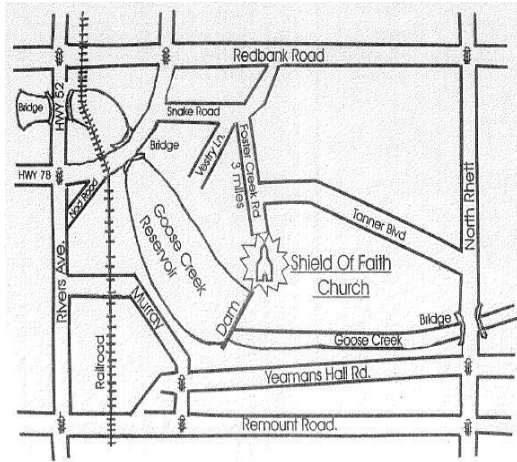


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Wednesday, September 14th**

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Grandparents Day	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9 Family Night	10
11 Grandparents Day	12	13	14 Articles Due	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Fall Begins	23	24 WAGOH Ryan's 9am Summerville
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Children



Until the age of six or seven, you are working primarily to keep passive-aggressive behavior from taking root in your child. The first and most important way you do this is to keep his/her emotional love tank full of unconditional love. The prime cause of anger and of misbehavior is an empty love tank.

Passive-aggressive behavior is “the indirect expression of hostility, such as through procrastination, stubbornness, sullen behavior, or deliberate or repeated failure to accomplish requested tasks for which one is (often explicitly) responsible. “

There are “Five Love Languages” as seen in Gary Chapman’s book by the same title and they are: 1) Words of Affirmation 2) Quality Time 3) Receiving Gifts 4) Acts of Service 5) Physical Touch. Each of us show love in one of these ways. It is that same way that we receive love. Know your children’s love language (as well as your spouse’s) so that each person can receive and feel loved in the way that they give it.

Speak your child’s love language clearly and regularly and you will fill that tank and prevent passive-aggressive behavior from taking root. When that love tank is full, the child is under no pressure to display his unhappiness by asking through his behavior, “Do you love me?” The child whose love tank is empty is compelled to ask, through misbehavior, “Do you love me?” Of course, an empty love tank is not the only cause of misbehavior or anger, but it is the most common.

Next, realize that your children have no defense against parental anger. When you dump your anger on your child, it goes right down inside the child. If you do this often enough, this bottled anger will probably come out as passive-aggressive behavior. Listen to him/her calmly, let them express their anger verbally. It may not be pleasant to hear their anger, but it’s preferable to them acting out in the anger.

Unfortunately, when children let their anger out verbally, most parents get more angry than the children and say something like, “How dare you talk to me like that? I never want to hear you speak to me that way again.” Instead we should say, “I forgive you of your negative actions and words. God has a plan for your life to do good and not evil,” Jeremiah 29:11.

It is IMPERATIVE for parents to tell your children, “I love you, you are special to me and to God.” Let it be a natural reaction to hug them and put your arms around them every day. Even the doctors say that hugging strengthens the immune system. Tell your children, “I thank God for you. You are a gift from God to me. You are fearfully and wonderfully made by God. I’m thankful that you are my son/daughter. I love you and care about you.” Remember, “A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame,” Proverbs 29:15b.

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

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Youth Talk
“T. I. M. E.”

T. I. M. E. Stands for “**T**ell them **I**ndependently how **M**uch **E**ach means to you.” I know that I am reaching with the acronym, but it is so important.

School is out and our Youth tend to sit back and allow their emotions to run wild as they watch television and peruse the internet throughout the summer. Some youth find themselves wandering around from friend’s house to friend’s house trying to find attention that they are not receiving from their parents. The one thing that each of them long for is T.I.M.E.

Take the time to sit down with each of your family members and tell them face-to-face how important they are to you. Be specific! Tell them in detail what it is about them that you enjoy the most. This is not a time to bring up things they have done wrong or to tell them that ‘even though you’re a handful’ or ‘I know you’ve not made good choices’ or ‘the things you do upset me’ or anything negative. This is a time to pour positive things into them.

It is also time for us as parents to spend quality time with each of our kids. Take them out to dinner without the other siblings. Take them to a good movie. Take them on a walk downtown near waterfront park and just spend quality time with them.

The song by D.C. Talk named “Time Is” has the lyrics, “Time keeps tickin’ away, tick, tick, tickin’ away...” Think about that moment that just went by, you’ll never get it back. OOOOPPPSS! There’s another moment gone... And another! And another!

Kris Allen’s song “Live Like We’re Dying” states,
 “Yeah, we gotta start looking at the hands of the time we’ve been given
 If this is all we got and we gotta start thinking
 If every second counts on a clock that’s ticking
 Gotta live like we’re dying...
 We only got 86,400 seconds in a day to
 Turn it all around or to throw it all away
 We gotta tell them that we love them
 While we got the chance to say
 Gotta live like we’re dying...”



