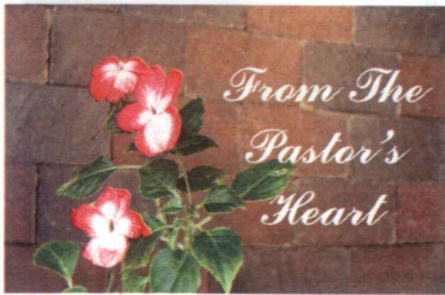


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For Unto Us A Child Is Born, Unto Us A Son Is Given

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to you for your love and commitment, your faithfulness, and your support to the Kingdom of God through The Shield of Faith Church during 2011.

What a great year God has given The Shield of Faith Church congregation to fulfill Jesus' prophecy and command. Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24:14 "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Also, Jesus commanded us in Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always (in all places) even unto the end of the age. Amen."

Also, we are preaching the Gospel (Good News) through the website. God has given us the faith to believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived as a man, died for our sins, arose from the dead, lived among men on earth 40 days and then ascended into Heaven and now is seated at the right hand of God our Father. He (Jesus) ever liveth to make intercession for us. We have an advocate (lawyer) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, who is always faithful as we give ourselves totally to Him and trust Him, and lean on Him in every situation of our life.

This is a special season to make a concrete decision to memorize Psalm 100 and Psalm 101 verses 1-3 (see page 2) and obey it during 2012.

You are a special chosen people. We thank God for each of you personally and the many ways you have given yourselves to the work of God's Kingdom. Your works will be honored and rewarded. Hebrews 6:10 "God is not unrighteous to forget your works and labor of love which you have showed toward His name in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister."

In the New Year of 2012, may we continue to love one another with a pure heart and continue to be of one mind, one accord and one spirit in Christ Jesus our Lord and give Him all the glory, honor, and praise for all He has done through this body of believers and throughout our world. Philippians 2:2 "then fulfill my joy, that you may be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord and of one mind."

We love you, appreciate you and we speak God's richest abundant blessings upon you and your families.

In the Wonderful Name of Jesus, Pastors Bob and Susan Tilton

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Please bring your special food for everyone to enjoy together after the morning service. Fried and rotisserie chicken, chicken fingers, rolls, drinks, and ice will be furnished by the church.

Youth Talk

We THOROUGHLY enjoyed our Family Night in November! The kids have said that they had so much fun and they want to do it again! We hope to continue to do these type of events to encourage you and those you bring along.

In the months of December and January, we are focusing on worship. We will be training your Youth how to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. They will be learning how to play a musical instrument and will have the opportunity down the road to lead the congregation as they worship. If they have instruments at home please encourage them to bring them for our Wednesday night Youth meetings.

Thank you ALL for supporting our Youth! We are geared up for the holidays and ready for some vacation time!!

-Michele Dotter

Mark Your Calendars—Annual Christmas Dinner

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-Pastors Bob and Susan Tilton

Psalms 100

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

Psalms 101

- 1 **A Psalm of David.** I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
- 2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- 3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it shall not cleave to me.*

All About Me "Ronald E. Gallagher"



Ron Gallagher, better known as "RG," was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. RG served thirteen years in the Marine Corp and then went into the Army and served 12 years. Before retiring, after his twenty five years of service, he received the Navy Cross, five Purple Hearts, three Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and various Vietnam Campaign awards.

RG and his wife (deceased) had four girls (one deceased in an automobile accident in 2000). He recently moved from PA and currently resides in Goose Creek, SC. After all of RG's accomplishments in life he is still wondering, "What is my purpose in this world?" Ron survived a heart attack in January of this year and had four stints put in which continues to add to his questions as to what God has in store for him.

If RG could go anywhere and do anything he would go to Kenya, Africa to help build homes. He loves to fish but would rather fish in saltwater more than freshwater. Is that why he moved to good ole' South Carolina??? We love you RG!

Recipe of the Month

Hash Brown Casserole

(Great breakfast dish for the holidays)

- 2 Pound bag of hash browns (partially thaw for 30 minutes)
- 1 Cup finely chopped onion sautéed or cooked in 1/4 melted butter
- Mix these two cheeses together:
 - 3 Cups sharp New York cheddar cheese
 - 2 Cups Velveeta cheese
- 1/4 Teaspoon salt
- 1/4 Teaspoon pepper
- 16 Ounces of sour cream

Mix all the above ingredients and put into a 9 x 13 baking dish.

Topping:

You do not need a topping but if you are going to top it off with one (1) pound of cooked loose pork sausage, keep 1 cup of cheese mixture out to put on top of the sausage. You can also top with two (2) cups of crushed corn flakes mixed with four (4) tablespoons of melted butter on top of potato mix.

Bake uncovered at 375° about one (1) hour or until nice, crispy, and brown around the edges.

-Missy Knoepfel

Punch Recipe

Fruit Punch

(Our favorite punch served in the ladies class and special occasions!)

