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Heart Scriptures...



Heart: The center of our emotions, innermost thoughts and feelings, the place of affection, our innermost nature.

Keep thy heart with all diligence (care) for out of it are the issues (the well-springs) of life. Proverbs 4:23

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance. But the Lord looketh on the heart. I Samuel 16:7

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect (blameless, committed) toward Him. 2 Corinthians 16:9

For as he thinketh in his heart so is he. Proverbs 23:7

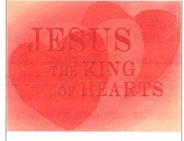
Unless your opinion of yourself agrees with God's opinion (God's word) of who you are, your life will never be all God called you to be.

- 1. A clean heart: Create (make, produce, bring about) in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10
- 2. A pure heart: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8
- 3. A forgiving heart: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:14-15
- 4. A reconciling heart: (to make friendly again, to settle a quarrel). Be reconciled to thy brother. Matthew 5:24 (each believer has the ministry of reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:18-19)
- 5. A thankful heart: I am the God most high, the only sacrifice that I want is for you to be thankful and to keep your word. Pray to me in time of trouble I will rescue you and you will honor me. Psalm 50:14-15, Colossians 2:6-7 NIV; Overflow with thanksgiving. Be thankful unto Him and bless Him name. Psalm 100:4-5
- 6. A self-denying heart: If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it, but if you give it up for Me, you will save it. Matthew 10:38-39

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Youth Talk "Be Who You Say You Are!"

There are many times in our lives when we find that folks aren't always who they say they are. They put on a different face around you than they would around a Pastor or the President. Those people think it's hidden from others, but it's as obvious as bright red lipstick on a very pale face.

Integrity is key. Integrity means the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness. The state of being whole, complete, and undivided. An unimpaired condition.

We as Christians can point to times in our walk with God where we may not have walked with the 'utmost' integrity. We tell 'white lies' which are nothing but plain old lies. We want others to accept us and so we put on a façade hoping they'll receive us because they might reject us if they knew the 'truth' about how we really act. We put on a smile when we are dying on the inside, we hug others and pretend that nothing is wrong, or we act like nothing is wrong so no one will know the sin that we are involved in. We should be an open book read by all men. **2 Corinthians 3:3a** (The Message Bible)—"Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you..."

A Pastor was once asked, "Does anyone in your congregation ever ask you to come over and eat dinner with them?" The Pastor answered, "No." I believe I know why. People do not act the same way in church as they act at home and they are <u>afraid</u> that someone will 'find out' who they really are. Yep, <u>fear</u> holds them back. Fear paralyzes faith and without faith it is impossible to please God. So, what are we doing? Are we allowing fear to dictate our actions and reactions? Will this fear ultimately keep us from pleasing our Lord?

Our forefather, Abraham, did this very thing. He allowed fear to control his decisions and the way he acted which affected an entire country. You can read the entire story in Genesis chapter 20, but let's just read the first two verses for now. **Genesis 20:1-2** (Amplified) - "Now Abraham journeyed from there toward the South country (the Negeb) and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur; and he lived temporarily in Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, 'She is my sister.' And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah [into his harem]."

Because of Abraham's fear and his 'white lie,' the Lord closed the wombs of all Abimelech's household. (Genesis 20:17-18) That means no one became pregnant during the time that the lie was in place. That means, this lie had to have gone on at least a few months because, back in the day, it would have taken that long for any one to notice that the wombs were 'closed.' Thank the Lord that He spared Abimelech and his household through a dream.

The question is, who have we caused to be 'unfruitful' due to our fear and white lies? Whose lives have we hindered by not being an 'open book?' Our children watch us... They see who we really are every time we act like a chameleon around different people... and it affects them. Are they learning how to be when they 'grow up?' Will they be 'unfruitful' because of us and the way we act?

Let's be who we say we are. We are God's chosen; an open book for all to read. Let's be aware of what we are writing on those pages.

-fLoYd and Michele Dotter



Church Sign

"A prayer inn time saves thine."

"U" and "I" Belong in JESUS CHRIST

The greatest thing the letters "U" and "I" will ever do is be in the Name of JESUS CHRIST. And the greatest thing "YOU" and "I" will ever do is be "in" Jesus Christ too! So, what do you and I get when we are in Christ Jesus? Here are just a few things that we have "IN CHRIST." But the letters "U" and "I" are missing, so you have to fill in the blanks with the correct letters to complete the words.

