

Faith Talk

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The Christian Home



Who is responsible for the Christian education of my children? The Church OR the home? Scripture tells us how to bring up our children:

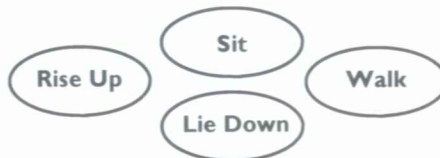
Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (Amplified) - ⁴“Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord [the only Lord]. ⁵And you shall love the Lord your God with all your

[mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might. ⁶And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in your [own] minds and hearts; [then] ⁷You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and **teach** and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall **talk** of them when you **sit** in your house and when you **walk** by the way, and when you **lie down** and when you **rise up**.”

Teach/Talk = Informal instruction. Both are needed in the home. Moses is also saying parents have the key to spiritual learning by the reality of the home. In other words, if you can live Jesus in the home, you can show Jesus to the world; through you. Home is reality. You can use opportunities in the home to commune God's word. In the home, God's word comes alive. Moses speaks about how to do these things in verse 7.

- Sit** = Communicate God's word by sitting down with the family.
- Walk** = Your actions at home. Your child will be impressed by Jesus Christ in your life—actions speak louder than words.
- Lie Down** = Take time to talk to your child from God's word about the actions of the day.
- Rise Up** = Spend time with your child. Do things with them. You can't plug into your child's life on your time, but that of your child's time and needs.

In other words, eat, sleep, and live Jesus!



God's Proverb:

Proverbs 22:6 (Amplified) - ⁶“Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

We as parents must evaluate our priorities. What's more important, our goals in life OR our children's outcome?

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

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Our **Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, December 15th**. There will be **NO Prayer Hour & NO Sunday School**. We will have our **regular service at 11 a.m.** and will have our dinner immediately following the service. Please bring your special food dishes 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

“Staying Within The Boundaries That God Sets”



What a special learning time our Youth enjoyed with Mr. Willie Preston when he spoke at one of our meetings in November. He emphasized the importance of following and honoring boundaries that are given to us by the Word of God, our parents, pastors, leaders, bosses, policemen, law givers, etc. If boundaries are not established and kept sacred, we as people tend to wander off into the enemy territory and away from safety. The boundaries that are established in a Christian's life are placed there by God Himself for a special purpose.

I remember as a ten year old helping my granddad maintain 'order in the pasture.' The horses didn't really enjoy it when we had to put them in a much smaller stall at night, especially since they knew how much they enjoyed roaming the wide open pasture during the day. This particular occasion is when one of the horses got loose. He had managed to get out of his stall, but was still confined in between the walls of the barn. Needless to say, he wasn't happy. He began to fiercely kick at the barn door attempting to get out. What the horse didn't know, is that the door he was pounding on led him straight into a world with no boundaries, no fence, no protection, no food, no help, and dangerous conditions to include a nearby street. There was definitely a better way out. Granddad managed to get to the other side of the barn and gently lead the horse to the pasture by persuading him to go out the correct door. The horse was happy to be back in his boundaries eating his food!

Once a horse is trained properly by it's owner, it can maintain a strong discipline and continue quite well outside of the gate... with it's guide. We as Christians should be ALLOWING our Guide, the Holy Spirit, to train us, change us, and correct us when needed. It is important to humble ourselves as parents, leaders, and Christians under the mighty hand of God (1 Peter 5) so that those watching us can see a life submitted to the boundaries of God's Holy Word.

We can be so much like a horse at times. We all, including our Youth, want freedom; freedom to roam, explore, and enjoy life. However, freedom does not mean that we have freedom to sin. It is our goal as Youth Leaders to obey God and train our Youth to follow Him with all of their heart, mind, soul, and strength. We ask you to continue to pray for us as we lead these incredible kids in a closer walk with Jesus.

2014 Holds some incredible memory making times with our Youth. We are looking forward to Youth Praise 'Jam Nights,' movie nights, Summer Bash Kick-Off, canoeing on the Edisto, as well as many skits and puppetry events, and if it all works out... a late summer 'Walk Through The Word' musical!

Hug a Youth member and tell them they are special. Ask them how they are doing in school, what sports they are in, what their interests are. Everyone of them have a story to tell and we cannot tell you how proud we are of each and every one of them. We are looking forward to spending time with them in the coming months as we continue to dive into the Word of God and learn more about what He has called each of us to do.

-Michele Dotter

“Psalm 32:1-11 AMP”

¹ Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him, whose sin is covered.

² Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ When I kept silence [before I confessed], my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

⁴ For day and night Your hand [of displeasure] was heavy upon me; my moisture was turned into the drought of summer. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord [continually unfolding the past till all is told]—then You [instantly] forgave me the guilt *and* iniquity of my sin. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

⁶ For this [forgiveness] let everyone who is godly pray—pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely when the great waters [of trial] overflow, they shall not reach [the spirit in] him. ⁷ You are a hiding place for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble, You surround me with songs *and* shouts of deliverance. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

⁸ I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. ⁹ Be not like the horse or the mule, which lack understanding, which must have their mouths held firm with bit and bridle, or else they will not come with you. ¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in, relies on, *and* confidently leans on the Lord shall be compassed about with mercy *and* with loving-kindness. ¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you [uncompromisingly] righteous [you who are upright and in right standing with Him]; shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Church Sign

Life is like a roll of toilet paper.

The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

Recipe of the Month**Meatball Casserole****Ingredients:**

- 1-1/2—2 lb. Ground beef
- 1 Small can evaporated milk
- 1 Tbsp. minced onions
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 4 Slices white bread, crumbled
- 1 Can (family size) cream of mushroom soup
- 1 Can (family size) chicken rice soup

Directions:

- Mix all ingredients except soups.
- Form into 1" meatballs and put into 13x9" baking dish.
- Pour both cans of soup over meatballs and spread evenly.
- Bake at 350° F. for 1-1/2 hours. (Makes 6-8 servings)



Chillie's Corner

"Marriage Revival"



Joe had asked Bob to help him out with the deck after work, so Bob just went straight over to Joe's place. When they got to the door, Joe went straight to his wife, gave her a hug and told her how beautiful she was and how much he had missed her at work. When it was time for supper, he complimented his wife on her cooking, kissed her and told her how much he loved her.

Once they were working on the deck, Bob told Joe that he was surprised that he fussed so much over his wife. Joe said that he'd started this about 6 months ago, it had revived their marriage, and things couldn't be better. Bob thought he'd give it a go. When he got home, he gave his wife a massive hug, kissed her and told her that he loved her. His wife burst into tears. Bob was confused and asked why she was crying. She said, "this is the worst day of my life. First, little Billy fell off his bike and twisted his ankle. Then, the washing machine broke and flooded the basement. And now, you come home drunk!"



"Fingerprints"

The print we leave lasts forever...
good or bad.
We are responsible for the
print we leave.

-Roy Bowling

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Solomon, the son of King David and Bathsheba, was born *where*?
- B) After presuming to be king, Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, ran and took hold of the horns of *what*?
- C) After asking God for a discerning heart, Solomon received wisdom as well as *what*?
- D) When preparing to build the temple, Solomon requested cedar and pine from *whom*?
- E) Solomon's home was called *what*?
- F) Every year, merchant ships brought Solomon gold, silver, ivory, apes, and *what*?
- G) In Psalm 127:1, Solomon wrote, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders" *what*?
- H) In the King James Bible, the phrase "vanity" and *what* appears seven times in the book of Ecclesiastes?
- I) In Song of Solomon, the king's young bride is referred to as *whom*?

(See page 8 for answers)

All About Me “Linda Butler”



Linda began attending church as a young child and committed her life totally to the Lord in 1976 after being married to an unbeliever and not attending church for about 4 years. She has attended the Shield of Faith for almost 30 years.

Linda was born in Santa Monica, California. After losing their first child at child-birth, Linda's mother and father were exceedingly happy to have a healthy baby girl. During Linda's first 6 years of life the family moved between southern California and southern Texas several times, then to Indiana and Delaware. When she was in 1st grade Linda's father took a job in Philadelphia and the family moved to New Jersey.

During high school Linda was active in the band, youth group, and Girl Scouts. As a teenager her youth group visited the Vineland School in Vineland, New Jersey. There she was exposed to children with special needs for the first time. From that point on she knew she wanted to work with special needs children in some capacity. After graduating in the top 10 of her high school class, Linda went to the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. During her sophomore year at UGA Linda's parents moved to Japan where her father was the United States representative in a joint venture with a Japanese company. During that time Linda lived in the Sigma Kappa sorority house and considered her sorority sisters her family. Because she had no family to return to during the summer, Linda continued with summer classes and completed a 5 year program in 4 years. She graduated in August 1971 with a BSHE (Bachelor of Science in Home Economics) degree with a double major in Child Development and Mental Retardation. She then continued her schooling and graduated the following summer with a MEd (Master of Education) degree majoring in special education.