- 2 Packages Kool-Aid cherry flavor
- 2 Pounds sugar (2 1/4 cups = 1 pound)
- 3 Large cans frozen lemonade
- 1 46 Ounce can of pineapple juice
- 3 Quarts of water
- 2 Quarts of ginger ale

Mix all ingredients except ginger ale in plastic container and freeze. Take out about 3 hours before serving. Add two (2) quarts ginger ale just before serving. Punch should be icy crystals.

Serves 40-50 people.



-Linda Butler



Chillie's Corner

"A Thanksgiving Joke"

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice session when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout. Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, "You're terrific!!! Sign up for the season, and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus." "Forget the bonus," the turkey said, "All I want to know is, does the season go past Thanksgiving Day?"

Children of the King of Kings

Be of good courage Children of the King of Kings! Stand firm in your standing orders from the Lord God. It can be a shaking that leads you along an unexpected law suit, unemployment, sickness, and pain. Sometimes we can not seem to make sense of it all. We may not be able to see the hand of God in our circumstances. During those trials we need to trust the very Heart Of God. Trust His word! He is working all things out for our good. He has given favor to us. He will heal and deliver us. The Lord God holds us in His very palm of His hand. We are coming over it and not under it! We surely will be the head and not the tail! We will press through this trial trusting the Heart Of God. He is for us... who can be against us!!!
- Emerald Chapman

Is Turkey Kosher?

Today I decided to do some digging on the topic and discovered that, contrary to apparent popular belief, turkeys are indeed kosher. At one point it was uncertain because turkeys were unfamiliar to the ancient rabbis and hence, they were not specifically identified as kosher animals. As a result, some people asked: sure, turkeys are birds but are they a kind of bird that is kosher? There was much discussion on both sides of the debate. In the end many rabbinic authorities attested to the acceptability of the turkey. One of the primary reasons behind their rulings (though by no means the only) was that the majority of the Jewish community had accepted turkey as a kosher species. The turkey is no longer new and its kosher status has been addressed by both the great and not-so-great Jewish minds over 250 years and has received near-universal endorsement. So that solves the mystery. Turkey is kosher and there is no reason you can't enjoy it as the centerpiece of your Thanksgiving table. (Also, here's an interesting side note: did you know that "at a whopping 26.9 pounds per capita in 1996, Israelis consumed about 45% more turkeys than Americans?" Who would have guessed!) <http://judaism.about.com/b/2009/11/25/is-turkey-kosher.htm>

-By Ariela Pelaiia

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

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|---|---|
| A) How many of every clean animals and birds was Noah to take into the ark? | E) How old was Abraham when his son Isaac was born? |
| B) How many Wise Men went to visit baby Jesus? | F) Who was the oldest person in the Bible and how old was he? |
| C) How many days did God take to create the world? | |
| D) Which Gospel writer was a doctor? | |
- (See page 7 for answers)

Help Needed

Cathrine Evans is now moved into her new home! What a great milestone to overcome. We know that she is in need of a washer and dryer so if anyone has one or both of these, please contact Floyd or me and we will gladly pick them up and transport them to her home. Thank you!

- Michele Dotter
843-452-0884



Church Ladies with Typewriters

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters!
These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

Wow... it's amazing what errors we can avoid if we allow others to bring correction into our lives.

Embrace Correction!

Proverbs 13:18

"All who refuse correction will be poor and disgraced; all who accept correction will be praised."

**What if you woke up today
with only the things
you thanked God for
yesterday???**

It's Inventory Time

List below 5 things that you are thankful to God for:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

KING DAVID WAS THANKFUL FOR THE ITEMS UNDERLINED BELOW:

Psalm 103:1-22

- 1 *A Psalm of David.* Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless his holy name.*
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
- 6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
- 13 Like as a father pitieth *his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*
- 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.
- 15 *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
- 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
- 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.
- 19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Everyday Life in Bible Times

By Arthur W. Klinck and Erich H. Kiehl — (page 166-167)

Formal entertainment, banquets

A week before a special banquet in celebration of a marriage, a weaning, or the visit of some influential person, the host sent out elaborate invitations. He wanted nothing to prevent the guests from attending. When the day came, the servant of the master repeated the invitation, "Come, for all things are now ready." It was rude to refuse an invitation at any time, but inexcusable to do it at the last moment (the great supper – Luke 14:15-24). When the guest arrived, the host usually greeted them, and his servants washed their feet. Often their heads were anointed, and the host personally conducted them to the banquet hall.

