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Ordination to the Office of Deacon

Brother Melvin Woodard

A high calling. Acts 6:1-7 says: "At that time, as the number of disciples increased, complaints arose...because their widows were being ignored in the daily rations. Then the twelve (Apostle) gathered all the disciples together and said, "It is not right for us to abandon the preaching of the word of God and serve at the table." Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, good reputation, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business...They set them (deacons) before the apostles, and they prayed and laid hands on them.

To define what it means to be a deacon, we need to look more closely at the Greek meaning of "deacon" in the New Testament. This word itself tells us that a deacon is a "servant", one who is willing to do whatever is necessary to advance the cause of Christ. A deacon represents a person who has given his life completely to Jesus Christ and His Church. He is an example of what a true believer should be. He is faithful to the Lord, church, pastor, and to the staff. He helps move the vision of the church forward toward the purpose in which our Lord established for the church. A deacon is one who stands by the pastor's side and is deter-

mined to protect the pastor's time so that the pastor can truly hear from God and be able to give the word to the people when he preaches.

The deacon must be serious, not double-tongued, and not obsessed with wine or profit. He must be a man of faith, and of good conscience.

One who is tested first, and if they are proven innocent then they should serve as deacons. May the deacons become husbands to one wife and let them manage their children and households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain good standing for themselves and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 1 Tim.3:8-13 (RSV)

A prayer for our Deacon: Almighty God, giver of all good things, in Your goodness You have been pleased to accept your servant Melvin Woodard into the office of a deacon in our church. Keep him we pray, humble and faithful in his calling. May he always have a good testimony of Your goodness. May Deacon Melvin Woodard "serve well" and may his serve bring glory to You. In Jesus name, Amen.



**Ordination Service
Deacon Melvin Woodard
January 21, 2024**
Photo by Jordan James

Fruits of the Spirit

You are welcome to join us for our first quarterly In-depth Bible study. We will be studying the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. The Fruit of the Spirit are in contrast to the sinful and harmful works of the flesh.

As we examine the qualities of the Fruit of the Spirit we will better understand how the Spirit of God produces these character traits in us.

This study will help us understand and develop these qualities in our life as we examine these characteristics in our daily walk with Him.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



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Galatians 5:22-23

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**Join us Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom 861 3553 3443/Passcode: 793704**

Coffee with the Father

Psalms 143:8 NLT - "Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you. Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you."

Folgers Coffee jingle says, "The best part of waking up is having Folgers in your cup".

This may not be the first thing you think about when you wake up, especially if you don't drink coffee, but many people will not think about starting their day without their early morning coffee. They expect their "first cup of the day" to wake them up and give them that pick-me-up that they need.

The main idea of "Coffee with the Father" is to spend time with Him, or are you one that grabs your cup of coffee and runs out the door?

It is so important to start your day with the Father and listen to His voice in those quiet moments each morning. When you spend the first part of your day praying,

meditating, praising and worshipping the Father, we gain inner strength that energizes our entire day.

After having coffee with the Father, you'll feel more prepared for whatever the day brings, and you'll end your day with less stress and frustration.

This was the custom with King David. Look at what he says: "Every morning, let me hear of your unfailing love, for I trust in you."

His first thought in the morning was of the Father. It was the Father who made it possible for him to lie down and rest, and it was the Father who made it possible for him to wake up to the possibilities and opportunities of a new day.

David's Morning Prayer isn't

simply "Good morning, Father." It was a check-in for the agenda for the day. Listen to the second half of the verse: "Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you."

Having coffee with the Father reveals in us a desire to be with the Father, the desire to receive His wisdom. This desire should awaken us and cause us to want to apply the Father's plan to today's agenda.

When you prioritize your time with the Father you will be blessed throughout your day.

Our Father is always inviting us into fellowship with Him. So enjoy your coffee with Him every day.

P.S. If you don't drink coffee, he probably won't mind if you bring Him your drink of choice.