- N_TY (Eph. 4:3)
- 2. R GHTEO SNESS (2 Cor. 5:21)
- 3. | ST F CAT ON (Rom 4:25)
- 4. A THOR TY (Luke 9:1)

It's wonderful to know that we have all of these things "IN CHRIST." But, we must also remember that before we can be "IN CHRIST" - there is first something "U" and "I" must be "WITH CHRIST" -

5. CR_C_F_ED (Gal. 2:20)

-Linda Butler

Recipe of the Month Grandma's Macaroni and Cheese

Ingredients:

I pound of elbow noodles
I can of cream of chicken soup

I block of Velvetta cheese

4 cups of shredded cheese (your choice) 2 packs of Ritz Crackers (your choice) 1 Stick of Butter



Directions:

- · Cook I pound of elbow noodles and drain.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Use two larger, deep casserole dishes (at least 3 1/2" to 4" deep). Put 1/2 of the can of cream of chicken in each dish and put a 1/2 of a can of milk in each dish. Use a whisk to mix.
- Place 1/4 of the noodles evenly into each of the two dishes on top of the milk and soup.
- Put I cup of shredded cheese on top of noodles in each dish and I/4 block of Velvetta in each dish (pinch off I" pieces and arrange evenly.)
- Crumble one pack of Ritz Crackers and sprinkle 1/2 of the pack on each dish evenly on top.
- Place I/4 of the noodles evenly into each of the two dishes on top of the first layer.
- Put I cup of shredded cheese on top of noodles in each dish and I/4 block of Velvetta in each dish (pinch off I" pieces and arrange evenly.)
- Crumble one pack of Ritz Crackers and sprinkle 1/2 of the pack on each dish evenly on top.
- Use a knife to cut butter into pieces to place evenly on top of each dish (1/2 of a stick onto each dish).
- Add milk into dish about an inch from the top of mixture.
- Bake both dishes at 350 degrees covered for an hour. Remove cover and bake until top is brown (approximately another 30-45 minutes).

-Florence Weber

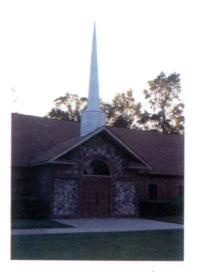
Chillie's Corner "An Old Dollar Bill Meets an Older \$20"



An old dollar bill and, an even older twenty dollar bill, arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

"I've had a pretty good life," the \$20 says. I've been to Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York, and even on a Caribbean cruise!"

- "You did have an exciting life!" the dollar says.
- "Where have you been," the \$20 asks?
- "Oh, I've been to the Methodist church, the Baptist church, spent some time with the Lutherans..."
- "Wait," the \$20 interrupts.
- "What's a church?"



Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Jeremiah is also know as what?
- B) God called Jeremiah to be a prophet during the reign of which king of Judah?
- C) Jeremiah wrote that above all things the heart is what?
- D) In Jeremiah 18, the Lord told Jeremiah to go to the house of whom?
- E) What priest struck Jeremiah and then put him in stocks?
- F) Jeremiah has a vision of two baskets of what?
- G) What false prophet broke a yoke from Jeremiah's neck?
- H) The group of men who would drink no wine where called what?
- 1) Ebed-Melech the Cushite released Jeremiah from what?

(See page 6 for answers)

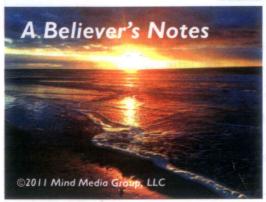
Pastor's Heart Heart Scriptures—Continued

- 7. A child-like heart: Unless you turn to God from your sins and become as little children, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who humbles himself as this little child, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3-4 (We are to be mature in our actions and re-actions, but trusting and believing as a child.)
- 8. A faithful heart: He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much. Luke 16:10 For unless you are honest in small matters, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.
- 9. A trusting heart: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5
- 10. **A merry heart**: A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance, but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. Proverbs 15:13-15
- 11. A loving heart: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself. Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:11-12
- 12. A believing heart: If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10
- 13. An untroubled heart: Let not your heart be troubled. John 14:1
- 14. A committed heart: Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5
- 15. A willing and obedient heart: If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Isaiah 1:18-19
- 16. <u>A rebellious-stubborn heart, do NOT have:</u> For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. I Samuel 15:23 (satanic powers are drawn to a heart that is stubborn and rebellious)
- 17. **An offensive heart—do NOT have**: It is harder to win back the friendship of an offended brother than to capture a fortified city. His anger shuts you out like iron bars. Proverbs 18:19
- 18. A watchful heart: So be prepared, for you don't know what day your Lord is coming. Just as a man can prevent trouble from thieves by keeping watch for them, so you can avoid trouble by always being ready for my unannounced return. Matthew 24:42-44
- 19. A meek and quiet heart: Keep the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God of great price. I Peter 3:4
- 20. A peaceful heart: In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7
- 21. A fearful heart—do NOT have: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed or lose heart for I am your God: I will strengthen you, yea, I will help you, yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness. Isaiah 41:10