On such a great occasion one might serve "the fatted calf" (Luke 15:23) or a barbecued goat. Hosts spared no money or pains to make it enjoyable for all who attended. Places were carefully reserved for the honored guests, and "social climbers" enviously longed for a better seat (Luke 14:7). Those at the feast engaged in light conversation. Riddles, stories, humor, and music enlivened the festival (Luke 15:23-25; Judges 14:12-18)

Jesus' lessons from the banquet feasts

Since the people knew the customs at banquets of the day, Jesus based a number of His teachings on them. He taught a powerful lesson on humility when He notes that the chief places were chosen by the Pharisees (Luke 14:4-14). In the story of the banquet given for the lost son He taught about the joy in the heavenly Father's heart at the return of the sinner and warned against the selfishness of the older brother (Luke 15:11-32). He pictures the joys of heaven as a wedding festival (Matthew 25:1-13). He warned against using the duties and pleasures of everyday life as excuses for putting off our coming to the Lord's great banquet feast (Luke 14:15-24). He taught equality of all by eating with "tax collectors and sinners" like Zachaeus (Luke 19:1-10) and the mixed company at the feast of Matthew (Mark 2:14-17), as well as with Pharisees and the wealthy (Luke 7:36-50). He called attention to the ruthless rejection of God's grace by the Jews in His parable of the marriage of the king's son (Matthew 22:1-14).

**God has a plan for your life.
 The enemy has a plan for your life.
 Be ready for both.
 Just be wise enough to know
 Which one to battle and
 Which one to embrace.**

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

- A) Seven males and Seven Females—Genesis 7:1-3
- B) It was never specified—Matthew 2:1-12
- C) Six—Genesis 2:1-3
- D) Luke—Colossians 4:14
- E) One hundred—Genesis 21:1-6
- F) Methuselah at 969 years old—Genesis

Give Thankfully

From “Nina’s Words for Life”

Mark 12:42-44 MSG

⁴¹⁻⁴⁴*Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.”*

Giving- a sore subject for many, especially in these economic times. Giving to me is about two things: **motive** and **worship**. My pastor says, “You can give without worshipping but you can’t worship without giving.”

Like the poor widow, we need to give our all to God: good, bad and the ugly. Her Sunday-best was probably not as stunning as the rich people’s but she brought another treasure, a trusting heart. She was standing there, in front of the box, maybe saying to herself, “I believe You can provide, I trust You. This is all I’ve got but here it comes.” Then she dropped the coins, glanced up and said thank you. It hurt to give, it was her everything, in a material sense. She might have even hesitated, but God must’ve shown out in her life before so she had faith He would do it again. She knew the real

meaning of worship: giving up something that was precious to her.

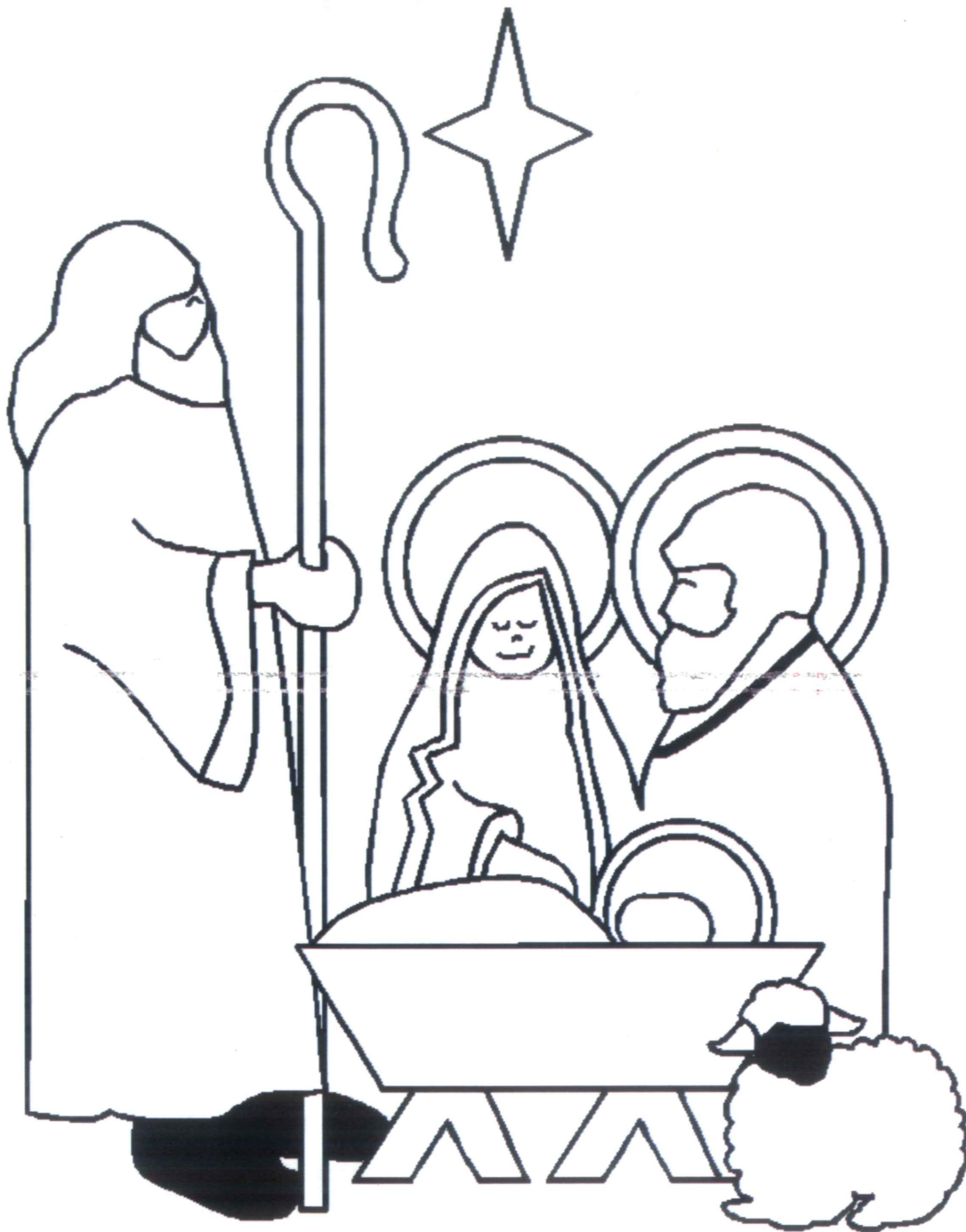
I don’t think God really needs our money but He does like it when we give joyfully and without rationalizing excuses. He wants us to trust Him to give what is in our hands to Him so He can bless us in return. One cannot receive with a closed hand. He is also interested in finding out what is more important to us than Him, and if we serve and desire those idols more than Him. Giving is a heart, trust and a motive issue: giving in its’ pure form is a result of a response to God instead of a response from God. I tithe because I want to obey Him and please Him, not to disappoint and disobey Him. I don’t give because I have to, out of fear or as a soda machine (I put in this so I get that out.)