Proverbs 25:11—Amplified Bible (AMP)
 “Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken at the right time.”

Take the time. Make the time. Tell them. There goes another moment...

- Michele Dotter

Calendars
July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 Family Night	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 National Ice Cream Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 WAGOH Ryan's 9am Summerville
24 Parents Day	25	26	27	28	29	30

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 Youth Birthday Bash	4	5	6
7 National Sister Day	8	9	10	11	12 Family Night	13
14	15 School Starts	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 WAGOH Ryan's 9am Summerville
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

In our Ladies Sunday School class we are studying Romans 8:28-39. It shows us that we don't ever have to feel alienated from God. If we should ever get to a place where we do feel alienated from God, all we have to do is dig into His Word to see what He has to say about our situation or circumstances that may have us feeling that way. When we read Romans 8:35-39, we will see that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Absolutely nothing. All we have to do is get things right with God, repent (1 John 1:9) if needed, and then receive God's forgiveness and get back in alignment with Him. We were predestined to be like Christ; God works all things out in our lives to make sure His purpose comes forth. No matter what kind of trouble or circumstance it is, God is there to always work them out for our good. We have an Advocate, Jesus, working things out in God's court on our behalf.

David C. Cook says, "Knowing God is making us into the image of Christ through our circumstances can give us confidence that He has not abandoned us. When it seems like His plans for us have been derailed or we feel alienated from Him, He loves us and has not left us." Remember God has created us for a purpose and that is to be conformed into the image of Christ. He has not abandoned us nor will He ever no matter what happens. God will use those circumstances and situations for His glory and always for our good. Remember to continue working on memorizing the Scriptures. Stick with one verse or one particular range of verses until you are confident that you know it. It may help those who feel overwhelmed by getting a new verse when you haven't completely memorized the previous one yet. There's no pressure and no contest to learn the Scriptures. We just want to encourage you to keep fighting to learn them. I know that we can do it because it is in His Word. **"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31, KJV**

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

-Yolanda Wilson



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

Jokes and Riddles

Why did the teacher marry the custodian?

Because he swept her off her feet

How is the letter "A" like a flower?

A bee (B) always comes after it

When does a cart come before a horse?

In the dictionary

Why did the teacher cross her eyes?

Because she couldn't control her pupils

In what kind of school do you learn how to greet people?

"Hi" School

Recipe of the Month **"Sweet Potato and Apple Soup"**

Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch dice
- 1 small parsnip, peeled and cut into 1-inch dice
- 2 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt to taste
- 6 cups vegetable stock or low-sodium broth
- 1 cup apple cider
- 1 teaspoon green Tabasco sauce
- Finely diced Granny Smith apple and minced parsley, for garnish



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375°. On a baking sheet, toss the sweet potatoes with the parsnip, garlic, olive oil and salt. Bake for 45 minutes, or until tender.
2. In a blender, puree half of the vegetables with 3 cups of the stock; transfer to a large saucepan. Repeat with the remaining vegetables and stock. Add the apple cider and Tabasco and heat through. Season with salt. Serve with the diced apple and minced parsley.

<http://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/sweet-potato-and-apple-soup>

Chillie's Corner

“Safe to Swim Here?”

While sports-fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft.



Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, “Are there any gators around here?”

“Naw,” the man hollered back, “they ain't been around for years!”

Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore.

About halfway there he asked the guy, “How'd you get rid of the gators?”

“We didn't do nothin',” the beachcomber said. “The sharks got 'em.”

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) The Gospel of Mark records Jesus healing a blind man by doing *what*?
- B) After being healed, the blind man in Mark 8 said, “I see,” *what*?
- C) The Gospel of Mark records that Jesus drove *what* out of Mary Magdalene?
- D) Mark lists as bringing spices to Jesus' tomb three women named *what*?
- E) What was the name of John Mark's mom?
- F) John Mark had a cousin named Barnabas, whose name means “Son of” *what*?
- G) John Mark deserted missionaries Paul and Barnabas *where*?
- H) John Mark was with an imprisoned Paul in Colosse, along with a man named *what*?
- I) In 2 Timothy, why does an imprisoned Paul request that Mark be sent to him?

(See page 6 for answers)

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

This past spring, we began a new series in the Children's Sunday School class. We will be continuing this series for the next couple of months. If you want your child to be spiritually prepared for life, school, dealing with their peers in the world, adolescence, pre-adulthood, etc., this is NOT the class to miss!! (Don't worry parents, this study is age appropriate for the younger kids. It's geared for ages 6-14). The name of our study is “Who is God? And Can I Really Know Him?” It is a curriculum from the Apologia series that will give your kids a strong Biblical worldview of God and truth. In this worldview study, it is vital that we are able to understand and answer questions about each lesson that pertain to God, the universe, people, truth, and right and wrong.