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

What God Hath Promised

As we think about the trials we face, this familiar hymn can help us put those in perspective:



God hath not promised skies always blue, Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through; God hath not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day, Rest for the labor, light for the way, Grace for the trials, help from above, Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

God hath not promised we shall not know Toil and temptation, trouble and woe; He hath not told us we shall not bear Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide, Swift, easy travel, needing no guide; Never a mountain, rocky and steep, Never a river, turbid and deep. -Dennis Field

We must trust His care in our times of struggles and thank Him for His promise of deliverance and for the wonderful inheritance that awaits us.

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

- A) The (Bullfrog... haha) Weeping Prophet Jeremiah 9:1
- B) Josiah Jeremiah 1:2
- C) Deceitful Jeremiah 17:9

- D) Potter Jeremiah 18:1-2
- E) Pashhur Jeremiah 20:1-2
- F) Figs Jeremiah 24:1-2

- G) Hananiah Jeremiah 28:10
- H) Recabites Jeremiah 35:5-6
- I) The Dungeon Jeremiah 38:10

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Kids' Corner



I can follow Jesus by helping others.



Kids' Corner "Confess With Your Lips"

Romans 10:8-13 - (Amplified)

⁸ But what does it say? The Word (God's message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is, the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach,

⁹Because if you acknowledge *and* confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.

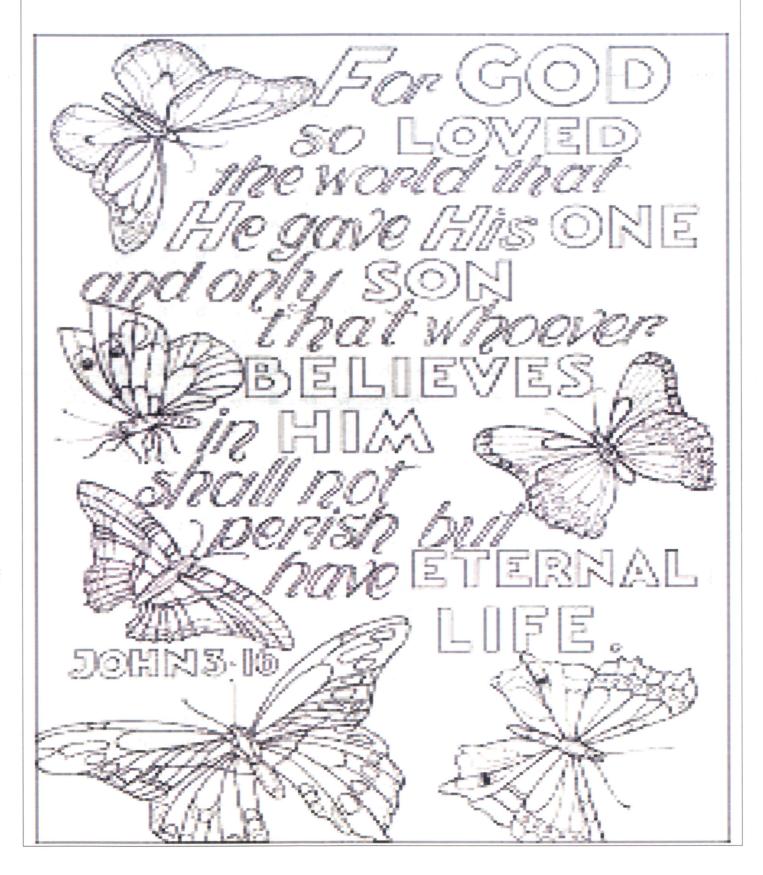
The Scripture says, no man who believes in Him [who adheres to, relies on, and trusts in Him] will [ever] be put to shame or be disappointed.

