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## God's Specific Instructions for Women

Even though this is written primarily to women, men can benefit by following these instructions as well.

The older women must train the younger women to live quietly, to love their husbands and their children, and to be sensible and clean minded, spending their lives in their own homes, being kind and obedient to their husbands, so that the Christian faith can't be spoken against by those who know them. Titus 2:4-5

## How can I love my husband: (This man God has given me?)

- 1. Hug him and say, "I love you, I appreciate you, and I thank God for you every day."
- 2. Pray for and with your husband, if he will allow you, but pray. James 5:16
- 3. Always show your love by your actions. Love is an action word. Let your godly life speak louder than your words. I Peter 3:4
- 4. Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. James 1:19
- 5. See, acknowledge, make a list, and give a good report of the goodness in your husband, pray over the negative points, and watch God work miracles. Philemon 1:6
- 6. Separate your husband from his actions and re-actions. Love, respect, and honor him as a special creation made in the image and likeness of God. Do not tear down the image of God with your words.
- 7. Because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife and each woman have her own husband. Let the husband "render to his wife the affection due her," and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. So do not refuse or deprive these rights to each other. Except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer: and come together again so that satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. I Corinthians 7:2-5
- 8. You are your husband's help-meet, a helper suitable for him. Let's not complain because we feel like we're "doing it ALL" for him. We're really being obedient to God's word and "doing it ALL for Him." There is no marriage or giving in marriage in heaven, so enjoy each other here.
- 9. Be willing to suffer for doing good instead of doing evil.
- Commit your soul to your faithful Creator, and continue to do good. I Peter
   4:19
- II. LEARN TO LAUGH!

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

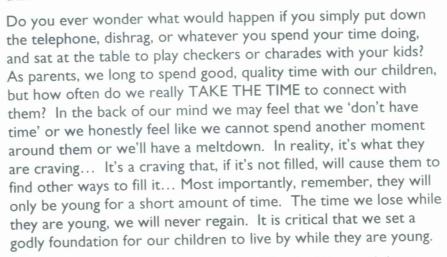
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## Youth Talk "So Many Things..."





I THOROUGHLY enjoy loving on our Youth. They each have such a special place in my heart that I cannot describe. God has blessed The Shield of Faith Church with some amazing kids! Take time to give them a hug when you see them... they are on the front line in the midst of so much trash and demonic activity. They could sure use our prayers and encouragement!



## How to Love Your Children

- I. Hug them.
- 2. Hold them.
- 3. Say, "I love you, you are special to me, I am here for you, I'm glad God gave you to me."
- 4. Listen to them.
- 5. Communicate with them.
- 6. Pray over them and for them everyday.
- 7. Say the good about them.
- 8. Brag on them.
- 9. Be a godly example before them.
- 10. Teach them to discipline themselves by putting everything in its own place.
- 11. Have boundaries and limitations at the different stages of growth and development.
- 12. Teach them to obey you the first time you speak.
- 13. Keep your word and if you can't, explain why.
- 14. Be consistent.
- 15. Be patient.
- 16. Don't yell at them... talk to them.
- 17. Keep a calm center.

We are raising the future men and women of God for God's service.

I Timothy 4:12, 16 reads, "Be an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity: for in doing this you shall both save thyself, AND them that hear thee." (THIS INCLUDES OUR CHILDREN)

- Michele Dotter



## Actions Speak Louder Than Words

What you DO has a louder voice than what you SAY.

Your actions drown out your speech.

It's hard to hear your voice with your actions screaming so loud.

The sound of your voice is lost in the shout of your actions.

Your actions touch my heart more deeply than your words penetrate my ears.

Your conduct reveals more to me about your character than your ability to persuade me with your words.

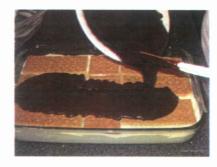
Your ability to talk is not nearly as persuasive as your inability to do.

All your flowery words are brought to naught by the flimsiness of your actions.

