

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 Risen Lord has made!

Pastor Mills will be sharing from the Scriptures today.

<u>"Accountability=Faithfulness"</u>

<u>Please continue to pray for the Summer Children's Camp. The third of eight busy weeks is finished and we are thankful to God for His blessings. This coming week has 48 campers registered.</u>

Sunday Youth Classes in the Foyer Room. July 23, 30; August 13, 20, 27.

Youth barbeque @Yamoah's, Sunday, July 23, 6 PM. (TODAY)

Music Club-Thursdays @ 4PM (see Pastor Marco)

Basketball Club-Thursdays @ 5 PM. @ ROCC

Youth @ KSM Gym: Saturdays, at 12 PM: July 29 & August 12, 26.

\*Congrats to Clyde and Marion Williamson on their 50th Wedding Ann.\*

## 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.



## "Accountability=Faithfulness"

"I have <u>chosen the way of faithfulness;</u> I have set my heart on your laws." (Psalm 119: 30, NIV)

It has been said: "A person accountable only to God is out of control."

At first glance one might think that the above statement can't be true. After-all, should we not first and foremost be accountable to God? The general answer to that question would be yes, but the more you think about it, the above quote is absolutely correct. God has not ordained any of us as islands of self-knowledge, interpretation, application, etc. The Bible is replete with language and examples of connectivity and accountability to each other. The idea that I and God alone is enough, is false and not Biblical. The word "we", as you know is plural! We are His Body together; one with many parts, joined and accountable to each other. We believers are very much like the Natural Eco-system that God created. This system is wonderfully linked and all of it is accountable to every other part. The me and God mentality is often a cleverly disguised form of Humanism called Individualism. It is a philosophy that has no place in the Body of Christ because we are divinely linked by the Blood of Christ, the Word, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Accountability is a high ranking quality in our pursuit of godly faithfulness. My message this morning is about personal faithfulness and how accountability is absolutely foundational to that attribute.

"Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, <u>he remains faithful</u>, for he cannot <u>disown himself.</u>" (2 Timothy 2: 11-13)

What would be the prioritized order for our accountability? Who should be first on the list? We will attempt to answer those questions with today's message.