¹² [No one] for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. The same Lord is Lord over all [of us] and He generously bestows His riches upon all who call upon Him [in faith].

¹³ For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.



Kids' Corner "The Love of God"



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Kids Corner "Books of the Bible"

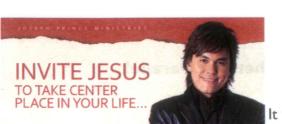


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Archangel
Beginning
Breath
Caught up
Christ
Clouds
Cry
Dead
Death
Descent
Eternal
Everlasting
Friends

Gnashing
God
Good news
Grave
Heaven
Hope
Jesus
Lost
Loved ones
Meet the lord
Memorial
Mourning
Omega
Perish

Rise first
Saints
Satan
Second
Shout
Sinners
Sleep
Soul
Tears
Teeth
Thought
Trump
Voice

Joseph Prince



"Develop Godly Habits"

"Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments."
-Psalm 119:164

It was David's habit to praise God seven times a day. It was Daniel's habit since his youth to pray three times a day to God. It was Jesus'

habit to go to the synagogue every Sabbath to read the Word. And it was the early church's habit to meet together often and break bread.

My friend, whether it's meditating on the Word, praying or praising God, I encourage you to cultivate such godly habits. Not only are they ways through which you'll enjoy God's presence, but they'll also equip you for every fight of life. They'll sustain and deliver you in times of trouble.

Just look at Daniel. When a new law forbade him to pray, he didn't panic or become confused, but as was his custom, continued to pray to God. Later, up close and personal with a bunch of hungry lions, this habit made Daniel so conscious of God's presence in the den that the lions couldn't touch him! It made him so steady that the king was moved to haul Daniel up and throw in his enemies to the lions instead.

Beloved, let godly habits deepen your relationship with Jesus—and overcome every challenge with a strong consciousness of His presence and love!

"Forgo Flattery, Exalt Jesus"

"You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You."
-Psalm 118:28

When the apostle Paul and Silas were in Philippi, a certain slave girl possessed with a demonic spirit of divination met them. She was a fortune-teller who brought good profits to her masters. This girl followed Paul and Silas wherever they went, crying out, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." (Acts 16:17) And she did this for many days.

Now, let me ask you, was there anything wrong with what she said? She was telling the truth, wasn't she? Paul and Silas were indeed servants of the Most High God, and they were proclaiming the way of salvation. But I want you to see this: For many days, the girl kept saying, "These men are...These men are...These men are..." And this greatly annoyed Paul, so much so that he cast the demon out of her (Acts 16:18). Why was Paul so annoyed? Because the girl was constantly putting the spotlight on him and Silas. The devil always wants us to put our attention on man instead of God!

My friend, if you are the sort who gets flattered easily, people can control you. All they have to do is say some nice things about you and you are influenced into doing whatever they want you to do. But when you are passionate for the glory of Jesus, you can't be swayed by the praises of man. You want only Jesus to get all the glory.

So always point people to Jesus. He alone deserves all the glory. You'll never be shortchanged, my friend, when you do this—God will take care of those who exalt His Son!

Beautiful Shades

We had a great time at the Martin Luther Day Parade!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

On Saturday, February 21, 2014 at 2:00pm

We will be meeting with Ms. Chelsi Howard to discuss 'Healthy Relationships.'

If you have any questions, or need directions to our meeting, please don't hesitate to contact us at (843) 509-1653.

Thank you again for your prayers and support!

-Sheila Adams

Jokes and Riddles

What did Chief Running Water name his two sons?

Hot and Cold

Why did the orange stop rolling down the hill?

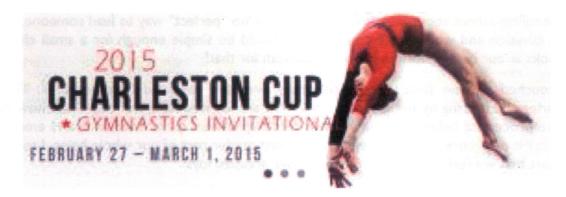
Because it ran out of juice

What did the traffic light say to the car? Don't look now. I'm changing!

What happens when a duck flies upside down?

It "quacks up"!

Upcoming Events



The Charleston Cup is an annual gymnastics invitational that includes 1,500 athletes and their families from across the country.

Participants have included foreign teams as well as US National Team members.