God is the most awesome giver. He gave what most of us never could: His Son. When we remember that, the giving becomes a life style, an act of love and adoration, not a seasonal fad or commercial trick. God’s gift keeps giving, eternally to those who believe His Son came, died and rose so we could have the total salvation package. This is the “Shalom” life: nothing missing, nothing broken. So this Thanksgiving, as you enjoy family, friends and food, thank God for his gifts and continue giving and loving lavishly, as God did.

-Nina Berkeley
Carrollton, Georgia



Kids Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)



**And they came with haste, and found
Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying
in a manger.**

Luke 2:16

Kids Corner

The Story of the Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1 And it happened in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

Luke 2:2 (This taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

Luke 2:3 And all went to be registered, each to *his* own city.

Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee to be taxed (out of *the* city of Nazareth, into Judea, to *the* city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of *the* house and family line of David).

Luke 2:5 And he took Mary his betrothed wife, being with child.

Luke 2:6 And while they were there, the days *for* her deliverance were fulfilled.

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her son, the First-born, and wrapped Him, and laid Him in a manger-- because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8 And in the same country there were shepherds living in the field, keeping watch over their flock *by* night.

Luke 2:9 And lo, the angel of *the* Lord came on them, and *the* glory of *the* Lord shone around them. And they were grievously afraid.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, Do not fear. For behold, I give to you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:11 For to you is born today, in *the* city of David, a Savior, who is Christ *the* Lord.

Luke 2:12 And this *is* a sign to you. You will find the babe wrapped, lying in a manger.

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of *the* heavenly host, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:15 And it happened as the angels departed from them into Heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Indeed, let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has happened, which the Lord made known to us.

Luke 2:16 And hurrying they came and sought out both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

Luke 2:17 And seeing, they publicly told about the word spoken to them concerning this Child.

Luke 2:18 And all those who heard marveled about the things spoken to them by the shepherds.

Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these sayings, meditating in her heart.

Luke 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as was spoken to them.

Kids Corner

The kids are going to be learning about Paul and Barnabas in December as well as the Birth of Jesus.

BibleWise

Paul and Barnabas Help People Know About Jesus

—Acts 14

Just Men!

Paul and Barnabas told many people about Jesus. Read Acts 14:8-18 and circle the things that Paul and Barnabas did in the puzzle below. Draw a line through the things that Paul and Barnabas did not do. When you are finished, number the circled statements in the order that they occurred.



- said, "Stand up on your feet!"
- went to a park
- ate bread and fruit
- saw a lame man
- told people they were not gods
- jumped up and down
- healed a lame man
- sang songs
- went to Lystra
- told good news

Kids CornerWord Find

What did Jesus use to feed 5,000 people in one day?

- A boy's 3 small barley loaves and 1 small fish.
- A boy's 5 small barley loaves and 2 small fish.
- A girl's 7 small barley loaves and 3 small fish.

John 6:1-15

What came from the sky when Jesus was baptized?

- Angel
- Dove
- Rainbow

Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-13, Luke 3:21-22

How many disciples did Jesus have?

- 6
- 10
- 12

Matthew 10:2-4, Mark 3:16-19, Luke 6:13-16

What is the greatest command Jesus has taught us to obey?