Linda taught mildly mentally disabled children in Georgia for one year and she then taught moderate to severe mentally disabled children until her first child was born. After being a stay-at-home mom for almost 6 years with her 3 preschool children, she became a single parent. She returned to teaching to support her children and also attended The Citadel in the evenings. In addition, she also taught 3-4 year olds in Sunday school and held an office in the church. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with an EdS (Educational Specialist) degree in May 1987. As a school psychologist Linda was able to continue working with special needs children – only in a different capacity this time. Her role consisted of doing psychoeducational evaluations, developing individualized educational, behavioral, and transitions plans, and consulting with related service providers and outside agencies. After teaching for 10 years and being a school psychologist for 25 years, Linda retired in November 2013.

Linda has been married to her husband Frank for 27 years. Together they have 7 children and 11 grandchildren. Now that she is down to one full-time job (housewife), she has more time to devote to her knitting and counted cross stitch projects. She also enjoys shopping, reading, and eating lunch with her friends.

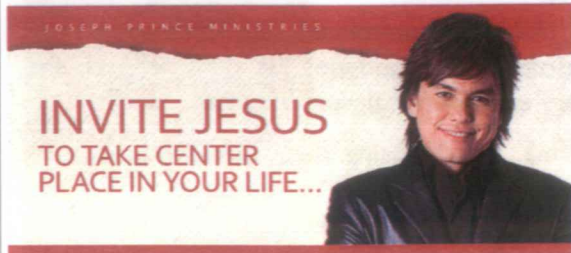
Linda considers herself a servant and worshipper. She enjoys helping and caring for others, spending time in the Word, and listening to Christian music.

One of Linda's favorite scriptures is Proverbs 3:5. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." She has put this in practice many times and has learned that you don't have to defend yourself when you have been wrongly accused because the Lord will be your defender and the truth will always come out eventually. Linda has also learned to be patient and wait for the Lord to complete His work in His time.

If Linda could go anywhere, she'd go back to Israel. Being able to walk where our Lord walked and see the actual locations of Biblical events makes reading the Word come alive. The presence of the Spirit of God is unbelievable, especially in Jerusalem.

Joseph Prince

“Partake Expecting Deliverance”



“And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover.”

Exodus 12:11

Chew on this interesting truth: On the night of the first Passover, God told the Israelites in Egypt to eat the roasted lamb with their belts and sandals on, and with their staffs in their hands. A strange instruction, don’t you think? Why did God want them to eat the Passover that way? What was He saying to them?

God was saying, “Get ready! Get ready to get out!” In other words, they were to eat the Passover lamb with a readiness to leave Egypt, the land in which they were slaves to Pharaoh. They were to eat the lamb expecting *deliverance* out of Egypt. They were all dressed up with somewhere to go!

Now, we know that the Passover meal is a shadow of the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion, which Jesus instituted on the night He was betrayed. So when we partake of the Lord’s Supper today, we are to partake with the same attitude that the Israelites had. In other words, when we eat the Lord’s Supper, God wants us to expect deliverance from *whatever* enslaves us, whether it’s depression, a physical condition or financial lack!

Today, partake of the Lord’s Supper with a readiness for your deliverance. As you meditate on what Christ at the cross has done for you, expect to be healed. Expect the situation in your marriage to improve. Expect the best to happen to you! And as the Israelites walked out of the land of their bondage shortly after partaking of the lamb, so will you experience your breakthrough!

“Jesus Brings Real Change”

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

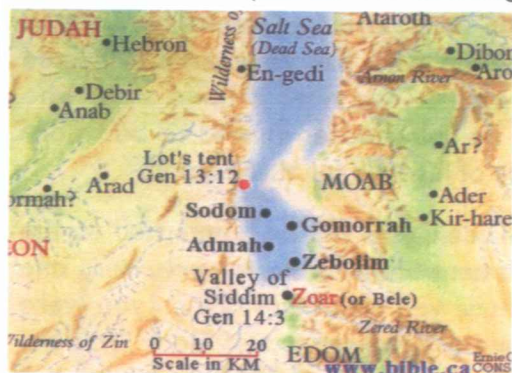
Ever tried to change a person you care about? What we need to realize is that people are not transformed by threats or intimidation. Neither are they transformed by nagging or wheedling. Only God can truly transform a person.

