

Faith Talk

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Merry Christmas!

We take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to each of you for your love, commitment, your faithfulness and your support to the Kingdom of God, through The Shield of Faith Church, during 2012.

During this year, we, as the Body of Christ, have had many opportunities to hold-forth the Word of God to others. God has done great things. This has been a fruitful year. You have been channels of God's LOVE, MERCY, & GRACE to many people. God has answered prayers, saved souls, healed broken hearts. He has set captives free. Many, who felt rejected, now know they are loved and accepted by God and by us. He loves us to the highest degree.

The Word of God has gone forth through PREACHING, TEACHING, BIBLES, BOOKS, TRACTS, BOOKLETS, TAPES, VIDEO'S, DVD'S AND CD'S. Also we are now on the web at www.shieldoffaithchurch.net. Scripture sheets & Scripture booklets go to the jails. Also through the John Hagee Ministries, we as a Body of Believers are sending finances to bring Jews back to Israel from other nations. Also we help support other Missionaries & Ministries with our finances & prayers. Cards and letters have also gone out to comfort, encourage & help God's people.

During the New Year of 2013, may we choose to encourage, challenge & continue to:

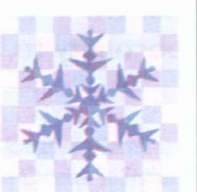
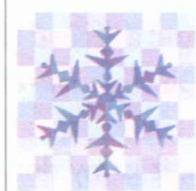
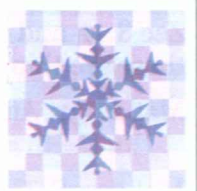
1. Beware that we do not forget the Lord our God, for the Lord our God is a JEALOUS God. Deuteronomy 8:11 Exodus 20:3, 5
2. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. Matthew 6:33.
3. Love the Lord with all thy heart, & with all thy soul, & with all thy mind, and love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 22: 37-39
4. MAY WE INCREASE IN EXPRESSING OUR THANKS TO OUR LORD EVERY DAY FOR HIS COUNTLESS BLESSINGS, for it is a good thing to give thanks unto our Lord. Psalm 92:1
5. Be kind, courteous & respectful to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32
6. Whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, & not unto men, knowing you shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for you serve the Lord Christ.
7. It's so-o-o-o important, we bring every thought to the obedience of Christ, and cast down imaginations, that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. 11 Corinthians 10:5. Our thoughts produce our attitudes, our attitudes produce our emotions, our emotions produce our behavior.
8. Our Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. Joel 2:28. The coming of our Lord is at hand, WATCH & PRAY, and LOOK UP FOR OUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH. Luke 21:27-28. Today is the day of Salvation, please DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND. The upright and godly person will be taken away from the calamity and evil to come. Isaiah 57:1 (AMP)

We speak God's abundant blessings upon you & your wonderful family during the New Year of 2013, as we continue to be used by God to bring the HARVEST OF SOULS into the Kingdom, in these last days, and as we serve our Precious Lord with joy & gladness of heart, one people unified in faith and love, being of one accord & one mind in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Philippians 2:2 TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY.

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

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Youth Talk

There Is No Love In Selfishness

Thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought is a horrible existence. To live our whole lives and never give of ourselves to others would truly be a waste. There is no love in selfishness.

Selfish— a. Regarding one's own interest chiefly or solely; influenced in actions by a view to private advantage.

In this daily life of 'to and fro' it is sometimes difficult to find the energy to give any more of ourselves than we already do at work, and at home... Sometimes we don't even want to interact with anyone all week until we put on our 'smiley face' at church on Wednesday night and Sunday morning just to make it through the service.

The enemy has a special plan to isolate you from the rest of the Body of Christ. Let me just state that again... The enemy has a special plan to ISOLATE YOU from the rest of the Body of Christ. We say to ourselves, 'I attend services regularly, I tithe, and I even perform duties to help out at the church.' But the question is, WHO do we engage with? WHO do we pray WITH? WHO do we sacrifice for? WHO do we reach with the SACRIFICIAL love that God has shed in our hearts? Is it only the 'ones' we feel 'comfortable' with or do we allow God to stretch us and reach to others that aren't as fun to be around?

It is time for us as the Body of Believers to go beyond the 'comfort' zone and DELIBERATELY touch the lives of others.

What is love?

1Co 13:13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am Jehovah.

Zec 8:17 and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith Jehovah.

