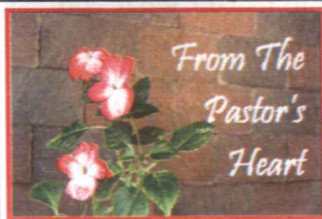


# Faith Talk

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## Grandma's Pet Duck

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile, only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." The she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing. Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's alright because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY AND EVERY DAY THERE AFTER:

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done — and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, etc.) — whatever it is, you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you. The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets also. It is by God's Grace and Mercy that we are saved.

Go ahead and make the difference in someone's life today. Share this with a friend. And always remember God is at the window!

**Hebrews 4:14-16** - 14 Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted just as we *are*, yet without sin.

16 Therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

-In the Wonderful Name of Jesus, Pastor Bob and Susan Tilton

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## Youth Talk “Forgiveness”

Forgiveness... what a jewel! What an amazing thought... to be TOTALLY forgiven. No matter what you have done, no matter how many commandments you've broken, no matter how long you were in sin, God has provided a way for forgiveness.

I have heard from so many lips many times in my life these words: "I forgive them, but I won't EVER forget it!" We try and condone this behavior with saying that we will be on guard so that they won't hurt us in the future, or saying that we can't let people run over us because God wouldn't allow it. With this attitude we are actually saying, "God, I don't believe that You can change anyone..." With this attitude how can we function in our faith?

Folks, we are to be like Jesus. Forgiveness isn't a feeling. It's a choice. Forgiven means: "Stop feeling angry or resentful toward someone for an offense, flaw, or mistake." If we are saying to ourselves that we won't forget their behavior or sin, then we are saying we are holding it against them. This is resentful. One's life...

God doesn't remember our sins. Isaiah 43:25 says, "I, I *am* He who blots out your sins for My own sake, and will not remember your sins." and again in Psalms 103:12 it says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." It is for our 'own sake' that we are to forgive AND to forget the sins committed against us.

So many times our Youth are tortured by the constant reminder of their past. They are reminded by their friends, by their teachers, and yes, by their parents. It is a pressure that no individual should have to recover from.

I would like to encourage everyone to stop and think about our desire to be more like Jesus. One of Jesus' attributes was to forgive and remember no more. Can we really do this? I am living proof that it can be done. When I look at those who have wronged me in the past I can actually say I don't even think about the past... they are forgiven. I can honestly say that forgiveness is a jewel worth keeping around. It is very precious to us and is precious to those around us.

Matthew 6:14-15 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Everything always goes back to LOVE.

Romans 5:8 "But God commends His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."  
Romans 13:8 "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves another has fulfilled the Law."

1 John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God."

John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him."

-Michele Dotter



## Recipe of the Month

### Best Ever Cookies

#### Cookie

1 cup - [Land O Lakes® Butter](#), softened  
1 cup - Sugar  
1 [Land O Lakes® All-Natural Egg](#)  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder

#### Frosting

3 cups powdered sugar  
1/3 cup [Land O Lakes® Butter](#), softened  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 to 2 tablespoons milk  
Food color, if desired

#### Directions:

Combine 1 cup softened butter, sugar and egg in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Add orange juice and 1 tablespoon vanilla. Continue beating, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Add flour and baking powder; beat at low speed until well mixed.

Divide dough into thirds. Shape each third into a ball; flatten slightly. Wrap each in plastic food wrap; refrigerate 2 to 3 hours or until firm.

Heat oven to 400°F. Roll out dough, one-third at a time, on lightly floured surface (keeping remaining dough refrigerated), to 1/8- to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with 3-inch cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart onto ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake 6-10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Let stand 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to cooling rack. Cool completely.

Combine powdered sugar, 1/3 cup butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla in small bowl. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often and gradually adding enough milk for desired spreading consistency. Tint with food color, if desired. Frost and decorate cooled cookies as desired.

#### Variation:

*Best Ever Butter Cookies with Glaze:* Prepare cookies as directed above omitting frosting. To prepare glaze, stir together 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons water, 1 tablespoon Land O Lakes® Butter, softened, 1 tablespoon light corn syrup and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla or almond extract in medium bowl until smooth, adding additional water, if necessary, to reach desired glazing consistency. Tint with food color, if desired. Glaze cooled cookies. Decorate as desired. Let stand 6 hours or overnight until glaze is hardened.



## Chillie's Corner

### "The Bear"



One day a man was walking along in a forest. All of a sudden a gigantic bear came running out from the trees. The man became scared and started running. He looked back only to see the bear gaining on him. He summoned all of his strength and ran even faster.