My friend, what all the nagging, threatening or wheedling in the world cannot do, Jesus can. And when Jesus transforms a person, it’s the real thing. It’s not behavior modification, but heart transformation—from inside out!

All our self-efforts to try to change a person won’t work. Change that is brought about by our machinations and manipulation won’t last. Maybe you have been nagging at a loved one, trying to change him or her for the better, but with no results, and you are getting frustrated, anxious and desperate. The best thing you can do is to let go and let God handle it. Stop nagging and bring the matter to God in *prayer*, and watch Him do a deep and perfect work in your loved one that will astound you!

The Days of Lot

(We want to encourage you to look up the Scripture references as you read.)



After Jesus departed from the Temple, He answered those disciples who asked Him about the end times on the Mount of Olives (Mark 13:3-4). This is when Jesus compared the end times to the days of Lot, as recorded in Luke 17:28-33. It is well known that the most spectacular event in the life of Lot was the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Actually, Admah and Zeboiim were the third and fourth cities overthrown in that judgment (Deuteronomy 29:23). There is little doubt that there will be some cities destroyed in these end times, though we don't necessarily know which ones.

However, the days of Lot are characterized in more, though less spectacular, ways. We can expect that some contemporary Christians share in Lot's character. Yet, the scripture does state that Lot was righteous (2 Peter 2:7-8). He was vexed by the frequent wicked deeds in Sodom. On the other hand, Lot chose to reside in that area (Genesis 13:9-11); he could have lived elsewhere. Perhaps he felt that his righteousness could remain intact in that environment. This proved to be technically correct; however, he lost some family members in the process.

When Lot warned his sons-in-law about the need to evacuate, he seemed to them to be joking. Why? They had probably seen him as living a life of compromise. In addition, Lot was fearful. He asked the angels if he could flee to Zoar, because of fear of danger in the mountains. But he ended up in a mountain cave anyway, since he was afraid of remaining in Zoar. This points to another characteristic: Lot was a poor decision maker.

Here is a good illustration of God's mercy. Lot was permitted to seek refuge in Zoar even though God was well aware of Lot's instability. In addition, the Lord spared Zoar upon Lot's request, although that town appeared on God's nuke list. Some unlikely Christians are going to be used as deliverers. Our words carry more weight in heaven than we perceive.

Debauchery is not the only reason why the Lord might consider the nuclear option for a certain city. As Matthew 22:7 states, "But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city." Check out the context if you will!

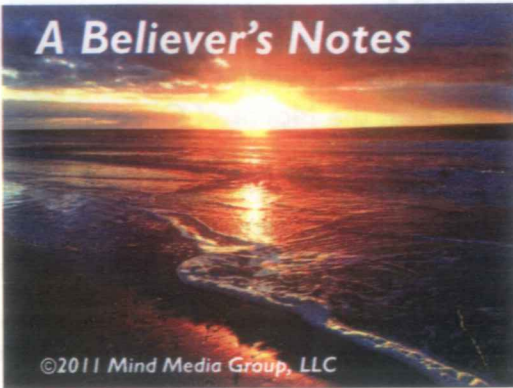
It is easy to overlook the fact that the days of Lot are also the days of Abraham. To begin with, Abraham was a friend of God (John 15:14-15). The Lord informed Abraham what His intentions were, and that led to Abraham's opportunity to move powerfully as an intercessor (Genesis 18:16-32). When the Lord offered to spare Sodom for fifty righteous men, Abraham pleaded for reducing that number to ten. I believe Abraham was really interceding for Lot, and God knew there were not ten righteous in the city, but He saw Abraham's heart, and preserved Lot's life. We also recognize that Abraham is the father of faith. I am expecting some manifestations of mountain moving faith!

Abraham was not the only intercessor in the days of Lot, but the others are unnamed. As an outcry came up to heaven during the oppression by Egypt, so there was an outcry regarding Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:20-21, 19:13), and it appears to have preceded Abraham's intercession. I believe that outcries are ascending again to heaven at the present time!

-Phil Rust

A Servant

A Believer's Notes



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Merely a Christian or are you God's servants and handmaidens? "Servants and handmaidens" in Acts 2:18 in Greek is translated 'doulos' which refers to someone who has voluntarily subjected himself to another person's will. It describes a bond slave who could be free if he wanted to be but chooses instead to be wholly subservient to another because of his love for that person.

If you are a servant or handmaiden, you will be committed to the Lord Jesus. It is not a commitment He forces upon you. It is one that you make by choice, because you love Him. When you were born again, you did not become a hired servant of God. You became a child of God; son or daughter of the Almighty. You were made free and "if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed (John 8:36).