Mat 22:37 And he said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

Mat 22:38 **This is the great and first commandment.**

Mat 22:39 **And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.**

Mat 22:40 **On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.**

This month, it is my desire to set aside all selfishness and DELIBERATELY reach out to others in need... WHATEVER that need may be... Let's keep our spiritual eyes open, lest we miss an opportunity to love as Christ loves... Selah.

-Michele C. Dotter

Extravagantly

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ be of good cheer! We are loved **EXTRAVAGANTLY** by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Extravagantly—EXTRAV'AGANTLY, adv. In an extravagant manner; wildly; not within the limits of truth or probability. Men often write and talk extravagantly.

1. Unreasonably; excessively. It is prudent not to praise or censure extravagantly.
2. In a manner to use property without necessity or propriety, or to no good purpose; expensively, or profusely to an unjustifiable degree; as, to live, eat, drink, or dress extravagantly.

Love is nothing if it doesn't have an action. Action must superseded those words... "I LOVE YOU". BUT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER not only said He LOVES us, He also puts those words into flesh and acted on them through His precious Son, Jesus. He loved us so much that He gave. He gave EXTRAVAGANTLY! He provided a hope, a plan, a future, and beginning, and an end with Him in heaven. He loves us so much! GRAB A HOLD of the revelation of the Father's love for you. Right now, at your present state... JESUS is madly in love with you!

We all have some one we love. It could be a family member, a spouse, brother or sister in the Lord, or your own children. We all try to express our love especially in this Christmas season. We always look for that perfect gift for them. We look high and low. We shop in line, on line, all hours of the day. We try to make Christmas better each year. We try to make better memories together. We do our very best with in this human body's capabilities to express our love. But we always run into some end whether its an expense or an availability. There is always some limit to our capabilities here on earth to provide that expression of love. But, that is not the case with our sweet Jesus. He is always providing bigger and better for His chosen ones. He is always showering us with His love. Jesus' supply for you is inexhaustible! He is always out-doing and over-doing... He loves you EXTRAVAGANTLY! Just look at creation! The stars are innumerable, galaxies are vast, so many shades of every color in the rainbow, the numerous creatures of the earth are all made for the Glory of the Lord and our pleasure. We serve an AWESOME LOVING GOD!

-Emerald Chapman

Recipe of the Month

Roasted Rosemary Potatoes

Red potatoes—As many as you like
Olive oil
Fresh Rosemary
Salt/pepper to taste
1 Chopped small onion (optional)

Cooking Directions:

1. Wash and cut potatoes with skin into 1" cubes.
2. Place into casserole dish and lightly cover with olive oil
3. Season with Rosemary leaves, salt, pepper, onions, and stir
4. Bake covered with foil at 350 degrees until potatoes are soft.
5. Uncover and bake until potatoes are slightly brown.
6. Can I just say that these are very yummmmmmm

Christine Dotter-Hamilton
(Floyd Dotter's Sister)

Chillie's Corner

The Strange Sound

A man is driving down the road and breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down. Do you think I could stay the night?" The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, and even fix his car. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man is disappointed but thanks them anyway and goes about his merry way. Some years later, the same man breaks down in front of the same monastery. The monks again accept him, feed him, and even fix his car. That night, he hears the same strange noise that he had heard years earlier. The next morning, he asks what it is, but the monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man says, "All right, all right. I'm dying to know. If the only way I can find out what that sound was is to become a monk, how do I become a monk?" The monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of sand pebbles. When you find these numbers, you will become a monk."

The man sets about his task. Some forty-five years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, "I have traveled the earth and have found what you have asked for. There are 145,236,284,232 blades of grass and 231,281,219,999,129,382 sand pebbles on the earth." The monks reply, "Congratulations. You are now a monk. We shall now show you the way to the sound."

The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is right behind that door." The man reaches for the knob, but the door is locked. He says, "Real funny. May I have the key?" The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man demands the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key, and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. He demands another key from the monks, who provide it. Behind that door is another door, this one made of sapphire. So it went until the man had gone through doors of emerald, silver, topaz, and amethyst.

Finally, the monks say, "This is the last key to the last door."

The man is relieved to no end. He unlocks the door, turns the knob, and behind that door he is amazed to find the source of that strange sound.

But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk...

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) The tribe given the six cities of refuge to which a person who had killed someone could flee until trial was named what?
- B) Which was the last of the Ten Commandments?
- C) Which one of the "foods" listed below did the Lord tell the Israelites they *could* eat? (crickets, geckoes, eagles, or goobers?)
- D) How many witnesses are needed to convict a man of a crime or offense?
- E) Joshua was the son of Nun. Caleb was the son of whom?
- F) Before he died, Moses viewed the Promised Land from Mount *what*?
- G) The land Joshua gave Caleb as his inheritance, because the latter had followed the Lord wholeheartedly, was called *what*?
- H) The name of Caleb's daughter who was offered in marriage to the man who attacked and captured Kiriath Sepher was *what*?
- I) The name of the man who won Caleb's daughter's hand was *what*?