## Recipe of the Month Chocolate Éclair Desert

#### Ingredients:

- I large box of honey graham crackers
- I large box instant vanilla pudding
- 3 cups milk
- I 16 oz. container of cool whip
- I can chocolate frosting (chocolate or milk chocolate)



#### **Directions:**

Mix pudding mix and milk well. Then, fold in cool whip. Mix well. In approximately a  $9 \times 13$  dish, make one layer of crackers, then pudding, then crackers, then pudding, then crackers. Then, take the lid and foil off the frosting can and put in microwave for about I minute. Mix well and pour over dish. The crackers need to get sort of soft so let it sit in the fridge for several hours before serving.

-Rachel Ferguson



## Chillie's Corner "Pecans in the Cemetery"

Faith Talk

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,' said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me...' He just knew what it was...

He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along.

'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!'

The man said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.' When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.' The old man whispered, 'Boy, you've been telling me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord...'

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done...'

They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him!

## Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) The first three judges of Israel were who?
- B) During Deborah's judgeship, who was the commander of the Israelite's army?
- C) The woman named Jael killed Sisera, the Canaanite army commander, how?
- D) Seeking a sign from God, Gideon, the fifth judge of Israel, set what out on the threshing floor?
- E) In paring down Gideon's army, God ordered Gideon to take into battle the three hundred men who what?
- F) Gideon's son, who became Israel's fist self-declared king, was named what?
- G) Jephthah was a mighty warrior who made a "rash" vow to the Lord, which resulted in what?
- H) The strongman Samson had a relative named what?
- I) When Delilah first asked Samson the secret of his strength, he told her he'd become weak if what?

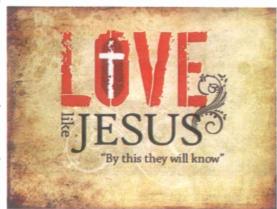
(See page 6 for answers)



## Seriously Ask Yourself, "Are you 'Religious?"

After spending some time pondering this question I was reminded of one clear fact... it was the <u>God believing</u> 'religious folks' who moved the crowd to have Jesus crucified... NOT the heathen. NOT the sinners he communed with.

'Religious folks' don't look with eyes of love and support. They have a harsh side to them with eyes that search for perfectionism. Their eyes are critical, looking to find fault and judge with harshness, and often too readily. 'Religious folks' often talk about others so we can be 'praying' for them... They have no problem stripping someone naked with their words while chatting with friends, spouse, or church leadership. Religious folks always notice when others do it wrong but fail to realize they are lacking what it takes to fulfill the GREATEST commandment... To LOVE...



Even Jesus had this to say to the critical 'religious folks' of that day...

#### Matthew 22

- 34 Now when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced (muzzled) the Sadducees, they gathered together.
- 35 And one of their number, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him.
- 36 Teacher, which kind of commandment is GREAT and important (the PRINCIPLE kind) in the Law? [Some commandments are light—which are heavy?]
- 37 And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind (intellect).
- 38 This is the great (most important, principal) and FIRST commandment.
- 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.
- 40 These two commandments sum up and upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Let's become more aware of our thought life... What thoughts are we thinking? We need to take captive EVERY thought making it obedient to Christ, as Paul stated. Paul used to be a Pharisee, a 'religious' man who thought he was doing what God wanted him to do while he was killing Christians.

#### Paul writes in:

- 2 Corinthians I 0:3-5,7
- 3 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- 5 <u>Casting down imaginations</u>, and <u>every</u> high thing that <u>exalteth itself against</u> the knowledge of God, and <u>bringing into captivity every thought</u> to the obedience of Christ;
- 7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?...."

My prayer today is that we as 'Christians' would see others through Jesus' eyes of love, forgiveness, joy, and understanding—instead of looking at all the 'wrong' that **we** think needs correcting in someone else's life. The Fruit of the Spirit always begin with LOVE...

Let's become lovers of Jesus and share what He died to give others... LOVE.

- Michele Dotter

Faith Talk Page 6





Do you know what it means to be established in righteousness? It means to be in a right place with God - 'right-standing;' to be able to stand in the presence of a holy, awesome, almighty, pure God without a sense of guilt or inferiority. It means to know without a shadow of a doubt that there is absolutely nothing wrong between you and God... no sin, nothing. Everything is so right that every time you walk in the door the Father says, "Yes, yes, yes..." before you can even ask Him for anything.

