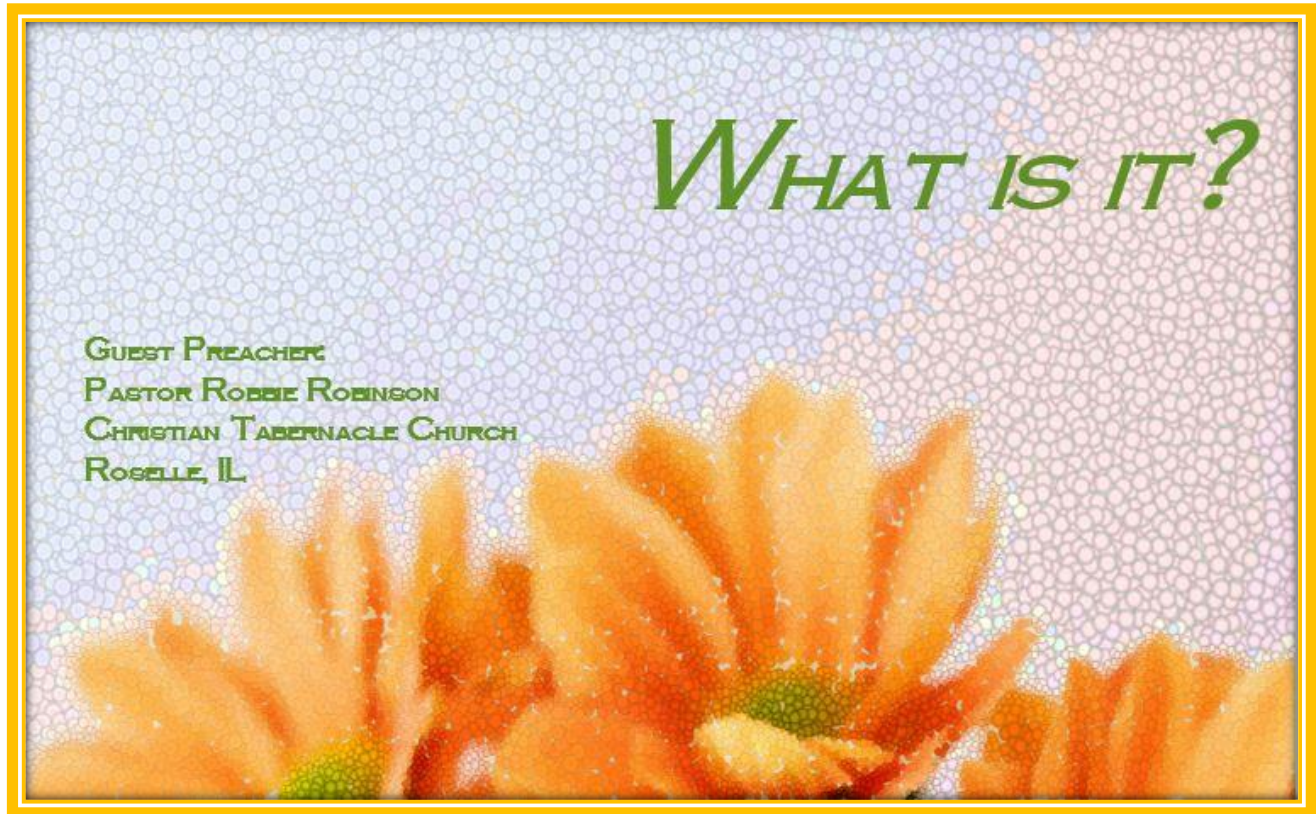


# *"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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April 18, 2021



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## "An Empowered Laity"

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ! Another glorious day has been given to us and we shall rejoice and be glad in it. In the book, The Lay Driven Church: How to Empower the People in Your Church to Share the Tasks of Ministry, the author challenges misguided yet traditional thoughts about who should actually drive the ministry within a church. In a revolutionary way, Melvin J. Steinbron argues that the laity, the people of God, is to be the 'main' doer of ministry in a church and not the pastor. He is not saying that there is no need for a pastor, but what he is saying is that the pastor and paid staff are to empower, teach, train, and deploy the laity to engage in ministry.