(See page 6 for answers)

Romans 12:9-21

- 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
- 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.
- 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
- 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
- 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
- 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Does God Exist?

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: 'I don't believe that God exists.'

'Why do you say that?' asked the customer. The barber replied, 'Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things.'

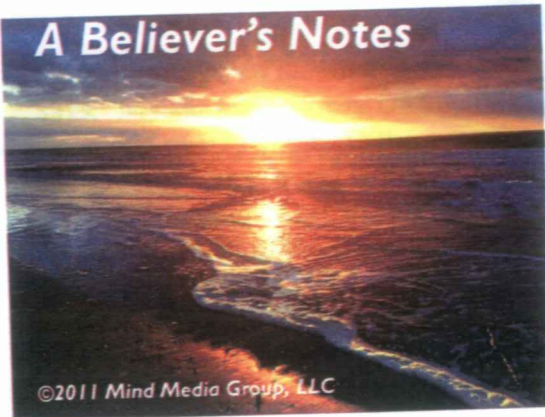
The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again and he said to the barber: 'You know what? Barbers do not exist.'

'How can you say that?' asked the surprised barber. 'I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!'

'No!' the customer exclaimed. 'Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside.'

'Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me.'

'Exactly!' affirmed the customer. 'That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world.'

Meditate on the Word—Giving**A Believer's Notes**

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Instead of meditating on the problem and thinking, "I'm afraid not to borrow money... I'm afraid I'll never be able to afford to buy anything." YOU make a change... Start meditating on what GOD said. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given to you again."

If fear tries to rise up (and it will), just slap it down! You don't have to be afraid. When the "yeah-but-what-if's" come up, just go back to what the Word says again.

Begin to see how your life would change if you became a giver. Let the Holy Spirit use the Word to paint a picture of that promise coming to pass in your life. If you do this long enough, giving will start looking more like the only intelligent thing for you to do. Courage will overwhelm your fear.

You'll find yourself saying, "God said He'd never leave me or forsake me! He said HE would meet my needs! He said, If I would give, it would be given to me again!"

Act on THAT. Spend more time in the Word... Meditate on what GOD said.

AMEN!

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

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| A) Levites
Numbers 35:6 | F) Pisgah
Deuteronomy 34:1 |
| B) Shall Not Covet
Exodus 20:17 | G) Hebron
Joshua 14:13 |
| C) Cricket
Leviticus 11:22 | H) Achsah
Joshua 15:16 |
| D) Two Witnesses
Deuteronomy 19:15 | I) Othniel
Joshua 15:17 |
| E) Jephunneh
Numbers 13:6 | |

You can't use an egg,
unless it's broken...

Lord, please use
My brokenness...



Kids Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)

It's YOUR turn to draw! Use the space below to draw your own manger scene after reading the Scriptures on the next page:

Kids Corner

Luke 2:1-20

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- 2 (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*)
- 3 And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- 17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
- 18 And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
- 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.
- 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Kids Corner

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY
NEW YEAR!!

Kids Corner



6 Ethics of Life

Before you Pray—Believe
 Before you Speak—Listen
 Before you Spend—Earn
 Before you Write—Think
 Before you Quit—Try
 Before you Die—Live

All About Me **“Fritiqua Wilson”**



Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

This favorite Scripture of Fritiqua Wilson, better known as “Teka,” has taught her that no matter what you are looking for or asking for, if you have prayed, and have been looking or asking for something, it will be made visible and given to you. You just have to be still and wait; which is the hardest thing one can do...

Teka has attended The Shield of Faith Church for over nine (9) years and has been saved for four (4) years. She has truly influenced many with her godly counsel and has been a hope for those who don’t know where to turn. People are drawn to her strength and are able to talk to her about anything. She believes that God has called her to be an inspiration to others who don’t have a motivational or supportive group behind them.

As a full-time student and part-time worker at Tanger Outlet Mall, Teka stays pretty busy. She loves playing paintball, doing wordsearch puzzles, writing, playing video games and learning Spanish. She has always loved learning about the Spanish since High School. As a matter of fact, if she could go anywhere, she would like to go to a Spanish speaking country to learn, become more fluent in Spanish, and experience their culture.