As he looked back only to see the bear was gaining on him, he tripped over a stone and went falling. As he got up the bear pushed him to the ground. "OH JESUS!" The man screamed. At that moment, everything stopped. The bear glared his teeth motionless, leaves had stopped falling, and even the river was still. A big flash of light consumed the area. The man looked next to the bear and there stood Jesus.

Jesus said, "For many years you continue to not believe in me. You shut me out of your life. And now, at this moment, you call upon me? There isn't anything I can do for you. You are an Atheist."

"Well, could you at least make the bear Christian?" The man asked. And with this Jesus was gone and time was once again moving. He looked up at the bear whose teeth were no longer showing. The bear rested back onto his hind legs, and miraculously began to speak, "Dear Lord, thank you for this meal which I am about to receive..."

## Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Eli had two sons named *what*?
- B) The temple in which Eli served was *where*?
- C) When Eli overheard Hannah's prayer for a son, he thought she was *what*?
- D) Eli's sons were considered "wicked" because they *what*?
- E) Because Eli honored his sons more than God, the Lord said what would happen to his sons?
- F) When young Samuel experienced his first prophecy, Eli was *what*?
- G) When Eli found out that both his sons had been killed and the ark captured, he *what*?
- H) When Eli's pregnant daughter-in-law found out that both her husband and father-in-law had died, she gave birth to *whom*?
- I) To fulfill the word of the Lord, the king who removed Abiathar, a descendant of Eli, from serving as priest was *who*?

(See page 6 for answers)



## The Lord's Way

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Be encouraged in the Lord and May a fresh anointing of Joy and Peace be loosed in your life in Jesus name! So many have been sick and struggling in this season. Remember, that it is only a season and SPRING has ARRIVED!

I realized that in the word of God, there is not a single prayer that our example, Jesus, ever prayed to heal the sick. He simply gave the sick instructions the Father gave Him. Jesus spoke the Word of the Lord. Matthew 8:9 Jesus said, "Let it be done to you as you have believed." Mathew 8:2 Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him. John 5:8 "Arise and walk." John 11:44 "Loose him and walk."

The one time Jesus prayed for the sick was actually when he prayed for Lazarus to rise from the dead. Lazarus was raised from the dead after Jesus prayed out loud to God and this was to show the crowd that it was Jesus who was sent by Father God. Thinking there was a model prayer to pray that would heal the sick, I realized I need to hear from the Father, pray, and listen to God in my prayer time so that I know what to say and what to do.

We need to be like an athlete. An athlete doesn't get up the day of the event and go compete. NO. He trains. He trains and prepares his diet and health for the completion. We must be like a spiritual athlete; being ready at all times to be used by God to bring the Kingdom of God near to those in need. We need to be prayed up, reading God's word, serving in our local church and attending a church regularly. This trains us up spiritually so when we hear the Word of the Lord we can exercise it.

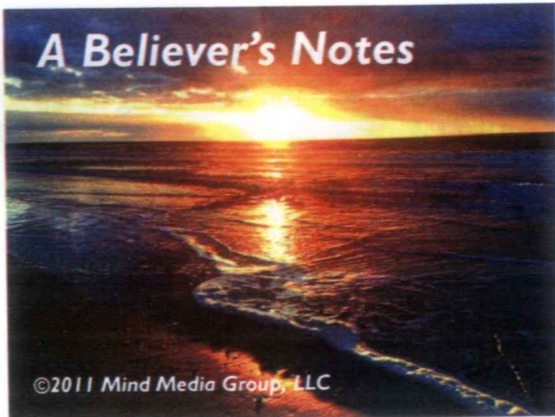
If its spitting in mud and rubbing it in blind eyes, Lord have your way! If its to lay my hands on the sick and declare it be done as they believe, Lord have your way! If its a smile or word of encouragement... even when I may not feel like it... LORD HAVE YOUR WAY!

These are exciting times to live in....scary in many ways, but exciting when we know we have the Creator of all things living inside us. His love is extravagant, He is all powerful, all knowing, and more than able to meet ALL the needs of His people. He moved heaven and earth for us! We can obey Him to do His work on earth. AMEN!

-Emerald Chapman



## Faith Is Aggressive!



Faith is not passive, it is aggressive! It uses the word of God as its weapon and brings down every stronghold of unbelief and every demonic obstacle in its path. Speak the word of God! "I have the Holy Spirit therefore I am full of power!"

Satan is the destroyer. Jesus is the Deliverer. John said concerning Jesus, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." I John 3:8. Luke 9:56 says, "For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. The thief (satan) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."

