

The Believer's Indispensable Routine

By Daniel Mark

Routines define and characterize our lives as we repeat the same patterns of existence right up to the final exit. Life is like the rest of the universe in this regard as it revisits actions and activities, ad infinitum. The believer or Christ-follower falls into the same groove but with an all-important distinctive: cross-carrying discipleship.

Our Lord explicitly laid down the warp and woof, the be-all and end-all of actual Christian living. In Matthew 16:24 we read that Jesus commands and challenges the disciple that to follow Him entails taking up one's cross and denying oneself in imitation of our Lord—daily!

For starters, the cross believers bear isn't an ornament worn on the body nor is it any of life's harsh circumstances incurred by reason of living in a sin-sick and fallen world. The bearing of the cross is a blessed experience unique to authentic followers of the Son of God. The unbeliever isn't required to carry the cross until he crosses over into the realm of faith and commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

What is the cross? It is at once a symbol of death and of the glorious life that ensues upon trusting Christ. Just as with death on the cross and the resurrection that followed, we Christians only truly live in Christ when we, by God's amazing grace, daily bear our crosses. Romans 6 is probably the best picture of what bearing the cross and dying to our threefold enemy of the world, the self and the devil means. Self-denial followed by obedience is enabled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Christian living is exclusively about carrying the
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Annual Egg Hunt!



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cross throughout our earthly sojourn because it’s the only means to transform us into the very likeness and image of the Son of God known by God, the Father.

In 2 Timothy 3:12 the Apostle Paul reminds us of the responsibility of living after the manner of Christ. He said all who would imitate Christ will be persecuted, an example of bearing the cross in self-denial and obedience. We will be treated with contempt, rejection and insults because our Lord was the object of abuse and hostility. There’s no escaping the consequences of obedient living for the believer and the carrying of the cross embodies that.

Important Prayer Chain Reminder

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our faithful prayer warriors, please remember to email it to prayer@windsorchapel.org. Clicking on “Reply” to a previous prayer request may delay your prayer request, since wcpayerchain@windsorchapel.org is mainly used for sending out prayer requests and not monitored for new requests. If you would like to join the prayer chain ministry and receive prayer requests, please note your interest on the enclosed chapel card or send an email to chapel@windsorchapel.org. We thank you for the privilege of praying for you and your loved ones.

May I stress the need for courageous, intelligent, and dedicated leadership... Leaders of sound integrity. Leaders not in love with publicity, but in love with justice. Leaders not in love with money, but in love with humanity. Leaders who can subject their particular egos to the greatness of the cause.
 Martin Luther King, Jr.



Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

Allison Warner	May 10
William MacQueen	May 12
Rosadella Trahey	May 23
Jean LaRosa	May 29

Financial Update

(Through March 31, 2025)

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want...”

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$30,747	\$36,000
Expense	\$27,813	\$36,000



On Sunday, May 11, we joyfully celebrate Mother’s Day—a special opportunity to honor and cherish the remarkable women who have given us life, cared for us, and loved us as their own. We lift our hearts in gratitude and prayer, asking the Lord to bless these treasured women who have nurtured, guided, and faithfully prayed for us. Their love is a beautiful reflection of God’s tender, steadfast care. To all mothers and mother figures—thank you. Your lives are a gift, and your love and deep faith leaves a lasting legacy of grace.

Elders' Corner

By Tom Taylor

My dear brothers and sisters, I hope this finds you looking forward to the warmer weather, the beauty of springtime and the expectation of new growth. Of course, as a gardener, I am. These are all good gifts from our Father above. James tells us every good and perfect gift comes to us from our Father (James 1:17).

This month comes with another exciting gift that we as a people having been praying for, searching for, and waiting for, a new pastor to lead us on as a local church. Sunday, May 4, Pastor Jame, his wife Ansu and daughters Joanna and Joelle, will be with us. It will be a great opportunity to welcome them, hear Pastor Jame preach, and get to sense their hearts for God and this area. We will have a time for sharing and asking questions, following lunch and fellowship together.

As with all new growth and new life, changes come. May we be open and excited to see how God moves and brings His kingdom to come and His will among us. May I ask us all to be seeking the Lord on how He wants us to follow Him in these days. Our God is on the move. Let's be available to Him, expecting Him to use us for His glory.