Imagine for a minute what Wesley Church would look like if every baptized believer were involved in some ministry? Imagine for a minute how different our church campus and surrounding community would look if every baptized believer were involved in ministry? Our church would be abuzz with all kinds of ministry activity. Every generation's needs would be met. The children, youth, young adults, adults, baby boomers, and the seasoned saints would all have thriving ministries to join and be a part of. There would not be one unmet need within our church and community if every baptized believer were involved in ministry. God's work is so important that it cannot be done by the typical 20 percent of the congregation who do 80 percent of the work. Much of God's work is left undone because there are simply not enough people willing to commit to ministry. We all have to begin to believe that every baptized believer is a minister. Once we realize that then we will be on our way to fulfilling our mission of making disciples of Jesus the Christ. It takes teamwork to make our dream work.

Come here Nehemiah. In the story of Nehemiah inspiring the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls, it would not have happened without the people saying, "Let us rise up and build." It would not have happened if the people didn't possess "a mind to work." Come here Moses. Moses could not have become the legendary lawgiver and liberator of Israel if the people refused to participate. God's work cannot get accomplished without the full and committed participation from God's people.

Today, won't you commit to get involved in one of the ministries at Wesley? We not only need every member to be involved in ministry, but we also need every member to display awesome commitment. The Bible supports the argument that the saints are to be equipped for ministry: <sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (**Ephesians 4:11-13**).

It takes all of the people of God to do all of the work of God. Have a blessed week!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.  
[www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org)

**SPIRITUAL THEME FOR APRIL: "New Life"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**COLOR: WHITE or GOLD**

**Scripture for the month:** <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26 (NKJV)

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Scripture**

Exodus 16:1-4, 13-15

see video, or page 4

**Psalms of Praise**

Psalms 4

see video, or page 5

**Announcements**

**Offering**

Native American Ministries Sunday

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Today's Message**

*"What Is It?"*

Pastor Robbie Robinson  
Pastor, Christian Tabernacle Church  
Roselle, IL

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Benediction**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Worship Video (04/11/21)	49 (views)
Worship Conference Call "	27 (callers)
Sunday School "	14 (callers)
Prayer Group	6 (callers)
Bible Study (AM only)	11 (viewers/callers)
United Methodist Men	8 (viewers/callers)
United Methodist Women	17 (viewers/callers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132</b>

## Morning Scripture

### ***Exodus 16:1-4, 13-15 (NKJV)***

<sup>1</sup> And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> ***Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.***

<sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup> ***Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.***

<sup>13</sup> So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp.

<sup>14</sup> ***And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.***

<sup>15</sup> So when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

***And Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.***

# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalm 4*

***(R) There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.***

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
***You have given me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.***

<sup>2</sup> How long, O people,  
shall my honor suffer shame?  
***How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?***

<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the righteous as God's own;  
***The LORD hears when I call.***

***(R) There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.***

<sup>4</sup> Be angry, but do not sin;  
***commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.***

<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,  
***and put your trust in the LORD.***

<sup>6</sup> There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"  
***Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!"***

<sup>7</sup> You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> ***In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.***

***(R) There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.***

## **PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: **[www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org)** and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **Do you have the GivePlus+ app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco's **GivePlus+** app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for **Apple**, or **Google**) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply send a text to our **DEDICATED** text number, **1-833-595-0705**, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.
- **Native American Ministries Sunday** Today is Native American Ministries Sunday. Since 1988, the UMC has been celebrating Native American individuals and congregations in the United Methodist community. On this day, we honor the unique and beautiful contributions of Native Americans by giving generously to a special fund set aside for seminary students and for congregations that are finding authentic ways to minister to their communities. Please give generously.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Information** Wesley UMC has registered as part of the **Protect Chicago Plus** team, focusing on getting the word out about vaccine events in the area. Be sure to watch your email for updates on vaccination events in and around the areas closest to the church. Of course, should we receive verified information of other events elsewhere, we will share it.

