Seniors: Mac Bracewell (deacon)

Maintenance & Missions: Wes Thomasson (deacon)

Publicity: Clif Green (deacon)

Youth: Jed Blackwell (deacon)

Shepherds: Greg Bryant, Curtis Thomasson, Kyle Thomasson

Minister: Gary Davenport