It's easy for us to believe things are that way between God and Jesus... but realize this—you were made the righteousness of God with exactly the same miraculous occurrence that made Jesus be-

come sin with your sin. 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 says, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new... For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"

You have exactly the same entrance to the heavenly Father as Jesus does. He loved you just as much as He loves Jesus as seen in John 17:23, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as Thou has loved me." This may be hard to grasp but keep working on it.

We have to keep thinking and meditating on it all the time and develop a righteousness-consciousness instead of a sin-consciousness. We have to keep skillful in the word of righteousness—Hebrews 5:13. As you do this, you won't be afraid to do exploits in Jesus' name. You won't be afraid to act like Him. You won't be afraid to boldly claim what is yours in Christ Jesus. You won't be afraid to lay hands on the sick, believing they will recover. You won't be afraid to believe God for your own healing. You won't be afraid to believe God for the finances that you need.

So become skillful in the word of righteousness. Receive that you have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Receive that you are established in righteousness... stand before Him without any sense of guilt or inferiority, and live in victory! Speak the word: <u>I am established in righteousness!</u> Isaiah 54:14

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

A) Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar Judges 3:9, 15, 31

Judges 4:6

- B) Barak
- C) The tent pin was in his temples ludges 4:22
- D) Fleece of Wool

Judges 6:37

- E) Lapped water out of their hands like a dog Judges 7:5-7
- F) Abimelech
  - Judges 8:30-31
- G) The death of his daughter Judges 11:30-40

H) Monoah

Judges 13:17-24

I) If anyone ties me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried.

Judges 16:7



# Kids Corner (We are ALL His kids!) "Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant"





## **Kids Corner** "Jesus Calms the Storm" - The Amplified (AMP)

### Matthew 8

<sup>23</sup> And after He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

<sup>24</sup> And suddenly, behold, there arose a violent storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered up by the waves; but He was sleeping.

<sup>25</sup> And they went and awakened Him, saying, Lord, rescue and preserve us! We are perishing!

<sup>26</sup> And He said to them, Why are you timid and afraid, O you of little faith? Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great and wonderful calm (a perfect peaceableness). <sup>27</sup> And the men were stunned with bewildered wonder and marveled, saying, What kind of Man is

this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!

### Mark 4

<sup>35</sup> On that same day [when] evening had come, He said to them, Let us go over to the other side [of the lake].

 $\overline{^{36}}$  And leaving the throng, they took Him with them, [just] as He was, in the boat [in which He was

sitting]. And other boats were with Him.

<sup>37</sup> And a furious storm of wind [of hurricane proportions] arose, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that it was already becoming filled.

<sup>38</sup> But He [Himself] was in the stern [of the boat], asleep on the [leather] cushion; and they awoke

Him and said to Him, Master, do You not care that we are perishing?

<sup>39</sup> And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was [immediately] a great calm (a perfect peacefulness).

<sup>40</sup> He said to them, Why are you so timid and fearful? How is it that you have no faith (no firmly

relying trust)?

<sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and feared exceedingly and said one to another, Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?

#### Luke 8

<sup>22</sup> One of those days He and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, Let us go across to the other side of the lake. So they put out to sea.

<sup>23</sup> But as they were sailing, He fell off to sleep. And a whirlwind revolving from below upwards swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in great danger.

- <sup>24</sup> And the disciples came and woke Him, saying, Master, Master, we are perishing! And He, being thoroughly awakened, censured and blamed and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; and they ceased, and there came a calm.
- <sup>25</sup> And He said to them, [Why are you so fearful?] Where is your faith (your trust, your confidence in Me—in My veracity and My integrity)? And they were seized with alarm and profound and reverent dread, and they marveled, saying to one another, Who then is this, that He commands even wind and sea, and they obey Him?

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## Kids Corner "Jesus Calms the Storm"



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## Kids Corner "New and Old Testaments"

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## Do Not Fear What They Fear

Luke 21:26 reads, "Men's hearts failing them for fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

We, both inside and outside the church, have all heard and read about disasters projected for the future. Those of us who study the Bible recognize that disasters are indeed on the way, in addition to the ones that have already occurred. The saints have a means of keeping fear at bay that the sinners don't, namely rejoicing and focusing on our coming heavenly inheritance. The saints can also recognize that not all of these projected disasters will actually occur.