John 10:10. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

If you want to know what God is 'really like,' look at Jesus. God is just like Jesus. Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." John 14:9. Jesus came to redeem us from the curse of the law. Galatians 3:13. What is the curse of the law? Poverty, sickness, and death. Healing belongs to you because sickness is of the enemy. It belongs to you because you are a spiritual child of Abraham. It belongs to you because sickness is a curse, and Christ has redeemed you from the curse.

Deliverance belongs to us NOW. Jesus already has purchased it. God laid on Jesus, not only the sin, sickness, and disease of us all, but also the cause of the sickness and disease.

### And what He bore, we do not need to bear.

Fear will paralyze you and your faith, if you let it.

Remember, "Faith... is aggressive." Believe what has already been done for you.

### Bible Trivia -I Didn't Know That! (From Page 4)

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| A) Hophni and Phinehas<br>I Samuel 1:3 | D) They treated the offerings of<br>the Lord with contempt.<br>I Samuel 2:17 | G) Fell and broke his neck<br>I Samuel 4:18 |
| B) Shiloh<br>I Samuel 1:9              | E) Eli's sons would die on the<br>same day.<br>I Samuel 2:30-36              | H) Ichabod<br>I Samuel 4:19-22              |
| C) A wine imbiber<br>I Samuel 1:12-13  | F) Blind<br>I Samuel 3:2   | I) Solomon<br>I Kings 2:27                  |



**Kids Corner**  
**(We are ALL His kids!)**  
**"The Holy Spirit"**



## Kids Corner

### “A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah”

**John 4:5-24**—New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

<sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”



**Kids Corner**  
**“Jesus and the Samaritan Woman”**



## Kids Corner

### "Friday"

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### Health Talk

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

**1 Corinthians 10:31  
(NIV)**

Helping a loved one struggling with alcoholism or drug dependence can be heartbreakingly painful, but with help, it can be remarkably rewarding. At times, it can seem so overwhelming that it would be easier to ignore it, pretend that nothing is wrong and hope it just goes away. But in the long run, denying it or minimizing it, will be more damaging to you, other family members, and the person you are concerned about.

Alcoholism and drug dependence are complex problems, with many related issues. And, although there is no magic formula to help someone stop his or her drinking or drug use, **you are not alone. The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) is here to help.**

[NCADD and its Affiliates](#) offer a range of services including help for individuals and family members. If you are concerned about your own alcohol or other drug use or that of someone you care about—a child or other relative, a friend or co-worker—**please make the contact.** You will be able to speak to someone who will listen, assess your needs and provide information about available services, costs and how to deal with another person’s alcohol and/or drug use.

#### To get you started, here are some important suggestions:

##### **Learn All You Can About Alcoholism and Drug Dependence**

Utilize the resources they offered, such as, pamphlets, books, videos, etc.

##### **Speak Up and Offer Your Support**

Talk to the person about your concerns, and offer your help and support, including your willingness to go with them and get help. Like other chronic diseases, the earlier addiction is treated, the better.

##### **Express Love and Concern**

Don’t wait for your loved one to “hit bottom”. You may be met with excuses, denial or anger, but be prepared to respond with specific examples of behavior that has you worried.

##### **Don’t Expect the Person to Stop Without Help**

You have heard it before - promises to cut down, stop but, it doesn’t work. Treatment, support, and new coping skills are needed to overcome addiction to alcohol and drugs.

##### **Support Recovery as an Ongoing Process**

Once your friend or family member is receiving treatment, or going to meetings, remain involved. While maintaining your own commitment to getting help, continue to support their participation in continuing care, meetings and recovery support groups. Continue to show that you are concerned about their successful long-term recovery.

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## Health Talk—Continued from Page 11

### Some Things You Don't Want To Do:

- **Don't Preach:** Don't lecture, threaten, bribe, preach or moralize.
- **Don't Be A Martyr:** Avoid emotional appeals that may only increase feelings of guilt and the compulsion to drink or use other drugs.
- **Don't Cover Up,** lie or make excuses for them and their behavior.
- **Don't Assume Their Responsibilities:** Taking over their responsibilities protects them from the consequences of their behavior.
- **Don't Argue When Using:** Arguing with the person when they are using alcohol or drugs, at that point they can't have a rational conversation.
- **Don't Feel Guilty** or responsible for their behavior, it's not your fault.
- **Don't Join Them:** Don't try to keep up with them by drinking or using.

*This information is intended to supplement, not replace, your health care sources.*

Resources:

<http://www.ncadd.org/index.php/for-friends-and-family/helping-someone>

<http://www.faithandhealthconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/Bible-Scripture-Verses-Quotes-on-Health-Wellness-and-Wholeness.pdf>

- Alisa Wetzig



### All About Me “Elizabeth Hamilton”

Our 'All About Me' section this month is dedicated to our Elizabeth Hamilton! She has been a Christian for over forty years and has attended The Shield of Faith Church for over fifteen years. She was born in Charleston County and has lived in Goose Creek, North Charleston, and Summerville.