- Thou shalt not kill.
- Thou shalt remember the Sabbath, to keep it Holy.
- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.

Mark 12:28-30

Which of the follow names was a disciple of Jesus?

- Daniel
- Noah
- Thomas

Matthew 10:1-8, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16, John 1:35-51

Who climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus?

- A Child
- Zacchaeus the Tax Collector
- The Apostle Paul

Luke 19:1-10

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Camel

Cat

Cave

Christ

Cow

Donkey

Joseph

Mary

Savior

Sheep

Shepherd

Star

Wise men

Draw your own manger scene!

A Time to Give Thanks

Most people use Thanksgiving Day,
As a family gathering time to eat and play.

Some use it to give thanks and sing,
Oh what heavenly smiles they'll bring.

God wants us to give Him praises everyday,
Instead of holding them for one big holiday.

We shouldn't wait for a specific day or season,
Just thank Him because you're breathing.

Don't wait 'til Sundays for a big crowd,
Just to see if the audience will be wowed.

We should show our gratitude constantly,
That's why Paul said to do it daily.

We are to express our thanks in our speech
and actions,
Not being superficial to obtain a reaction.

Daily thank God for His tremendous sacrifice,
Because of it we can have Eternal Life.

Freely thank God with a grateful heart,
To secure your relationship with Him that no
one else can tear apart.

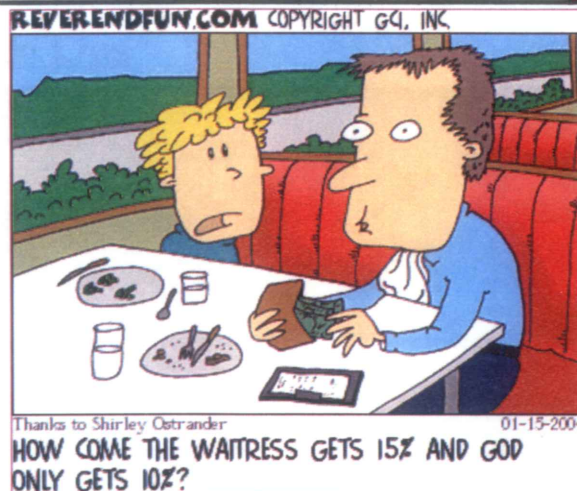
God is our one and only True Provider,
That's why He left the Holy Spirit as our
Guider.

God is so good to us even when we don't de-
serve it,
Now that's a LOVE that is worth preserving.

Give thanks to the Lord daily with humble ado-
ration,
It might just spread across your nation.

Let's commit to make everyday a Thanks – Giv-
ing day!

-Yolanda Wilson



Psalm 92:1-2 A
Psalm or Song for the
sabbath day. *It is a
good thing to give
thanks unto the
LORD, and to sing
praises unto thy
name, O most High:
To shew forth thy
lovingkindness in the
morning, and thy
faithfulness every
night,*

Psalm 100:4 Enter
into his gates with
thanksgiving, *and* into
his courts with
praise: be thankful
unto him, *and* bless
his name.

Psalm 97:12 Re-
joice in the LORD, ye
righteous; and give
thanks at the remem-
brance of his holi-
ness.

Psalm 50:22-23 Now consider this, ye that
forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be
none to deliver. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth
me: and to him that ordereth his conversation
aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Psalm 107:21
Oh that men
would praise the
LORD for his
goodness, and for
his wonderful
works to the chil-
dren of men! And
let them sacrifice
the sacrifices of
thanksgiving, and
declare his works
with rejoicing.

Psalm 118:1 O
give thanks unto
the LORD; for he
is good: because
his mercy endureth
for ever.

Leviticus 22:29
And when ye will
offer a sacrifice of
thanksgiving unto
the LORD, offer it
at your own will.

Inspire



This past Labor Day weekend I got to adventure over to Devil's Den with some great friends. We attempted to hike the Butter Field Trail which is about a 15 mile trail, the "strenuous trail" they say. The weather couldn't have been any better, the trees couldn't have been anymore green, the air was fresh, birds were chirping, it was a honor to say nature was at its finest. My friends and I got a late start that afternoon on hiking the trail and the camp ground was 7 miles off so we had to hustle. But excitingly we didn't make it to the camp site before sunset; and I say that cause we were challenged to hike through the rough trails with only flashlights and our map skills and I must say I embraced every moment of it.

After hiking about 6 hours or so we finally marked a camp spot and settled in for the night. That night as we were sleeping is a night I won't forget. I remember laying down in my sleeping bag and looking at the stars and seeing how big and twinkly they were, it absolutely fascinated me, the whole day as we were hiking the trails I couldn't stop telling myself that I was looking at something more than just God's creation and beauty, instead I convinced myself that eve-

rything I was opening my eyes to was really seeing HIM.