But if you truly love the One who set you free, you will trade that freedom for a life of service to Him. That's what the Apostle Paul did in Romans 1:1; he calls himself 'a bond servant of Jesus Christ.' Choose today to be a bond servant; one who longs to stay close to the Master's side, serving Him wholeheartedly from a heart of love and devotion. Choose to be one of God's servants and handmaidens.

I am not enslaved by sin. I am free to be a servant of Jesus Christ. I choose His will above my own.

John 8:34-36 (Amplified) - ³⁴Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits *and* practices sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the son [of the house] does remain forever. ³⁶So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really *and* unquestionably free.



John 4:35

"Do you not say, 'It is still four months until harvest time comes?' Look! I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields and see how they are already white for harvesting."

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

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| A) Jerusalem
2 Samuel 5:13-14 | D) Hiram of Tyre
1 Kings 9:11 | G) Labor in vain
Psalm 127:1 |
| B) Altar
1 Kings 1:50 | E) Palace of the Forest of Lebanon
1 Kings 7:2 | H) Vexation of spirit
Ecclesiastes 1:14; 2:11, 17, 26; |
| C) Riches and honor
1 Kings 3:13 | F) Baboons
1 Kings 10:22 | 4:4, 16; 6:9 |
| | | I) The Shulammite
Song of Solomon 6:13 |

Kids' Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
"POINT The Way to Jesus!"





Kids' Corner
“And There Came Magi From the East”

Matthew 2**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

¹ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men [astrologers] from the east came to Jerusalem, asking,

² Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east at its rising and have come to worship Him.

³ When Herod the king heard this, he was disturbed *and* troubled, and the whole of Jerusalem with him.

⁴ So he called together all the chief priests and learned men (scribes) of the people and anxiously asked them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵ They replied to him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are not in any way least *or* insignificant among the chief cities of Judah; for from you shall come a Ruler (Leader) Who will govern *and* shepherd My people Israel.

⁷ Then Herod sent for the wise men [astrologers] secretly, and accurately to the last point ascertained from them the time of the appearing of the star [that is, how long the star had made itself visible since its rising in the east].

⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search for the Child carefully *and* diligently, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.

⁹ When they had listened to the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which had been seen in the east in its rising went before them until it came and stood over the place where the young Child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy.

¹¹ And on going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh.

¹² And receiving an answer to their asking, they were divinely instructed *and* warned in a dream not to go back to Herod; so they departed to their own country by a different way.

¹³ Now after they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, Get up! [Tenderly] take *unto you* the young Child and His mother and flee to Egypt; and remain there till I tell you [otherwise], for Herod intends to search for the Child in order to destroy Him.

¹⁴ And having risen, he took the Child and His mother by night and withdrew to Egypt

¹⁵ And remained there until Herod's death. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, Out of Egypt have I called My Son.

Kids' Corner
"Dare to be a Daniel"



Kids Corner
“Live to Benefit Others”

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 Shaken together
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 Unselfish

Health Check



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)

Keep Holidays Bright When Shopping This Year

In 2011, the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\)](#) estimated that hospital emergency rooms across the country treated 262,300 toy-related injuries. And, 74 percent of those injuries were to children under the age of 15. In fact, more than 92,000 were to those under 5 years of age.

Because the most commonly injured part of the body is the head and face area, Prevent Blindness America has declared **December as Safe Toys and Gifts Month** in an effort to help adults make the best decisions on how to keep the holiday season joyful for everyone.

Prevent Blindness America suggests that before purchasing a toy, to consider the following:

- Read all warnings and instructions on the box.
- Ask yourself or the parent if the toy is right for the child's ability and age.
- Avoid purchasing toys with sharp or rigid points, spikes, rods, or dangerous edges.
- Check the lenses and frames of children's sunglasses; many can break and cause injuries.
- Buy toys that will withstand impact and not break into dangerous shards.
- Look for the letters "ASTM." This designation means the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (such as a basketball along with eye goggles or a face guard with a new batting helmet for baseball or softball).
- Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the part of a toy can fit in a toilet paper roll, the toy is not appropriate for children under the age of 3.
- Do not purchase toys with long strings or cords, especially for infants and very young children as this can become wrapped around a child's neck.
- Always dispose of uninflated or broken balloons immediately. According to the CPSC, more children have suffocated from them than any other type of toy.