The "global warming" scenario is one that I consider to be a counterfeit apocalypse. Those who buy into it claim that world temperatures are on the increase, which will lead to melting of polar glaciers and a rise in sea level great enough to flood many coastal cities. In addition, they believe that human industrialization is at least partly responsible for temperature increases, and therefore that man's intervention might be able to reverse the situation.

While I see a number of reasons to question the global warming scenario from a scientific view-point, I'll offer here instead some Biblical considerations.

Is God in control, or isn't He? In Job 38:11, He said to the sea, "This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!" This word is still valid, and we can stand on this word before the throne. It's true that He brought a flood at the time of Noah, but He has promised not to bring a repeat performance. As Abraham bargained with the Lord in Gen. 18, so we can intercede over sea levels, if need be. The atheists however, see all events in the natural world as impersonal occurrences.

At the sound of the fourth trumpet (Rev. 8:12), the light from the sun, moon, and stars will be reduced by one-third. How will this increase temperatures on earth? If this reduction in light continues for a significant length of time, there will be a large drop in temperatures, and the global warming alarmists will forget about the supposed plight of the polar bears.

Unfortunately, the global warming picture distracts the attention of people away from the real threats. It provides a convenient excuse to blame others for problems, making them less inclined to repent, even though the leading alarmists have larger "carbon footprints" than the average American. According to Rev. 9:20-21 and Rev. 16:21, men will be blaming not others but God for the Tribulation disasters. Furthermore, we should be less earthly minded and more eternity minded. If the followers of the counterfeit apocalypse are concerned about a very small increase in temperatures, why not be more concerned about the great heat in the lake of fire?

-Phil Rust

## **Billy Graham**



Billy Graham was returning to Charlotte after a speaking engagement and when his plane arrived there was a limousine there to transport him to his home.

As he prepared to get into the limo, he stopped and spoke to the driver.

'...You know' he said, 'I am 87 years old and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?' The driver said, 'No problem. Have at it.'

Billy gets into the driver's seat and they head off down the highway.

A short distance away sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap. The long black limo went by him doing 70 in a 55 mph zone.

The trooper pulled out and easily caught the limo then got out of his patrol car to begin the procedure.

The young trooper walked up to the driver's door and when the glass was rolled down, he was surprised to see who was driving.

He immediately excused himself and went back to his car and called his supervisor.

'I know we are supposed to enforce the law.... but I also know that important people are given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person.'

The supervisor asked, 'Is it the governor?'

The young trooper said, 'No, he's more important than that.'

The supervisor said, 'Oh, so it's the president.'

The young trooper said, 'No, he's even more important than that.'

After a moment, the supervisor finally asked, 'Well then, who is it?'

The young trooper said, 'I think it's Jesus, because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur!

## **Upcoming Events**

## Welcome to our "Barnyard Valentine's Party"





The Youth at The Shield of Faith Church are looking forward to serving you some fried chicken, homemade mashed potatoes, and buttermilk biscuits along with some other great farm vegetables! Bring a friend and come dressed as a farmer or a farm animal and enjoy LOTS of laughter and fun!

We do have an RSVP request because we have limited space and have doubled our crowd in the past couple of years.! Praise God! See you there!

### The Shield of Faith Church

1612 Foster Creek Road Hanahan, SC 29410

## RSVP (843) 452-0884 By February 13th

Donations towards the Youth Ministry that evening are greatly appreciated!





## Sunday School Events

## Children's Sunday School

## Ages 6-11

For the month of February, the Children's Sunday School class will be learning about Jesus and the miracles he performed as told in the Gospels. The value we will be discussing is PEACE and what to do when we have a problem, when we get hurt, when we are afraid, and when we have needs to be met. The first miracle we will encounter is when the Roman Centurion wanted his servant to be healed, so he sought out Jesus to heal him. Of course, Jesus was able and willing to do so, but it was the Centurion's faith in Jesus that made the healing possible. Did you know that Jesus wasn't even present? Let faith arise, folks! Let's seek God and His righteousness first.

Secondly, we will learn about the miracle in Nain. Jesus and his disciples were walking through Nain, and a widow's son had died. She was mourning, and Jesus saw her crying. Jesus could understand her hurt and pain, so he did an amazing thing. The boy who was once dead was now alive! Praise God!