Oh to hear her sing! She knows how to worship her Lord and has such heart of compassion for people. In the past, she worked as a nurse's assistant along with being a sewing machine operator too. She is such a willing servant and serves whenever she can and has the ability to do.

If you were trying to find Elizabeth, you might find her with her four children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. You might catch her in her kitchen loving to cook or you might find her gardening. She also likes to fish and create sweet grass baskets too! Where ever she goes, she is a blessing to others.

Elizabeth gives God all the glory for what He has done in her life—from delivering her from smoking many years ago in 1968 to delivering her ultimately and bringing her into the Kingdom of God. She has cling to the following Scriptures: John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Romans 5:8 “But God commends His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” Romans 10:13 “For everyone, whoever shall call on the name of *the* Lord will be saved.” She also enjoys Psalms chapter 23.

One day Elizabeth would like to visit the Holy Land again and we hope that she will have that chance. We love you Elizabeth! Keep on keeping on! You are a great example to us all!



## The Vineyard of Naboth: Importance of Inheritance

When Ahab reigned as king, he broke his father Omri's record for being the most evil ruler of Israel. Although the Bible says little about Omri, it does state that he built a new national capital city, Samaria, on land for which he paid two talents of silver (1 Kings 16:24-25). King David had paid 600 shekels of gold for a much smaller place (1 Chron. 21:25). It appears that Omri abused his power to "negotiate" such a tiny price, and this evil example was undoubtedly noted by his son Ahab.

Ahab's request for Naboth's vineyard, which he coveted, seems reasonable on the surface. He offered to either purchase it for money, or to exchange it for a better vineyard (1 Kings 21:2). Naboth refused, saying, "The Lord forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!" But Ahab reports this response to his wife Jezebel as, "I will not give you my vineyard." (1 Kings 21:6) Note that the king has secularized the issue by omitting mention of the Lord. Jezebel hatches a plot to seize the land, by falsely accusing Naboth and having him stoned to death. After this crime was committed, Ahab entered the vineyard to take possession. But the Lord sent Elijah to meet Ahab on the spot, to prophesy judgment against him for his evil, featuring the deaths of Ahab and his entire family (1 Kings 21:17-24). Why? Because the violation of the sixth, eighth, ninth, and tenth commandments was against not only Naboth, but also the whole family. Each Israelite family, at the time of Joshua, was given a plot of land as an inheritance from the Lord for sustenance and continuance of that family.

Similar machinations have been coming out of Washington DC for roughly a century. Consider Social Security as one example. While a piece of a worker's net pay may be invested in a retirement vehicle, the FICA "contributions" taken out of paychecks cannot be so used. The government controls the rate at which money is returned to the retiree. More importantly, your FICA funds cannot go to your heirs when you die. There is a spouse benefit for widows, who receive less than they could have under a private alternative, but all other family members are left out in the cold. The government now inherits.

Notice also in 1 Kings 21:19 that the Lord charges Ahab with murder, even though the actual killing was done by unnamed people following Jezebel's directive. As ruler, Ahab could have canceled the plot. But afterward, Ahab wants to recover the city of Ramoth Gilead from Syria. In fact, Ramoth Gilead was originally one of Israel's cities of refuge (Josh. 21:38). How did Ahab fare in his effort to reclaim an inheritance of the nation? He failed, because he didn't honor Naboth's inheritance, and he was fatally struck in the battle (1 Kings 22:34-38), fulfilling part of Elijah's prophecy.

There is more to the story. Years later Jehu, commander of the army, is anointed king of Israel while camped at Ramoth Gilead, and given a divine assignment to destroy Ahab's family. The conflict began (where else?) on Naboth's property, and that is where the body of King Joram, Ahab's heir to the throne, was dumped (2 Kings 9:21-26). Jehu went on to complete the assignment, pointedly including Jezebel, and he was thorough in execution. As Jehu said in 2 Kings 10:10, "Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the Word of the Lord which the Lord spoke concerning the house of Ahab; for the Lord has done what He spoke by His servant Elijah."

- Phil Rust

## Sunday School Events

### Children's Sunday School

#### Ages 6-11

For the month of April, the Children's Sunday School class will still be learning about my favorite subject, Jesus! After His resurrection, news started to spread, but some still did not know that He was alive again. Two of these people were Cleopas and his friend. Jesus was walking right alongside of them as they were walking toward Emmaus, and they didn't even realize it! Jesus was able to show them in the Scriptures how the prior events were predicted by the prophet Isaiah, King David and Moses.