As the sun settled that evening my heart dropped as I saw it through an opening of trees, for I truly in that moment saw His face in the sun set... It was remarkable. In that sequence I could feel His love in the wind that was blowing through my body, I could hear his voice through the birds and creatures that ruled the night. Everywhere I looked I saw HIM! It was so hard to sleep that night just due to how emotionally touched I was. For God truly was working in me that evening.

My prayer before that trip was for Him to open my eyes to His beauty like never before and I was so willing and hungry for it to happen, and God never fails me when I desire something so strong. Being able to experience that really gave me certainty to questions, fears and condemnations that ruled my life. I for once was able to experience peace because I had nothing to worry about for I had a God who was surrounding me with unconditional love and a forgiving heart.

I want to encourage everyone to take moments like what I witnessed this past weekend in truly OPENING your eyes to see God. Believe it or not He is everywhere. He's not just through nature, but through your family, your job, school, sports, etc. How cool would it be if everyone could see Him? Not only see Him, but feel Him, sense His heart, see what breaks Him, see the purpose He has for your life, because He really wants us to!!! we just have to be willing and open enough to have it happen. This country would be overflowing with God's love if that were so, but until we all experience something like this, the world will continue to darken and our everyday lives will have no meaning. So when and how will you open your eyes to see HIM?

-Jonathan Adams
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Loose Lips

“Be Careful of Your thoughts,
They may become words at any time.”

-E. Nightingale

Jesus taught,

“It is more important to guard what comes out of
our mouths than what we put into them.

Matthew 15:11

We take time and effort to watch what we eat.
What goes into our mouths seems to be very im-
portant. Our goal of course is to be healthy and
to have strong bodies.

Do we always take as much time and effort to ex-
amine what comes out of our mouths?

Proverbs 15:1-7

V2. “The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.”

The word Pour Forth literally means =
“Explodes out?”

Have you ever blurted out something in anger or in
jest and wished you could take it back or not said it
at all?

Unfortunately, we all have.

Paul in Ephesians 4: 25-29

has much to say about our speech.

He understood what corrupt speaking does not just
to those around you but to you also.

Let's read:

“Let no corrupt communication proceed
out of your mouth.”

The word corrupt means = “useless, putrid, that
which sours, obscene.”

Those are some heavy thoughts about wrong words
that proceed out of our mouths.

But Paul does not leave us with out a solution.

We are given instructions on how to
conduct ourselves.

In V 31-32 “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor,
all evil speaking, and malice, to be put away from
you. And be kind one to another, tender hearted,
forgiving one another, even as God for Christ sake
has forgiven you.”

We have all read these words, heard sermons on
these passages and yet we have a hard time taming
the tongue. Why is that?

James 3 gives us a clue.

As we begin to grow in the Grace and Favor
of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us show those around
us what Christ is like, by how we act, what we say,
and how we conduct ourselves towards those in
the body of Christ, that we might win the world
around us.

During World War II there was a slogan.

“Loose Lips Sink Ships”

(shhhh, now I am telling my age....LOL!)

Loose lips can also sink us if we choose
not to be careful of what comes out of our
mouths, but to those who hear what we say.

“Death and Life are in the power of the tongue.”

Proverbs 18:21

Let us learn to be positive in our thoughts,
words and deeds.

-Rosemary Baker

On The Mission FieldPERU

This really happened to me. Location: Ucayalli River, Amazon Jungle, Peru...

Ok, so here I am on this big cargo ship slowly going down one of the main tributaries of the Amazon River in February, 2006. Me and my travelling companion Paul and our contact/guide (Pastor Belisario from Iquitos) had already been on the boat for two days after leaving from the Jungle city of Pucallpa, making our way north to an out-lying village where we would spend the night before pushing even deeper into the jungle. Our aim was to preach the gospel at all costs, enduring the jungle heat, bad food, cramped conditions on the boats and the myriad of insects to take the message of salvation into the jungle darkness. So after two days we arrive at our first drop-off point and our last glimpse of the overcrowded dirty barge that had been home for two days. As the barge faded into steamy horizon, we began the task of finding a canoe that could take us to our next destination, the village where we would make an overnight stop, taking advantage of the occasion to preach at a gathering of the local churches who were waiting for us. But we first had to find a canoe with a conductor willing to take us there. Did I mention that it would take about 4 hours to get there by canoe?

We finally found a canoe heading that direction...wouldn't you know that the owner was a pastor in a neighboring village! There was only one small problem...the canoe was loaded down with fifty pound bags of rice, sugar, oil, necessary provisions for life deep in the jungle, far from any stores or markets. Adding Paul, myself, our equipment AND our contact/guide to this narrow vessel (made from wooden planks nailed together, and brushed in tar) was not a safe recipe. Don't try this at home! Did I forget to mention that the black swirly river was probably more than 60 feet deep, 1/4 mile wide and with a swift current? One of the locals saw our canoe just barley 8 inches above the water, and from the river bank began to voice his thoughts, broadcast style: "That boat's gonna' break in two when you all hit that current in the middle. I wouldn't get on that thing!" Now, for a guy in the jungle to say something like that, you know things have got to be pretty bad off...I've seen them do some things that defy safety, logic, common sense, and the force of gravity, so for him to say that...well...