Earlier this Spring, we started with “Where Am I Building my Life?” Our main scripture was Deuteronomy 32:4, which states, “He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.” We talked about how our lives have to have a strong foundation to be able to weather the “storms of life.” Further, we talked about building our lives on the Word of God, so that we can stand against the attacks of the enemy. If our foundation is supported by God, we are depending and trusting fully on Him to deliver us. Psalm 18:2 states, “The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my Strength, in whom will I trust; my Buckler, and the Horn of my salvation, and my High Tower.” There are seven ways we can build our lives on the Rock, as follows: 1. Study and learn the Bible, 2. Know truth, think truth, and follow truth, 3. Care for your body and use it in the right way, 4. Worship God faithfully and joyfully, 5. Pray to God always, 6. Stand against Satan and resist him, and finally, 7. Put God first, not things or money.

Currently, we are focusing on “How Can I Know What's True?” Isaiah 45:19 states, “I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek Ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right”. We will be defining truth and identifying four ways that we can know what is true. In addition, we will explore three ways God speaks to us. We will also talk about how our response should be to the truth and do some mock demonstrations. Specifically, we will review the definition of obedience, and the amazing choice that we are given. We are not robots being forced to love Jesus. Deuteronomy 30:19 tells us, “...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.” The choice is yours! Finally, the **first** foundation of truth will be laid. This *Biblical truth* is that **God always tells us what is right and true** and our *foundation of wisdom* is laid by **knowing, loving, and obeying God, our Rock**.

Also in this quarter, we will learn “What God is Like.” Our memory verse is 1 Timothy 1:17, which states, “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” We will explore biblical answers to four basic questions about God: 1. Does God exist? 2. Is there more than one true God? 3. What does God look like? 4. And is God a person? It is really neat to learn the attributes of our God! He has some attributes and qualities just like we do although He is much more! In addition, we will learn some important terms including **sin, holy, eternal, immortal, immutable, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, reverence, atheism, faith, idols, polytheism**, and the definition of a **person** (a living being who has a mind, emotions, will, conscience, and a spirit).

Finally by the end of this quarter, we will lay our **second** foundation of *Biblical truth* which is that **God is the only true and almighty God**, and our *foundation of wisdom* is built on **knowing, loving, and obeying God, our Rock**. We will answer the questions (with Scripture references): Does God ever sin? How old is God? Does God ever change? Where is God? How strong is God? How much does God know? And what should I do? Our final memory verse for this quarter is, “As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all them that trust in Him.” 2 Samuel 22:31. What a great relief and rest that we can always have in Him. What an awesome God we serve!

Parents, please make an effort to bring your kids to Sunday School. By putting the right stuff in them now, they can be equipped to live a godly, satisfying life, and pleasing to the Father.

- Rachel Ferguson

Upcoming EventsBeautiful Shades

This teenage girls mentoring program meets monthly to discuss different topics (ex. alcohol and drugs, eating healthy, suicide, self-esteem, etc).

Field trips are taken and the teens also give back to the community during certain times of the year.

This organization is standing on the scripture: "I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." - Psalm 139:14 NIV

We are here to teach, encourage, empower, build self-esteem and grow. Addressing issues like: bullying, peer pressure, health, healthy relationships, drugs, and self worth. Therefore, providing a community resource list for those in need to seek professional help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Saturday, July 16, 2016 | - | College Tour at University of SC in Columbia and visit to the Zoo |
| Saturday, August 20, 2016 | - | Suicide / Domestic Violence—Speaker TBA—& Art Day or Bowling |
| Saturday, September 17, 2016 | - | Eating Healthy Awareness Month—Trip to Whole Foods
Speaker Melissa Bachelor |
| Saturday, September 17, 2016 | - | Harbor Cruise |

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

**Check out our new web-site:
www.beautifulshadesmentoring.com**

Thank you again for your prayers and support!

-Sheila Adams

Church Sign

**“Do you march with the Army of the Lord,
or hide in the Secret Service?”**

Be A Good Soldier

Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:3, "Endure hardship with me as a **GOOD SOLDIER** of Jesus Christ." There was a **GOOD SOLDIER** who fought for King David named Eleazar who knew how to endure hardship. He was fighting in one battle for Israel when the enemy seemed to be defeating his army. All of the other soldiers around him grew tired and fearful, so they retreated from the enemy. But he knew the importance of enduring through tough times, and Eleazar held his ground and continued to fight. He single-handedly defeated the enemy!

When the rest of the Israelite army came back to the battlefield, all of their enemies were dead... and there sat Eleazar with his sword in his hand.