Teka’s other favorite Scripture is Romans 12:9-21; Even though we have the tendencies to do what we want to do, these Scriptures tell us EXACTLY how we should behave as Christians. Please take the time to read them on page five (5).

We appreciate you Teka! You are a light in the darkness for so many in need and God honors your love and faithfulness towards those who are seeking... We can foresee many coming to the Lord through your service to Him! AMEN!

Honor

In Ps. 11:3 we read, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" A quick answer is, do the opposite: "...build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations..." (Isa. 58:12). But just what are these foundations that need restoration?

One component of the foundations is honor. Actually, there are two components here: honor toward the Lord, and honor toward men.

The first four of the Ten Commandments relate to honoring God. No surprise here! There are additional aspects as well. For example, Prov. 3:9 reads, "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase." And if we can dishonor God by breaking the Law (Rom. 2:23), we can honor Him by doing His commandments.

Jesus said, "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." (John 5:23) This shows that honor and dishonor can be discerned in a broader context. Another example of this appears in Matt. 10:41a, "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward."

The way we treat other men is often indicative of our attitude toward God. Consider Mal. 1:6, 8 which asks, "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? says the Lord of Hosts ... And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably? says the Lord of hosts." We see Heaven is well aware of the connection!

If we are looking for opportunities to honor, many candidates are available. There are kings (1 Pet. 2:17), spiritual leaders (Heb. 13:17), those who are older (Lev. 19:32), husbands (Eph. 5:24, 33), and parents (Ex. 20:12).

We don't see a whole lot of honor being expressed these days. Our culture seems to be more characterized by Isa. 3:5b, "...the child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable." Part of this comes from the thinking that we are all equal. It is true that we are all equal before the law, and should be since God is no respecter of persons (Col. 3:25). But this doesn't mean that we all hold equal rank; according 1 Cor. 12:28, obviously not. Even in the Millennium there will be inequality in authority, as in Jer. 31:34, "...they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord ..."

In 1 John 4:20 we read, "...he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" If we were to replace the word "love" by the word "honor," we would find another wise saying.

Honoring your father and mother is at a level of importance that places it among the Ten Commandments. It's because honor is learned within the family context. Unfortunately, there are many young people today who don't even know who their father is. So, families too are part of the foundation that needs restoration. The Church has an opportunity to expand its honoring of the Lord by broadening our perspective of His mandate for us upon the earth.

-Phil Rust

Upcoming Events



Holiday Festival of Lights

James Island County Park
November 9-December 31, 2012
(843) 795-7275

Every year the James Island County Park lights up over 2 million lights to provide you with an enchanting 3-mile driving tour. Fun for everyone - in fact, they also offer a marshmallow roast and a 54 passenger train ride through the park to view the lights. To tour the lights in your car is \$12/car and if you'd like you can ride the train around the lake for \$3/person and children under 2 are free if they sit in the lap of an adult.

Parade of Boats

Charleston Harbor
December 1, 2012

Parade begins along Mt. Pleasant at 5:00pm
Viewing from the peninsula begins at 6:30pm
(843) 724-7305

You may participate in the parade by simply registering with the city, decorating your boat from stem to stern with lights, and joining us on the water. Thousands of spectators view the parade along the route from Mt. Pleasant to Charleston each year.

The parade begins at approximately 5:30PM near the Mt. Pleasant side and ends in the Ashley River, (after processing down the Charleston side of the Cooper River), at approximately 7:30PM. We say approximately, because of various factors, including wind, current, and the ability of the boats to maintain headway.

Captains and crews will be invited to the Captain's Party at a date, time, and location to be announced. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats in both the power and sail categories, with the best-in-show award going to the highest scoring boat overall.

For those who also wish to attend the City of Charleston's tree lighting ceremony in Marion Square on the same evening, there is ample time to get to the waterfront and enjoy both. We look forward to seeing you on the water!

Charleston Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 1, 2012, 4:30pm-6:00pm
Marion Square

Location: Marion Square - Between King, Meeting & Calhoun Streets
Phone: (843) 724-7305.

Join Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and Santa Claus in lighting the magnificent 60-foot Tree of Lights, the official City of Charleston Christmas Tree at Marion Square.

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of December, the Children's Sunday School class will celebrate Jesus' birth. We will focus on worshipfulness, and at the end of December, we will begin to look at Jesus' mission here on earth. We will go back in time a little bit and see how our Savior was promised to us way back in the Old Testament. We are going to read in Isaiah and Micah, and hear the great prophecy of the Savior who was to come. Isaiah 9:6 tells us "He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". Amen!