REFERENCES:

<http://www.preventblindness.org/make-safe-toys-and-gifts-priority>

-Alisa Wetzig

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

Upcoming Events

The Low Country Singing Christmas Tree

December 13-16, 2013

Summerville Baptist Church

Friday, December 13 at 7:30p.m.

Saturday, December 14 at 3:00p.m. and 5:30p.m.

Sunday, December 15 at 3:00p.m. and 5:30p.m.

Monday, December 16 at 7:30p.m.

Tickets are \$8

For Tickets and Information: (843) 873-2440



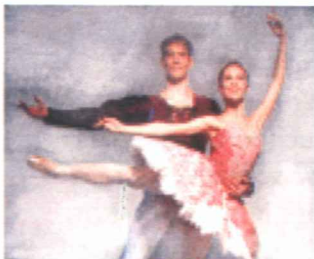
Come share the excitement of this year's presentation of the Low Country Singing Christmas Tree. We hope that you will enjoy the music, the drama, the lights, the orchestra and most of all experience the love of Christ through this magnificent presentation. The production features singing, live orchestra, beautiful costumes, a light show as we tell the timeless story of Jesus' birth. Over the years we have seen the attempt to leave Christ out of Christmas and to turn this special time from a very significant religious holiday to a season filled with shopping, frayed nerves and dashed hopes of families being harmonious. We want to remind and encourage you through this musical presentation that Christ can still be the center of your Christmas...and your life.

The Nutcracker Ballet

December 26, 2013

North Charleston Performing Arts Theatre

Phone: (843) 723-7334, M-F



The Nutcracker has continued to capture the imagination of audiences of all ages. The Nutcracker offers a new pearl of discovery each time it's seen, a treat for the eyes, ears, and heart. It is Charleston, South Carolina in 1865; Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, sugarplum fairies dancing on their toes. Charleston Ballet Theatre unwraps its glittering holiday treat with performances that have become the centerpiece of holiday tradition for families throughout the region

Holiday Festival of Lights—James Island County Park

November 8th through December 31st

If you should have any questions, please call (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.



Upcoming Events — Continued



Live "Drive-Through" Manger Scene

December 22, 23, 24, 2013

5:15-7:15p.m. on 22 and 23

After the 7 PM Christmas Eve Service on the 24th

Bethany United Methodist Church

1853 Maybank Highway
James Island, SC
(843) 795-3527

Every year during the Christmas season, this local James Island Church presents a live manger scene. Take your family and view the live manger scene - you may stop and walk up to the scene or simply drive slowly by to view. Some families videotape their children reciting the Christmas Story while standing in front of the manger scene. It is a fabulous opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with others.

Parents - The Live Manger Scene is a special way to teach your children about the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Directions: The church is located just across the Ashley River from downtown Charleston on James Island - just about 1/2 mile down Maybank Highway from the Piggly Wiggly - watch for the lit-up manger scene on the left in front of the church.

North Charleston Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 7, from 3:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Park Circle

The Christmas Festival includes a Holiday Market with children's activities, craft and food vendors, and live musical performances on two stages.

The Christmas Parade begins at 5:00p.m. at the corner of Montague Avenue and Mixson Avenue, proceeds down Montague, around Park Circle, and concludes at Armory Park.

Charleston Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

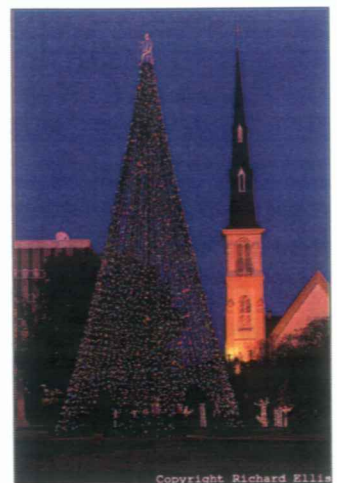
December 7th, 2012, 4:00p.m.

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.



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Upcoming Events—Continued



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

“THE SHIELD OF FAITH SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2013”

Sunday, December 15, 2013 – CHRISTMAS DINNER – in the new building. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NO PRAYER MEETING. We will have praise, worship, and preaching at 11:00a.m. in the sanctuary. Please bring your special food dishes for everyone to enjoy together, after the morning service. FRIED & ROTISSERIE CHICKEN, ALSO CHICKEN FINGERS, ROLLS, DRINKS & ICE WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE CHURCH.