Know we love you. Please let us know what you need.

I Love this: *"You can't live like Jesus unless you think like Jesus."* (George Barna)



Meet Pastor Jame John

Sunday, May 4

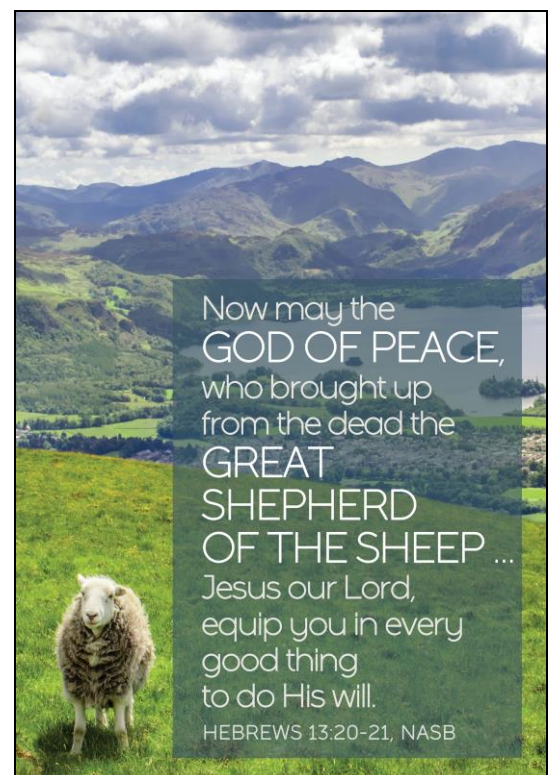
Pastor Jame and his family will visit Windsor Chapel. Pastor Jame will preach during the worship service. At 11 AM, there will be a congregational meeting with Pastor Jame, followed by a church lunch with Pastor Jame and his family.

Sunday, May 18

There will be a congregational meeting at 11 AM to allow for further discussion as we collectively consider whether God would have Windsor Chapel call Pastor Jame to be our next pastor.

Sunday, June 1

There will be a special congregational meeting at 11 AM for the congregation to vote on whether to call Pastor Jame as Windsor Chapel's senior pastor.



Further Up and Further In

*Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in
and among us*



By Cindy Bills

The Wings of Eagles

Spring is—finally—here. We toss aside our jackets, put away our sweaters and head out to enjoy the sunshine. Like most people, I love to see the grass become green again, flowers bloom, and trees come back to life. But what I most enjoy about spring is the return of migrating birds and the resurgence of activity at our feeders and bird houses.

As I watch the birds do their spring thing, I often admire their ability to fly. I think how lucky they are that the Lord gave them the ability to fly, and I wish the Lord had created us humans with wings.... But as I have thought about this, I have come to recognize that the gift of flight comes with a stiff price: flight is hard work, and in order to facilitate flight, the body of birds is light and quite frail.

While gliding on air currents requires little energy, take-off and wing-flapping are high calorie endeavors. While there is a great variation in energy expenditure among different species of birds and in different activities involved in flight, estimates for general flight can be as high as 10,000 calories/day. Along with flight comes the need for a continual search for food and rest. Flight also involves risk. Hollow bones and light bodies make flight possible but also make broken wings and crushed bodies a common occurrence.

It seems to me that the ability of birds to fly presents a wonderful parable for us as some of God's wingless creatures. Whatever gifts and abilities the Lord has given us requires continual, focused, and prolonged effort on our

part if we are to use those gifts and abilities as He intends and to experience His deep and genuine joy in doing so. There is risk involved as well: our sin-sick bodies are arguably as frail as those of birds. But most of all, it requires trust and dependence on the Lord for His protection as He guards and guides us with His staff. But it is worth it beyond measure!

Please consider with me Isaiah's proclamation about spiritual flight:

*Yet those who wait for the LORD
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.*

In his Gospel, John records these words of Jesus: *I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.* C.S. Lewis observed that contrary to what we might think, the Lord finds our desires not too strong but too weak. May we learn to depend upon Him more and more as we deeply desire and energetically pursue the spiritual flight that He would have for us.

*Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557) or
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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

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