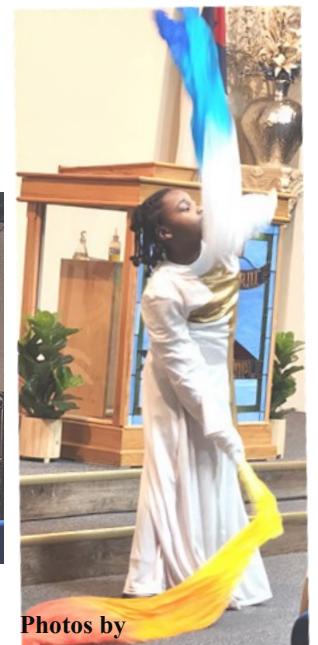


O God, thou art My God; early will I seek thee: My soul thirsteth for thee...Ps 63:1

D.O.T Youth Ministry

Become a Part of Our Youth Ministry

We believe in the next generation of Christ-followers and the people who lead them. We have a team of workers who care deeply about God's mission for our youth. As workers, we believe we're stronger together than we are alone. We are Christ-centered and Gospel-driven as we help our youth to be passionate about the Way, the Word, and the World.



Photos by
Minister Gladys Woodard

In the Spotlight

One of the most memorable moments in my life is baptizing my son “Mason Void” on this 3rd Sunday, October 15, 2023. A day before baptizing Mason, I explained to him what baptism meant and the purpose of being baptized. I told him that baptism declares that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a public confession of your faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. It is the next step after salvation through repentance

and faith and is an important foundation for Christian life. No greater joy as a Christ-follower dad than to baptize or to see your children being baptized in Christ. You know, I felt like I accomplished something when I taught my kids to tie their shoes and ride their bikes, but I felt like I accomplished something, even more, when I knew they were safely placed in the palm of God’s hands. Now, salvation is



Mason Void Baptism by his father Elder C. Void something only God can do. Only God can change a heart, but as a parent, I am called to lead my kids to Jesus. And, when they respond with their commitment to Christ, there is no greater joy! Katherine and I are proud of Mason making that commitment unto the Lord.

THE 411 on Baptism

Throughout the book of Acts, the apostles make frequent appeals for people to “Repent and be baptized.”

The Biblical principle behind baptism?

When you are baptized you are following the example of Christ in His death (Romans 6:3). Through the death of Jesus Christ, and the shedding of His blood, we were given the ability to be free from sin (Romans 6:4-7). Through the act of baptism you are symbolically following Jesus through the experience of death, without which there can be no resurrection

(Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21). Baptism is the place where your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16).

A person is fundamentally transformed in the waters of baptism. The outward and visible sign (water) testifies to an inward transformation (new- life).

In the act of baptism we identify ourselves with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we are immersed into the water it symbolizes that we are dying to our old self and as we come up out of the water we are raised in new life in Christ.

More on Water Baptism see the Church Brochure

Act of Obedience

Water Baptism is an act of obedience for the believer. It should be preceded by repentance, which simply means “change.” That change is the turning from our sin and selfishness to serve the Lord.

Acts 2:38, 41(NLT), "Peter replied, 'Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church--about three thousand in all."

THE 911 on Salvation

God's Purpose: God loves you and wants you to experience peace and eternal life—abundant and eternal. The Bible says, "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) "I [Jesus] came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

The Problem: Sin Separates Us. God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him. God gave us a will and freedom of choice. We choose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God. The Bible says: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) Our choice results in separation from God. People have tried in many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God...The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." (Proverbs 14:12) "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

God's Remedy: The Cross---Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5) "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God." (1 Peter 3:18) "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

God has provided the only way... Each person must make a choice...Our Response...Receive Christ. We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20) "But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12) "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Will you receive Jesus Christ right now? Here is how you can receive Christ:

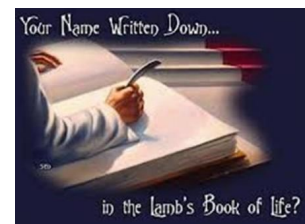
- Admit your need. (*I am a sinner.*)
- Be willing to turn from your sins (*repent*) and ask for God's forgiveness.
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.

Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (*Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior*)

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name, amen."



IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?



Revelation 20:15

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.