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Friday Khuthba

Community News & Events

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Dr. Haseeb Nawaz

The name for Allah is the same in all three major religions based on the languages of the time: Judaism/Hebrew ("elohim"), Christianity/Aramaic ("alaha"), and Islam/Arabic ("Allah"). The meaning of all these words is God, with the emphasis on being one God.

- Once when Prophet Eissa (as) was walking down a narrow street he came across the carcass of a dead dog. The other people in town walked around the dead dog, but not Jesus or Eissa (as). When he came across the carcass of this dead dog, which had developed a rotting stench, he sat down and looked at the dead dog's teeth and praised them, as he had been created by Allah (swt).
- Allah (swt) has 99 names, which are His attributes. These names include Ghaffar and Ghafoor, which mean forgiver and constant forgiver. Remember these attributes because they represent what Allah (swt) has decided for his creation – i.e., Islam is a religion of peace and we must respect all of Allah's (swt) creation.

Please . . .

- Pay your membership dues for 2016.
- Set your cell phone on silent when you come for Jummah.
- Do not leave shoes on the floor where people can trip on them.
- You are responsible for your children in the masjid.

February 12, 2016

Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

Shaytan tempts mankind in order to misguide him into believing that the things that are wrong are actually the things that are right. He shows you one side of the picture and makes you question the purpose of life and religion.

- Shaytan suggests false thoughts that ask how we even know if there is a Hereafter or if there is a God. He encourages us to "enjoy" life now and live for the moment.
- Allah (swt) has told us about both the rewards and punishments in the world and in the Hereafter – i.e., heaven and hell. We will be rewarded for our good deeds and may be punished for our sins.

1. **Obituary.** The stepfather of **Dr. Aziz Khan** (father-in-law of **Sr. Tarfa Khan**), **Br. Javed Yousaf**, passed away. May Allah (swt) grant him *jannah*. Also, Dr. Khan's mother is not well, please make Du'a for her.
2. **Du'a.** Also make Du'a for **Br. Mohammad Hameed** who is recovering from hand surgery. Br. Hameed fell a few months ago and has had surgeries.
3. **Du'a. Br. Hanief** is not well and has been admitted to Memorial Medical Center. Please pray for his quick recovery and visit him.
4. **Youth Club. Sr. Umbreen Jabbar** said the ISOGS will be starting a new Muslim Junior Youth Club for children ages 6 to 12 years, Insha'Allah. It will have monthly meetings comprised of 2 parts:
 - Discussion/spiritual circle – 15 to 20 minutes. Discuss topics such as good Muslim character, science in the Quran, and stories of Prophets.
 - Projects, games, and fun activities – 40 minutes to an hour. Learn new skills and how to have fun while working together.

The first meeting will be Friday, March 11, from 6:15 p.m. to Isha (8:00p). There will be registration, a club name will be decided, and t-shirts will be ordered for all club members. This Muslim Junior Youth Club will part take in various community activities, including an interfaith youth club where it will meet with Jewish and Christian children. Club members will visit a synagogue and church, and host young guests in our masjid, Insha'Allah.

5. **Workshop.** The workshop for the Department of Revenue will be on March 4.
6. **Muslim Action Day.** This year's Muslim Action Day will be held on April 19, 2016 (Tuesday). This event was envisioned by our community in 2001 and implemented by the CIOGS in 2009. **Sr. Nia Hassan** was given the first "Inspiring Muslim Women's Award" by the Muslim Women's Alliance of Chicago. Please contact her if you would like to participate in the Muslim Action Day.

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February 19, 2016
 Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

One of the best things that we can do is to spread peace, which is the essence of Islam. Islam is inclusive and discourages people to have self-pride or self-obsession, or be a “me” person. Avoid things to promote yourself and don’t say things like “*I did this and that.*”

- A deed that is even better than prayer, charity, and fasting, is feeding the hungry and spreading peace among humanity.
- Give to charity and don’t be miserly.
- Do not think that the 2.5% of charity that we give is money lost; that money will be waiting for us when the Hour comes.
- Do not spend all your time in worship. Moderation is what Allah (swt) has called for, as Islam is moderation and not extremism.
- Do not talk too much. The Prophet (saw) was a man of few words that were filled with wisdom.
- *Salaat* should be something that we look forward to, rather be a burden.