We will then jump to the New Testament, and talk about why Jesus is worthy of our worship. He is not just a human born as a baby, but He is also God! John 10:30 says, "I and the Father are one". He was so much more than just a baby. He is the Savior of the world!

We will explore what must have been going through Mary and Joseph's mind as they were told they would be the parents of Jesus, God in flesh! How nervous they must have been, but again, how marvelous and special this moment would be.

On December 16th, we will be celebrating Jesus' birth. It will be a special birthday party for Him, as we announce the birth of our Savior. "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"- Luke 2:11. We will delve into the promise of the King, and study how God's promise was fulfilled when Jesus was born. Many people, including Simeon and Anna, were thankful to see God's promise revealed through the birth of their Savior.

Finally, we will start to learn about how Jesus was brought up, and compare His life to our life today, and how He had a family just like we do. God made himself like us, so He could truly understand us. We will talk about how we can better relate to our family members.

In addition, we are still learning and practicing our Books of the Bible. The children are really progressing on this! Coming soon: We will be learning how to listen to the Holy Spirit. They won't want to miss it!

- 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

The Ladies have just started a new book this month. The title of this book is Jesus Is Lord which will take us through Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. These lessons are designed to draw us to a deeper understanding of who Christ is and what it might mean for us to imitate Christ in our lives. Unit 1 begins with a walk through Ephesians to emphasize the exaltation of Christ over all principalities and powers from the beginning of time to the end of time. Unit 1: Victory in Jesus. In Unit 1 the emphasis will be placed on Submissiveness. The first lesson, Lesson 1: Chosen and Claimed, taken from Ephesians 1:3-14. Lesson 1 will help us to see how Jesus redeemed us for His glory and His purpose.

Lesson 1: Step 1, we will talk about the role choice plays in God's redemptive purposes. In Step 2, we will

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review the spiritual blessings redeemed believers have in Christ. Step 3, wants us to consider the ways that we can glorify God. Step 4, will help to remember that the way that we live should always bring glory to God. Everything that we do and say should be glorifying (pleasing) to God and edifying the other person. The theme of Ephesians is God's great plan and purpose from eternity past to first establish and then ultimately complete the Church, the Body and Bride of Christ. Paul wrote this letter while he was in prison, which is a testimony in itself; because he wanted to remain committed to the commission that God gave him; to minister to the Gentiles. No matter where you are, you should seek to be a channel of God's grace.

One way that we can do that is to operate in the gifts and talents that God has given us. When we use those gifts, talents, and abilities, we will have a positive impact on the people around us and bring a smile to our heavenly Father's face. He will be a Dad who is so proud of His children. God chose and claimed us in Christ for His glory and purposes before the foundation of the world. It is our responsibility to respond to and receive God's grace. God will never force us to accept His grace and redemption. God's purpose for our lives is that we live, day by day, in such a way that others see God's goodness, His greatness, and His love through us. As we do this, we bring glory to His name and point others toward His saving grace. "Let us live the life of Christ in public." Charles Spurgeon



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

-Yolanda Wilson

June

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

July

Proverbs 30:5 (KJV)

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

August

Psalms 146:2 & 5 (KJV)

²While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. ⁵Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

September

Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

October

Romans 3:22 (KJV)

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

November

Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV) ⁶As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: ⁷Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

December

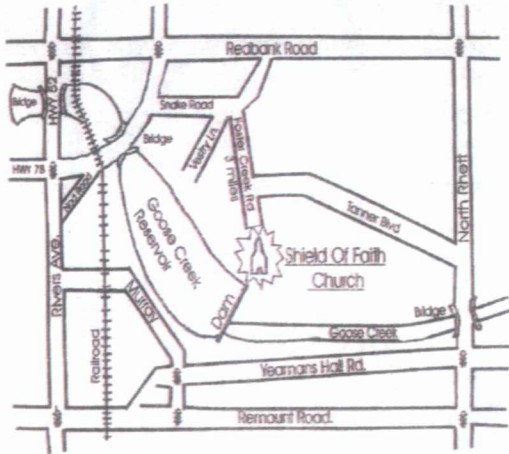
Romans 3:23 (KJV)

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

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***Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, December 19th***

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Fri- day	Satur- day
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 *Christmas Dinner NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR PRAYER MEETING	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 *Ladies Sunday School Christmas Celebration	17	18	19 *Tim & Joy Olson *Article Deadline *Youth Christmas Celebration	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve *Service 9pm- Midnight	1 New Year's Day	2 *No Church Services	3	4	5