Wednesday, December 25, 2013—NO SERVICES

Thursday, December 31, 2013 – 9:00p.m. – until midnight – in the church sanctuary, there will be a NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE, WITH TESTIMONIES, SINGING & REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING IN THE NEW BUILDING. Please bring your finger foods, light sandwiches, fruit trays, vegetable trays, chips & dips & etc. Drinks and ice will be furnished by the church.

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH OF THESE SERVICES.

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014—NO SERVICES

ALL DATES OF DECEMBER NOT MENTIONED REMAIN THE SAME AS USUAL.

PLEASE COME AND LET'S CELEBRATE AS WE CLOSE OUT THIS WONDERFUL SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF 2013 AND ENTER IN THE NEW YEAR OF 2014 WITH JOY, GLADNESS OF HEART, THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD. HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US. HE IS HOLY, RIGHTEOUS AND WORTHY TO BE PRAISED ALWAYS. Psalms 100.

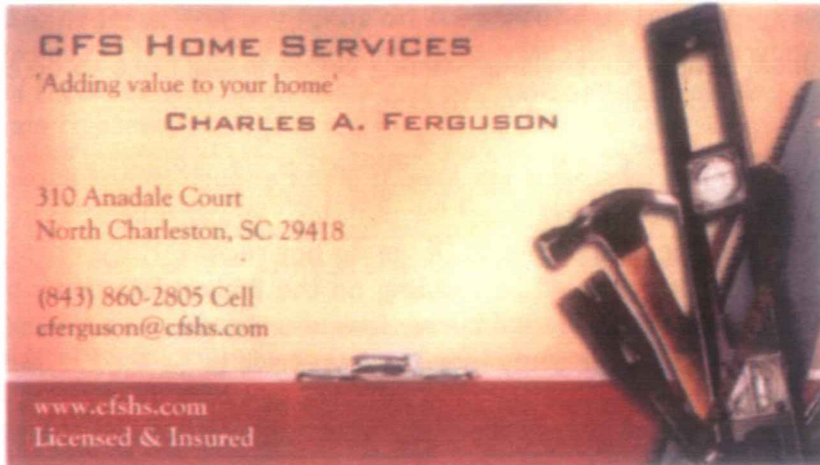
MAY OUR LORD BLESS, PROTECT AND KEEP EACH ONE AS WE ALL CELEBRATE JESUS AND GIVE HIM GLORY EACH DAY OF THE NEW YEAR OF 2014. IN THE WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR, LORD, AND REDEEMER.

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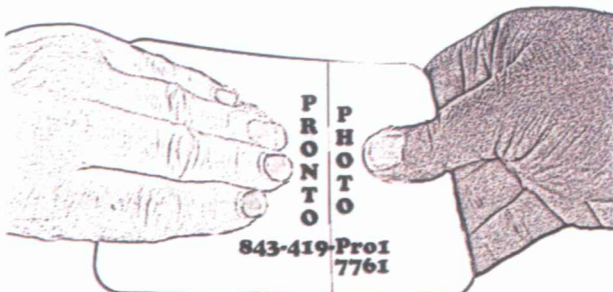
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Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of December, the children's Sunday school class will be starting Unit 4 in the Dare to be a Daniel training course. Unit 4 is our 4th "P" and is titled "Point the Way to God".

First of all, we will be discussing how to **POINT** to God by sharing His love. It is not enough to just know that God loves us, but we need to know that God also offers forgiveness for our sins. We also need to be sure to love others with the same love and patience that God shows us. If we do not receive His love for ourselves, how can we share His love with others? Also, we will be focusing on the Biblical fact that sin separates us from God. We will not be a quality example for others if our actions, words and attitudes are not like His. We need to be aware that others are watching our every move, and we have to be bold in our decision to follow God.

Secondly, our children will learn to **POINT** to God by telling others about Jesus. This session is important, because our little soul winners will learn to share with others the nonnegotiable truth that Jesus is the only Way. Certainly, some will try to resist and protest this fact and even become offended, so our children need the proper foundation to share this truth. John 14:6 says, "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'". We will also be going through the final steps of telling others how they can personally trust Him.

Thirdly, our children will learn to **POINT** to God by putting their faith into action. We will talk about servant leadership, and how committed kids can be called to lead others to Jesus Christ just as much as any adult Christian. Young people earn a right to speak by example, and when their actions match their words, they gain respect. One of the most important elements to effectively **POINT** the way to God is by our testimony. We will delve deeper into the meaning and importance of the word, "testimony".