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Denise Richardson	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Skylar Wilson	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
Charles Curtis	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Letha Cunningham	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Gloria Banks	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ebun Agbaje-Williams	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Kaylen Lomax	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jasmine Kidd	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Alice Lovely	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Regina Julun	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Dwight McCombs	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick Woolery	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Monique Howard	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Braila West	April 30 <sup>th</sup>

***Be sure to wish our members with April birthdays 'Happy Birthday!'***

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!**

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<u><b>SHUT-IN</b></u>		
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)	
*Lucile Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)	
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)	
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)	
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)	
*Fred Williams (20)		

<u><b>GENERAL</b></u>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Nannie Agnew	Katherine Thompson
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	David Williams
*Gloria Banks (20)	Annie Lois Robinson	Owen McPherson
*Doris Echols (16)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	Gregory McPherson
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	James Taylor
*Diamond Jones (12)	Carolyn Ransom	James Curtis
*Trinity Jones (12)	Sylvia Nichols	The Baker Family
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Milton Kellum	Anna Young
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Rosie Howard	Dorothy Williams
*Mark Garrett and Family (5)	Natesha Smith	Lois Tucker
*The Plaxico Family (17)	James Sanders	Katherine Evans
*Denise Richardson (20)	Joanna Lennhardt	Carl Frazier
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	Martha Muhs	Robert A. Watkins
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Muriel Bolden	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Gregory Simms	Michael Miller
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Norbert Sanders	Angel Acosta
*The Moss Family (13)	Brittany Porter	Sharon Cruikshank
*Charles & B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller	Vinelle Myrie
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Ashley Parks	Alexandria Ward
*Ena Davis (1)	Kathy Jenkins	Davion McNeal
*Doris Thompson (19)	Rebecca Merkson	Willie Moore
*Helen York and Family (5)	John Anderson	Peaches Clark
*Dawn Funches-Fox and Family (10)	Jerry Simmons	Larry Clark
*Chester Plaxico (17)	Rochelle Johnson	Justin York
*Barbara and John Sanders & Family (3)	The Ford & Robinson Families	Russell York
*The Porter Family (5)	Mila Kuntu	Percy & Essie Hayes
*The Family of Lucious Smith (12)	Ron Birton	Mildred Forest
*The Family of Heustis Williams (1)	Aiden Combs	Takia Yearby
*The Family of Sandra Lewis (16)	Rashaud Thompson	The Anderson Family
*Daphne Hicks and Family (10)	Leslie Carey Kirk	The Marshall Family
*Laniya Bradley & Family (7)	Douglas Hargray	The Weddington Family
	Robert Leach	James Williams
	Cheryl Mitchell	Juanita Weatherspoon
	Mwata Bowden	Rev. Gessel Berry, Jr.
		Robert Leach

Please remember to update the church office with needed changes to the prayer list!



Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings **or on ZOOM**.

# APRIL 2021

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>1 Maundy Thursday</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>2 Good Friday</b>	<b>3 Holy Saturday</b> UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----
<b>4 EASTER Sunday</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>8</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> UMW Meeting (via Zoom) 10 am -----
<b>11</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Church Council Mtg</b> 7 pm (via Zoom) -----	<b>14</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>15</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Native American Ministries Sunday</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>22</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Board of Trustees Mtg 9 am (via Zoom) -----
<b>25</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	<b>29</b> Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> UMM Meeting (via Zoom) 9 am -----



# SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

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## The Need for COVID-19 Vaccinations in the Black Community

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to increase, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) remarks that the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted communities of color.

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. It has been proven through science that the COVID-19 vaccination is integral in helping us reconnect in-person with our friends and families and start doing some things we had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

**Here are a few ways you can help in the fight against COVID-19:**



### As more vaccination are coming out:

- Get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines.
- Share accurate vaccine information.
- Participate in clinical trials.
- Get vaccinated when the time comes.
- Volunteer at your local testing site.



### Take these extra steps to protect yourself and others around you before and after you get vaccinated.

- Wear a mask to protect yourself and others and stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others who don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds. The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19.

For more information on how the COVID-19 vaccine and minority health, visit [www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/edu-training/nmhnm/](http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/edu-training/nmhnm/)



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# **Social Commentary**

## **Robin Kelly, Elected to Congress to Fight Gun Violence, Must Be Feeling Awfully Frustrated**

by Laura Washington



U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly, a Democrat, must be frustrated. On the steam of her passion for gun control, Kelly was elected in 2013 to serve Illinois' 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, which stretches from Chicago's South Side to Kankakee. Yet the poisonous threads of gun violence continue to be embedded in the fabric of American life. "I am devastated" by "each and every family" that has lost someone to gun violence, Kelly said gamely on Thursday, speaking at a virtual meeting of the City Club of Chicago, "and I am committed to advocating for policies and legislation that will help save lives and end this terrible epidemic."