Secondly, we will discuss how Jesus sent us a Counselor, Helper, to guide us in our Christian life. Amazingly, this truth "sets Christianity apart from all other religions." We have a "living, moment-by-moment connection with a living, active Person-the Holy Spirit". How awesome!

Thirdly, we will learn the story of Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus told her that if she drinks from the "living water", she would never thirst again. The water He was referring to offers eternal life. After she realized that He was the Savior, she ran and told the other Samaritans, who were eager to hear Jesus speak to them about God. This story brings us the truth that eternal life is not just for the Jews, but for all who will receive Him.

Finally, we will be starting a new unit where we will be learning about the value of forgiveness. We will be studying this important value into the month of May, so please have your kids in Sunday school each week. They won't want to miss it! Please know the importance of equipping these children for life. They are our future generation.

- Rachel Ferguson

### Men's Sunday School

Join us for Men's Sunday School and let us dive into the word of God together!

### Ladies Sunday School

This month begins with Lesson 6: The Lord Appears. The scripture for this lesson will come from Luke 24:36-53. The focus of Lesson 6 is: "We tell others how God keeps His promises." In Step 1 we will discuss the significance of God being a promise keeper. Step 2 will help us understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to provide redemption to the world. Step 3 wants us to consider sharing God's promises with others. Step 4 will show us how to share with others how and why God keeps His promises.

Jesus told His disciples that all God's promises concerning Him would be fulfilled. It is now our duty, as Christians, to tell others about the promises of God; also that they are true and will be fulfilled. Jesus kept His promise to come and die for our sins and arise on the third day so that we could have eternal life. The only thing that we have to do is repent of our sins, ask Jesus to come into our heart and then by faith and belief in what the Bible says, accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We have to use the Bible (the Scriptures) as a guide to better understand the Promises. We have to allow the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Scriptures

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## Sunday School Events—Continued

### Ladies Sunday School

and their meaning. We also have to use the Bible to be able to see that, the so-called, wisdom and things of the world cannot compare to the wisdom and truth of God. The things of the world will fail; however, the Word of God will NEVER fail. You can always trust and depend on God.

Although we have experienced disappointments and letdowns when promises were made and then broken; if we really think about those situations, it was never on God's part. When we choose to rely on others and ourselves instead of God, that's when we are disappointed or letdown. God has always spoken truth and fulfills every promise He has ever given. Everything we believe stands on the truth that we serve a risen Savior.

Paul tells us this in I Corinthians 15:20. We can tell people about Jesus with confidence and share the promise He has kept in our lives. As well as those that the Bible says are yet to come. We have to keep studying and memorizing the scriptures so that we will be ready to share them when the opportunity presents itself.

**“The greatest gift a person can give is to share the best we have – Christ.” Jim Dyet**

—Yolanda Wilson



*We look forward to  
seeing you on  
Sunday at 9:45am!*

### November

#### **Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup>As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:<sup>7</sup> Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

### December

#### **Romans 3:23 (KJV)**

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

### January

#### **Romans 5:8 (KJV)**

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

### February

#### **Romans 6:23 (KJV)**

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### March

#### **Romans 10:13 (KJV)**

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

### April

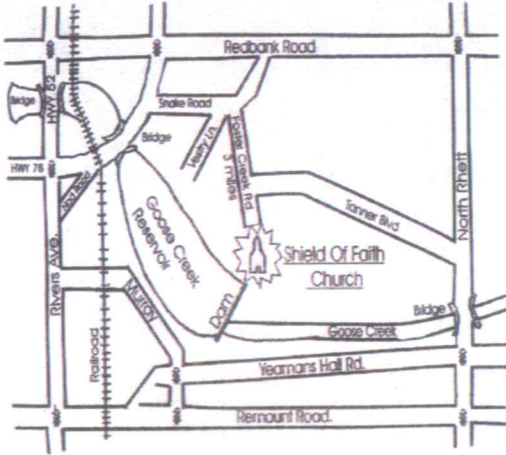
#### **Romans 5:12 (KJV)**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned:

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**Next deadline to submit articles is:**  
**Wednesday, April 17th**

**April 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday	1 Mrs. Susan's Birthday	2	3 Youth Birthday Bash	4	5 Summerville Flowertown Festival 5th-7th	6 Cooper River Bridge Run
7 Holocaust Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Taxes Due	16	17 Article Deadline	18	19 Creative Arts Team 6-8pm	20
21	22	23	24 Administrative Professionals Day	25	26	27
28	29	30				