I was sitting at the rear of the canoe, right by the two-stroke Briggs & Stratton 1/4 horse motor, where the pilot was also sitting. Paul, our contact Pastor Belisario, and the owner of the canoe were sitting at the front of the boat. The whole thing was about 15 feet long. Well, the guy working the motor was obviously affected by the load of negative comments let loose by the guy on the bank of the river, and he began to say "I'm scarred!" Great, I'm sitting at the back of the boat with this guy, I speak Spanish so I understand him...Paul knows almost no Spanish, so he's just as happy as can be! I have to fight fear, doubt, common sense (my head said don't get on that boat but my heart said to go ahead and do it), and I'm praying and trusting God that our canoe is going to make it the four hours down the next river. It's right then that I notice almost with HORROR that our canoe has a nice size CRACK in it, right in the middle, on the side wall, apparently made worse by the weight of all of us. And, water is seeping in... a slow steady stream is filling the bottom of the canoe. At that point the devil confirmed that we would indeed sink, we'd of course be saved since we all swim, but we'd lose all our equipment.

Thoughts tried to fight their way into my head like the fat lady in the buffet line at Ryan's after church. Thank God, we have what it takes to stop bad thoughts! I began to say out loud "no, the bible says that Jesus upholds all things by the word of His power! This canoe is not going to sink!" However, faith

without works is dead, so you know what I did? I picked up an old tin can that was lying there in the bottom of the boat, and man, I began to bail out water like it was no one's business. I did that the entire four hours of the trip...I breathed a big sigh of relief when we pulled into the shallow marsh waters of the canoe owner's village, where he proceeded to unload his cargo of staples. We also left the naysayer who sat with me at the back of the canoe...and so, much lighter (and with a lot less water entering) we continued another 20 minutes or so to finally reach our overnight destination!

I want to share with you something that the Lord shared with me from Psalm 35:27. It says in the NKJV "Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." Notice the words "let them say continually". What are you saying constantly? Does your faith confession hold up under pressure, or does it crack with added weight (like the canoe)? Being constant is a mark of maturity. Children are not constant. I know, my two-year old will tell me with tears in his eyes that he does not want his bottle, then with the next breath he's screaming for it:) This happens most often when he's tired. When you're tired from the heat of the day, from your 'fight of faith' do you change your mind and decide that the battle is not worth it? Do you let the devil "take" what you're believing God for, or allow your prayers to be "aborted"?

You know, as Christians, there are things that God wants us to be constant in. For example, he wants us to be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12). He wants us to be constant in love (a friend loves at ALL times Proverbs 17:17). He wants us to be constant in prayer and in praise (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). And most definitely, he wants us to be constant in our confession of faith. What you do constantly has much more power than what you do every now and again. For example, years of eating junk food cannot be replaced overnight by a power diet. It takes constant effort to eat healthier, as well as some exercise to replace the effects of bad eating. Likewise, a faith confession based on the word of God is something that you should maintain constantly, not just when you are in problems.

Can you believe that an unchangeable confession of faith is necessary in receiving the promises of God? Take a look at Hebrews 6:12 "faith and patience"...here the word patience actually means perseverance or constancy... In other words, you get the promises of God by faith and by being constant. How can you apply that to your life? Don't kill your prayers! Don't say one thing one day, and the next, when you don't see the answer or you feel more symptoms or things look worse you speak the opposite of what you prayed, based on what you see or feel.

I have a secret for you...something that the DEVIL does not want me to tell you. He sends the tests and trials of life with the sole purpose of making you CHANGE your confession of faith. Once you change your confession, once you bow your knee, once you say "uncle!" he wins. As soon as you stop fighting and accept the circumstances, he's won and you've lost. Take a look at 1 Peter 4:12-13. Notice that it talks about the "fiery trial". A really good example of this is the three friends of Daniel: Shadrach, Meschac, and Abed-nego and the image of gold the king set up. You know the story. They were given the option of recanting their vow to God and worshipping the image, or being flash fried and flame broiled.

But I want to tell you that being faithful to God always has its rewards! Thank God that they did not crack under pressure, and wound up seeing God move for them in a mighty way. God will move for you, too, if you stay constant, maintaining the faith with a pure conscience. Take a look at Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." An unchangeable confession of faith is something that the devil can not defeat, but rather is defeated by. Praise God!

God bless you! Thank you for your prayers. Know that you are loved and our prayers are with you.

Please write us... your emails encourage us. awfowler@hotmail.com Website= www.fowlersinperu.com

-Adam, Liliana, & Andrew Fowler

Upcoming Events



Charleston will once again be host to the Convoy of Hope outreach event. The 9th annual "Charleston Convoy of Hope" will take place on **Saturday, December 10th, 2011** and is an event that demonstrates a great and generous act of care for thousands of people in need from our local area. Thousands of volunteers team to serve Charleston's most needy by providing a hot meal, groceries, clothes, medical and dental care and spiritual outreach.