Held at the Charleston Area Convention Center Complex each year, it includes team and individual competitions for girls up to high school age. It will celebrate 26 years strong on February 27 – March 1, 2015.

For more information, please visit the website www.charlestoncup.com

Charleston Area Convention Center Complex

5001 Coliseum Drive North Charleston, SC 29418

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of February, the children's Sunday school class will continue in our teachings of the great myths and misconceptions of salvation and soul winning. We have been going full throttle since we have started off this New Year. The kids have already learned some great new truths, and they have been surprised at what they didn't know.

Although we have already touched on some of this, we will go over what we call the "sinner's prayer." Did you know that there is not a sinner's prayer in the Bible? Surprise, surprise!! There isn't an exact prayer to receive salvation. Remember the Bible says in our power verse that we must CONFESS and BELIEVE! "....If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you WILL be saved." (Romans 10:9) So, what is most important is that we make sure the sinner confesses something like, "Jesus is Lord!"

We have started our discussion in January reviewing important terms such as confess, believe, saved, converted, born again, redeemed and regenerated. These are some big words for kids, so we go over in detail what they mean. It's important that children understand them, or how else can they feel confident when they are telling others about Jesus? Even so, there is no "perfect" way to lead someone. I will explain to them that salvation and winning others to Christ should be simple enough for a small child to understand. God looks at our hearts, not our works. Hallelujah for that!

We've also touched on how faith works. Specifically, we have reviewed Romans 10:17, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." We are learning how we "hear" and how our heart is involved in the process of believing. Our heart is made up of our spirit, mind, will, and emotions-or our soul. I like to call it our "core." It is the deepest and most tender part of our whole being. I tell them that it is with the heart that we feel our deepest hurts and our greatest joys.

In conclusion, we will be doing a drama of a Christian, a new Christian, a sinner, and Jesus. The kids are excited about acting out these parts. Bring your kids to Sunday school! Don't let them miss these important times to learn the Truth. It's only once a week for I hour. Make it a priority or a resolution in your life TODAY.

-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

We begin this month with Unit 3 – Stewardship for Life which places a valued emphasis on Stewardship. This unit begins with Lesson 5: Feasting and Fasting. This lesson text comes from Daniel 1:5, 8-17; Matthew 6:16-18. The Lesson Focus will help us to see how being faithful requires discipline and devotion. In the Life Connection we will talk about giving up something we like. In the Bible Exploration we will see authentic discipline and devotion through contrasting examples. In the Bible Interaction we will consider how discipline and devotion draw us closer to Christ. The Life Response will show us how to commit to a spiritual discipline that will strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

"We may think of spiritual fasting as a time of testing – a time to test our commitment to putting God first in our lives. Sometimes it's a time when we purposely deny ourselves in order to spend time focusing on God and seeking Him in prayer. Fasting is about self-discipline and we do not enjoy saying 'no' to the things that we like." (David Cook) We should periodically pray and take an inventory of ourselves to see if/when it's time to give up something for a time in order to draw closer to the Lord.

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

Fasting can be difficult and challenging for some of us when we decide to truly fast an item or thing that we believe is very integral to getting through our day. However, I believe that we all will say that it would be worth it to gain a deeper relationship with God. Fasting does require discipline, but true fasting is a matter of both discipline and devotion. It also requires us to ask a simple question, "Are we truly willing to give up something we like (or an item/habit that we may even be addicted to or addictive habit) in order to make time to joyfully interact with God instead of that item/habit?" True fasting is an act of worship before God alone (in secret) and should not be obvious to men (Matthew 6:18). "Fasting is a discipline that gets us out of our normal routines and habits and helps us deny ourselves so we can open up more to God." David Cook

-Yolanda Wilson

November Psalm 91:3 (KJV)

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

December Psalm 91:4 (KJV)

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

January

Psalm 91:5 (KJV)

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

February

Psalm 91:6 (KJV)

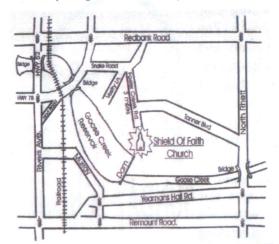
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.



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Deepening our Relationship with Him...



We're on the Web! www.shieldoffaithchurch.net

Next deadline to submit articles is: Wednesday, February 18th

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Youth Birthday Bash	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Family Movie Night	14
15	16	17	18 Article Deadline	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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