Finally, our children will learn to **POINT** to God by telling others how He has changed their lives. I Peter 3:15 says, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect". While it is important to have our theology correct and be able to show someone how to accept the Lord Jesus, we need to be aware that non-Christians will be drawn to us Christians, because of what they see in us.

To end this session, we will be talking about Paul's own faith story as written in Acts 21-22. What an example we have in Scripture with regards to the testimony of Paul. Tremendous! I love the story of Paul!

Please don't let your children miss these sessions as we celebrate the most important birth of all. Salvation could never be possible without the birth of our precious Lord Jesus!!!

-Rachel Ferguson

Men's Sunday School

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

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

This month begins with a new book, themed “**Jesus and the Just Reign of God.**” In this book we will be taking a trip through the books of Luke and James. **Unit 1: God Sends Jesus and will focus on Awe/Wonder.** *Lesson 1 – Jesus’ Birth Foretold* reminding us of how God uses ordinary people for His important work. *Lesson 2 – Mary’s Song of Praise* we will discuss the joy of celebrating good news with others. *Lesson 3 – Zechariah Prophesies about John* will help us to decide what messages we share with others as in the message of salvation. *Lesson 4 – Jesus Is Born (Christmas)* we will talk about the joys of the Christmas season. *Lesson 5 – Jesus Is Presented in the Temple* we will discuss some ways or even reasons we can overlook something of great value. **Unit 2:** Jesus Ushers in the Reign of God **Unit 3:** Live Justly in the Reign of God.



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

Lesson 1: will center around Luke 1:26-40. *The Lesson Focus* says, “We serve an AWESOME God.” *The Bible Exploration* will help us explore Mary’s response to God’s amazing work to send His Son. *The Bible Interaction* will help us to consider the ways in which we can serve our awesome God. *The Life Response* encourages us to pray about how we can serve God. In this lesson Luke reminds of just how compassionate Jesus was for the outcasts of the society of that time (the poor, women and plain ole “sinners”. Luke 5:32 says, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Sometimes a person who’s lost (a sinner) can make the decision to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior just by hearing the Romans Road (Salvation Scriptures) and your personal testimony of how you came to know the Lord. Often times, we are hesitant to witness to others because we believe that we lack the ability, experience or even education needed or desired to witness. However, we must remember that we should not put limits on God because He loves to use ordinary people to show others how loving, caring, compassionate and awesome He truly is.

God used Mary to show that nothing is impossible when it comes to Him and His abilities. Mary received Gods’ approval because of her humility when the angel Gabriel appeared to her to tell her that she would give birth to a Son Whom she was to name Jesus and that He would be the Son of God. There is a great lesson to learn from Mary. She was an obedient, willing and humble vessel (servant) for God. Being God’s servant means doing what He asks us to do, even if we don’t understand everything that is going to happen to us. We are to simply be His obedient servants as we join Him in whatever He is doing around us. When we open our heart to God and ask Him humbly for His help and guidance, He will guide us to the answer that we need. Joyfully serving others because of who we are and who we ultimately serve will always please God. **“God has not one single servant for whom He has not appointed a service.”-C. H. Spurgeon**

-Yolanda Wilson

September

Ephesians 1:17 (KJV)

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him:

October

Colossians 3:23 (KJV)

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

November

Colossians 3:1 (KJV)

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

December

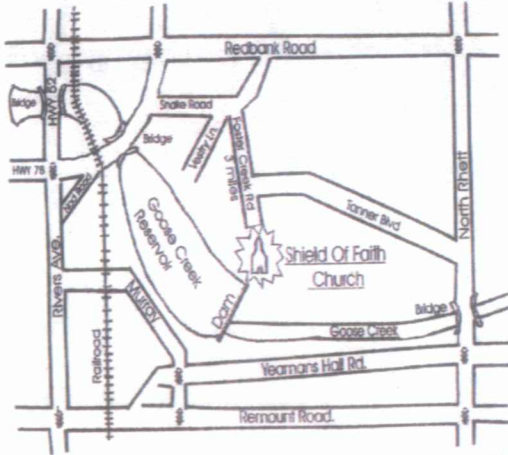
Acts 10:35 (KJV)

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

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Wednesday, December 11th

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day Dotter Drop-In 4-7p.m.
8	9	10	11 Article Deadline	12	13	14
15 Christmas Dinner	16	17	18	19	20 Beautiful Shades Graduation 7p.m.	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas No Services	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve Services 9p.m.-12a.m.	1 New Years Day No Services	2	3	4