We are expecting over 10,000 needy individuals to come to the festival-like event at the 4 separate locations in the tri-county region, one nearby in North Charleston.

We are looking for over 1,500 volunteers from local businesses, churches, organizations and individual looking to help make a difference. There are many ways for us at The Shield of Faith Church to get involved, from volunteering to contributing services (hairdressers, photographers, etc), materials, or financial support. Any assistance you can make will be a true blessing to the project at large. For more detailed information go to www.charlestonconvoy.org or contact me at: Don Starr

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North Charleston Christmas Festival

December 3, 2011

Phone: (843) 740-5854

4:30-9pm

Annual North Charleston Christmas Lighting, Festival and Parade - Experience dozens of beautiful Christmas trees decorated by local churches, schools, businesses, and civic groups. Enjoy rides, dancing troupes, hayrides, pony rides, visits with Mr. and Mrs. Clause and the annual Christmas parade. Admission is free.

The Dotter's 4th Annual Christmas Dinner

will be held at their residence on Saturday,

December 3rd, 2011 from 4-6pm.

All church members are invited!

They will be serving dinner and desert so bring an appetite and have some fun!

Fa-la-la-la-la-, la-la-la-la!

Come over and eat and then head down the road to Park Circle for the North Charleston Christmas Festival!

Mark Your Calendars—Annual Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on **Sunday, December 11th**. There will be **NO Prayer Hour and NO Sunday School**. We will have our **regular service at 11am** and will have our dinner immediately following the service.

Please bring your special food for everyone to enjoy together after the morning service. Fried and ro-tisserie chicken, chicken fingers, rolls, drinks, and ice will be furnished by the church.

-Pastors Bob and Susan Tilton

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Charles Ferguson and I sat outside of Rachel's class in November and had to giggle... it's like listening to Mrs. Susan in the nursery! Rachel is so awesome with our children and takes special time with each one. They are enjoying working on learning the "Books of the Bible."

They have finished the Old Testament successfully and are half way through learning the New Testament! Please have your child bring their Bible so they can learn to navigate the Scriptures. We'll see you there!
-Michele C. Dotter



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

Men's Sunday School

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

Ladies Sunday School

The Ladies are still working on memorizing the Scriptures. We hope that we have encouraged you to do the same. It does not require great effort but it will pay off in a superbly, major way. The Word of God has power. So again we say, "Start now if you haven't; it's not too late."

It's also not too late to begin attending Sunday School and it is just as important as Sunday Service. The thing that sets it apart is the fact that you will be able to ask the teacher questions immediately. We believe that both services are important to a Christians' growth and maturity. We are constantly learning new facts as well as getting clarification on other things. We can see the growth in all who attend. Come and join us every Sunday @ 9:45 a.m. as we explore the Bible to see what God has to say.

One of the major facts that we have been exploring and learning about is how to use and display **True Love**; the true love that could only come from God. God's Love can be the following: a gift, unconditional, undeserved, unexpected and unexplainable. However, it is obtainable to everyone. Christians receive it when they accept His Son as their Lord and Saviour. Others (enemies; people who choose to come against you) receive it when we as Christians follow Jesus' instructions in:

Matthew 5:43-45: ⁴³Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. ⁴⁴But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them

that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ⁴⁵That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. (PERIOD!!)

There's nothing that can be added or taken away so I will leave you with this poem I wrote about God's Love. I hope you will enjoy it!

A Measure of God's Love

God's love is something that cannot be described, His love for us can never be combined.

God's love is something that cannot be explained, He even said in His Word that it can never be changed.

None of His children can ever say, "He loves you mo'..."

Because He made all of us from the same ole dough.

We are made in the likeness of Him,
So all of our works should shine like a gem.

God said if we trust in Him and obey His Word,
That none of our prayers and needs would go unheard.

If we have faith we can move a mountain,
But if we have Jesus, we'll have an ever-flowing fountain!

And that's just a measure of God's Love!

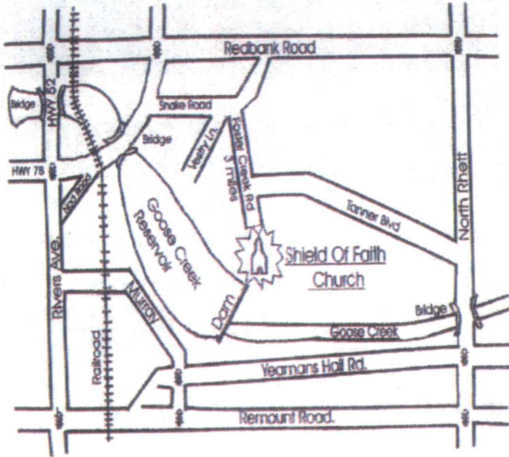
-Yolanda Wilson



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**Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, December 14th.**

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