The epidemic is raging. Chicago is reeling from two horrific incidents involving guns. On March 29, police shot Adam Toledo, 13, in Little Village. He allegedly had a gun. Then on Tuesday, 21-month-old Kayden Swann was shot in the head in an apparent road rage incident on Lake Shore Drive. He is on life support at a Chicago hospital. Every weekend, multiple murders and dozens of shootings torment our city. As Kelly spoke on Thursday afternoon, President Joe Biden was appearing in the White House Rose Garden to announce plans for executive actions to restrict gun access.

Kelly applauded Biden for the steps "that he can take without legislation. Since we have such a hard time in getting things passed." Kelly recently introduced the Prevent Gun Trafficking Act, a federal law that would prohibit the straw purchase of firearms. Such legislation might attract bipartisan support in the House, but it faces dimmer prospects in the Senate. Meanwhile, violence is reaching into the highest levels of our democracy. On Jan. 6, Kelly was in the House gallery as legislators were voting to certify the results of the November presidential election. As a mob of insurrectionists surged into the Capitol, Kelly and her colleagues were told to put on gas masks.

"I was," she recalled, "on my hands and knees on the floor behind the wall that protects us from falling onto the House floor." Kelly, who was recently elected the new chair of the Illinois Democratic Party, said she works hard to reach out to Republicans to build support for gun control and other legislative measures. Yet Jan. 6 epitomizes why bipartisanship is so imperiled by our toxic politics. "We know that some of our (Republican House) colleagues were involved in that. They were giving speeches to the people that later, you know, came into the Capitol carrying the Confederate flag," Kelly continued. "We

saw who did not vote for President Biden's, you know, election to be certified. It's very difficult to work with people like that that. That are just being negative to be negative."

## Little Known Black History Fact

### Ruth Simmons



**Ruth Simmons** has achieved a series of historic firsts. At a point in life where most are retired or soon will be, the longtime educator and academic is still going. Simmons is currently the eighth president of Prairie View A&M University, coming out of retirement to become the first woman to lead the institution.

Simmons was born July 3, 1945 in Grapeland, Texas as the youngest of 12 siblings. Her parents were sharecroppers who relocated to Houston. She entered and graduated from Dillard University in 1967, then earned a master's and Ph. D in Romantic Literature from Harvard University in 1970 and 1973 respectively.

A series of academic positions with schools such as the University of New Orleans, California State University-Northside, University of Southern California, and Princeton University followed. She also served as provost of Spelman College.

In 1995, Simmons marked her first big achievement by becoming president of Smith College making her the first Black woman to lead a major college or university. She then joined Brown University in 2001, becoming the first Black president of an Ivy League institution and brought sweeping changes to the school.

At the urging of her brother Clarence, a former student and athlete at Prairie View, Simmons took on an interim presidential position with the school and decided to stay. Part of her reasoning is that many Prairie View students are poor and lack proper guidance and an example such as herself. Further, the school has issues graduating students due to the financial woes of the student body which Simmons hopes to address and correct.

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## **SAVE these Conference Call Numbers**

**Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service**

1.425.436.6348

**Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call**

Code: 672500#

**Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:**

1.312.626.6799

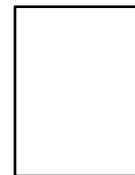
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**Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:**

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Code: 260259#



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## **Homebound Seniors and People with Disabilities**

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***Call: 312-746-4835***



## **2021 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)**

**Week of April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **April 18**

Joshua 16:1-18:28

Luke 19:1-27

Psalms 87:1-7

Proverbs 13:11

### **April 19**

Joshua 19:1-20:9

Luke 19:28-48

Psalms 88:1-18

Proverbs 13:12-14

### **April 20**

Joshua 21:1-22:20

Luke 20:1-26

Psalms 89:1-13

Proverbs 13:15-16

## **2021:**

## ***“The Year of Restoration”***

(1 Peter 5:10)

### **April 24**

Judges 2:10-3:31

Luke 22:14-34

Psalms 92:1-93:5

Proverbs 14:1-2

### **April 21**

Joshua 22:21-23:16

Luke 20:27-47

Psalms 89:14-37

Proverbs 13:17-19

### **April 22**

Joshua 24:1-33

Luke 21:1-28

Psalms 89:38-52

Proverbs 13:20-23

### **April 23**

Judges 1:1-2:9

Luke 21:29-22:13

Psalms 90:1-91:16

Proverbs 13:24-25