PRAYER TIMINGS						
March	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	5:17	6:30	12:11	3:22	5:52	7:06
2	5:15	6:29	12:11	3:22	5:53	7:07
3	5:14	6:27	12:11	3:23	5:54	7:08
4	5:12	6:26	12:11	3:24	5:55	7:09
5	5:11	6:24	12:10	3:24	5:56	7:10
6	5:09	6:23	12:10	3:25	5:57	7:11
7	5:07	6:21	12:10	3:26	5:58	7:12
8	5:06	6:20	12:10	3:26	5:59	7:14
9	5:04	6:18	12:09	3:27	6:00	7:15
10	5:03	6:17	12:09	3:28	6:01	7:16
11	5:01	6:15	12:09	3:28	6:02	7:17
12	4:59	6:14	12:09	3:29	6:03	7:18
13	5:58	7:12	1:08	4:29	7:05	8:19
14	5:56	7:10	1:08	4:30	7:06	8:20
15	5:55	7:09	1:08	4:30	7:07	8:21
16	5:55	7:09	1:08	4:30	7:07	8:21
17	5:53	7:07	1:08	4:31	7:08	8:22
18	5:50	7:04	1:07	4:32	7:10	8:24
19	5:48	7:02	1:07	4:32	7:11	8:25
20	5:46	7:01	1:06	4:33	7:12	8:27
21	5:44	6:59	1:06	4:33	7:13	8:28
22	5:43	6:57	1:06	4:34	7:14	8:29
23	5:41	6:56	1:05	4:34	7:15	8:30
24	5:39	6:54	1:05	4:35	7:16	8:31
25	5:38	6:53	1:05	4:35	7:17	8:32
26	5:36	6:51	1:05	4:36	7:18	8:33
27	5:34	6:49	1:04	4:36	7:19	8:34
28	5:32	6:48	1:04	4:36	7:20	8:36
29	5:31	6:46	1:04	4:37	7:21	8:37
30	5:29	6:45	1:03	4:37	7:22	8:38
31	5:29	6:45	1:03	4:37	7:22	8:38

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7. **Groceries.** You can get fresh halal meat from Gridley’s Meats. They will deliver every two weeks if your order is at least \$75. The meat is from organically raised animals. To order, contact Gridley’s Meats at (309) 747-2120.
8. **Banking.** Br. Rehan Saeed provided the following website which explains Islamic Banking: www.edx.org.
9. **Homeless.** The Homeless shelter needs more help from individuals to donate food and supplies due to a lack of funding by the State.
10. **Khuthbas.** Some of the khuthbas that were given at our masjid have made the following points:
 - The most important thing is to be a good person. Don’t criticize others; treat them with respect.
 - The small good things that we do regularly are worth more than the large good things that we do once in a while.
 - Every night before going to sleep forgive others to earn big rewards, such as *jannah* for yourself.
 - Avoid judging others or saying negative things about them as judging is only for Allah (swt).
 - Keep the secrets of others and don’t gossip if you want Allah (swt) to keep your secrets from others.
 - When you come to masjid on *jummah* and hear the *adhan*, you are in khuthba and should remain silent until the end of *jummah* prayer.
 - Be tolerant of others and forgive others so that you may be forgiven.
 - When in *sajda*, do not let your elbows touch the ground.
 - Everything that you have is from Allah (swt) so share some of it with others.
 - Whatever you donate in Allah’s name will be waiting for you in the Hereafter.



Brs. Arshad, Fawaad, Ahmer, Haseeb, Munib, Owais, Mujeeb, and Osman enjoying Super Bowl 50 won by the Denver Broncos.