Thirdly, we will learn the story when Jesus calmed the waters at the Sea of Galilee. The storm was so great, and Jesus spoke, "Quiet. Be still". And do you know the waters were calmed? When the storms in your life are raging, what do you speak? Do you speak with the authority of God and command it to stop? You should.

Finally, we will hear the miracle of Jesus turning the little boy's lunch into a huge feast enough to feed over 5,000 people. We should never limit God. He can do the impossible. He will NEVER let His children be begging for bread. Trust Him in all things, and He will provide. We also need to remember that God placed His power in us. We have to activate it by saying the Scripture and speaking it in Jesus' name. John 14:12-14 says, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I am doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." Question: Are you going to believe it or not?

- 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' next adventure begins with Colossians which also takes us into a new unit. Unit 3 will focus on Paul's letter to the Colossians. He wrote this letter to refute the heresy of the Gnostics. The Gnostics were working hard to get people to believe that all things physical were evil and only spiritual things were good. They were trying to convince people not to believe that Jesus (who was the divine Son of God) came to Earth as a man and died on the Cross for sin. The Apostle John proclaimed that anyone who did not believe that Jesus had come in the flesh was not of God but was of the spirit of the anti-christ.

Unit 3: Imitating Jesus. This Unit places emphasis on Awe and Wonder. The first lesson, Lesson 10: Awed by Greatness, is taken from Colossians 1:15-20. The focus of Lesson 10 is: "Only Jesus can reconcile people to God." Let's put it this way, we cannot reconcile our loved ones & friends back to God. We can't place anyone in Heaven or Hell either. It's not even in us to obtain forgiveness for our own wrongdoings. God sent His Son to take our punishment upon Himself on the Cross and that is how we can be reconciled back to God.

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## **Sunday School Events—Continued**

## **Ladies Sunday School**

Lesson 10: Step 1, we will talk about the need all people have for reconciliation with God. In Step 2, will note how Paul's description of Jesus Christ reveals the image and full representation of God. Step 3, will help us to understand the ways in which we can be reconciled to God. Step 4, will help us to claim God's peace and reconciliation offered to us through Christ.

Paul told the Colossians that Jesus was not only the image and essence of God, but the Creator of all things and the firstborn of creation, the one with preeminence over creation. He wanted them to know that contrary to what they may have heard or believed, Jesus is the ultimate authority over everything in the universe and because He created the universe, He holds it all together by His grace and power.

Sometimes our spiritual walk can become full of distractions, pits, and traps which causes us to focus on our failures which causes us to miss our reconciliation appointment with God. When we ask God to forgive us, He accepts our repentance and restores us; we sometimes forget to receive His forgiveness and cleansing, which can block or hinder our restoration and reconciliation. Jesus died on the Cross so that we did not have to live a life that separated us from Him and the Father. He shed His blood so that we would be able to find true peace. It is by His blood that we can have peace with God, peace with ourselves, and also live in peace with others. A life submitted and pleasing to the Lord can also be at peace with others.



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

ACCEPT JESUS, GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE! "Abounding sin is the terror of the world, but abounding grace is the hope of mankind." Katherine Douglas

—Yolanda Wilson

#### September

### Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)

of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

#### December

#### Romans 3:23 (KJV)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:

#### October

## Romans 3:22 (KJV)

Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. for there is no difference:

#### January

#### Romans 5:8 (KJV)

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,

#### November

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

<sup>6</sup> As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is Lord, so walk ye in him: <sup>7</sup> Rooted and built up in him, eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

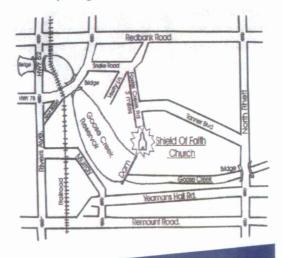
#### **February**

#### Romans 6:23 (KJV)

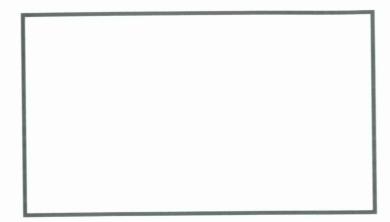


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Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, February 20th

## February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Ground Hog Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Super Bowl Sunday		:	Youth Birthday Bash			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Ash Wednesday	Valentine's Day		Barnyard Valentine's Dinner 5-7pm
17	18	19	20 Article Deadline		22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2