

October 30, 2016

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

This is the day the Lord has made!

Next Sunday, "We Care" non-perishable food collection

Operation Christmas Child Boxes must be returned by Sun. November 13

Annual Business Meeting, today right after refreshments.

****FYI: Clocks go back one hour next Saturday, November 5****

Wednesday Prayer, Fellowship, and Bible Study, Wed. Nov. 2, @7:00 PM

"New Gathering Time" for praise, worship, prayer, testimonies, and fellowship. Once a month on Communion Sundays, Next Gathering, Sunday, November 6, @ 6:00-7:00 PM.

Annual ROCC Christmas Banquet, Friday, November 25, 7:00 PM, Full Course Meal, Special Music Guests, (Tickets only \$25.00, on sale today).

*****Special Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24, 6 pm. No Sunday morning service on Dec. 25, suspended to spend time with family on Christmas Day*****

JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

Nursery is supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

In our text for this morning (Mark 1: 14-45) Jesus appears publicly and he immediately begins to talk about the Kingdom of God and its **ultimate authority**. We can't forget that he is declaring these things in Roman occupied Judea; Rome being the most mighty political entity of the day, and Judaism being the strongest religious system of the time. Both, in different ways believed their authority to be absolute and final. And of course Jesus has just gone toe to toe with the fallen creature named Satan in the wilderness temptation. Satan, being designated as the "god of this age" and "prince of this world" also considered himself as a final authority on earth. Nothing else could explain the nerve, boldness, and types of temptation that he displayed and offered when he confronted the Son of the living God in the desert. **Thanks be to God that Salvation includes the restoration of Divine Authority.** So as we read the Gospels we see, through Christ's authority that the Kingdom of God is clearly here. His miracles are a clear display of that very authority and are a testimony of things to come. His authority will judge everything at his coming.

Many people have challenges with the very concept of authority. Authority is often considered an old-fashioned, outdated idea today. But authority is essential to existence and social stability. Even a sports event would be chaotic without the authority of the referees. Our streets would be much more dangerous without the order and authority of government. The universe was created through God's authority and Christ's work opened the way for "...*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven...*" Jesus said at his departure "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*" Maranatha!

CARPET CAMPAIGNE

Together with God's help we can accomplish this goal without incurring debt. If you have not received a pledge card yet, you can obtain one on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Goal: To replace worn out carpet in God's House

Needed: \$30,000.00

Progress Report: **Pledged:** \$15,282.00 **Money Received:** \$14,080.00