Second Samuel 23:10 tells us that he fought so hard and so long that his sword was STUCK to his hand when the battle was over! Now, let that be a lesson to all of us who want to be **GOOD SOLDIERS** in the Lord's army... we should all have that firm of a grip on **OUR sword (the Word of God,** according to Ephesians 6:17). Those who hold on tight to the Word of God will always endure the hardships of life, thus proving themselves to be **GOOD SOLDIERS!**

They were GOOD SOLDIERS:

1. He is best remembered for his battle at Jericho (Joshua 6:2). _____
2. He was King Saul's army captain (1 Sam. 14:50). _____
3. He was a good soldier, but not for Israel...he was a GIANT of a man (1 Sam. 17:4). _____
4. He is called a "man of war" in Exodus 15:3. _____
5. He killed the man in #3 (1 Sam. 17:50). _____
6. He killed 1,000 men with a donkey jawbone (Judges 15:16). _____
7. He defeated the Midianite army with just 300 men (Judges 7:7). _____

Winning the Battle of the Flesh



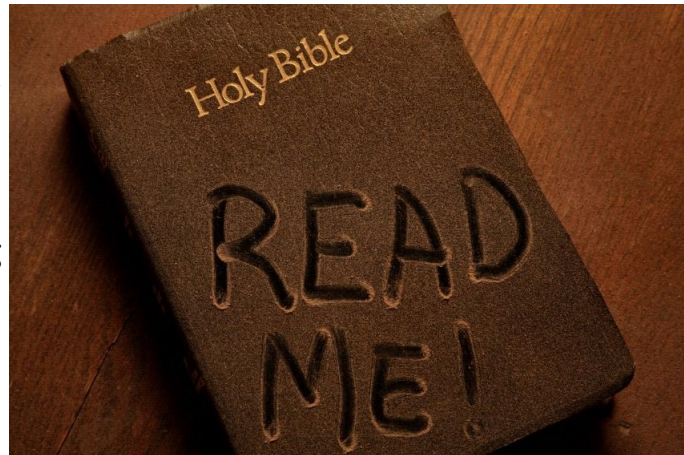
When we are born again, we are not half God and half devil. Jesus paid the price for our WHOLE being on the cross—spirit, soul, and body! Jesus allowed stripes to be laid on His back so that our flesh could be healed. Ephesians 5:29 says, “No man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it.”

We do have to crucify our flesh, or take dominion over it. And we train our flesh to obey God by practice (Hebrews 5:14). We practice training our flesh by obeying the Spirit and walking in the light of God’s Word.

Galatians 5:16 reveals the key. It says that when we walk in the Spirit, we do not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If you’re led by your spirit, there won’t be any need to impose law on your flesh because your spirit man has been reborn. He has no desire to break the law of God. He has been made the righteousness of God. If you will develop your spirit man and put Him in charge of your body, instead of being dominated by your body, eventually you will train that body to work with your spirit instead of against it.

That’s the good news! I am Christ’s! I crucify my flesh with its affections and lusts (Galatians 5:24)

The Word of God is quick (or alive) and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit. (Hebrews 4:12).



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

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| A) Spitting on his eyes
Mark 8:23 | D) Mary Magdalene, another
Mary, and Salome
Mark 16:1 | G) Pamphylia
Acts 15:38 |
| B) “Men like trees walking”
Mark 8:24 | E) Mary
Acts 12:12 | H) Barnabas
Colossians 4:10 |
| C) Seven demons
Mark 16:9 | F) Encouragement
Acts 4:36 | I) “He is helpful to me”
2 Timothy 4:11 |

Upcoming Events

Summer Food

Summer Kids Eat Free at MUSC (June 4 to Aug. 13)

University Hospital and Ashley River Tower Cafeterias (Monday through Sunday)

- Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m.
- Lunch is served from 11 to 2 p.m.

Rutledge Tower Cafeteria (Monday through Friday – No Holidays)

- Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m.
- Lunch is served from 11 to 2 p.m.

The Urban Farm (Saturdays)

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to noon

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BERKELEY COUNTY

The Berkeley County School District will be providing free hot meals to students at six schools during the summer break. The BCSD Summer Feeding Program kicks off Wednesday, June 1st and continues through Friday, August 5th to serve children 18 years old and younger. The six schools across the district will prepare both breakfast and lunch every day. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., and lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

The six schools include St. Stephen Elementary School, Berkeley Middle School, Goose Creek Primary School, H.E. Bonner Elementary School, Goose Creek High School, and Devon Forest Elementary School.

There are approximately 65 other sites throughout the county that will provide meals for children. To locate a church or community site near you, or for serving times, please call (866) 348-6479 for English and (877) 842-6273 for Spanish.

CHARLESTON COUNTY

Charleston County School District’s Nutrition Services Department will provide free breakfast and lunch meals to approved sites through its Seamless Summer Feeding Program (SSFP). The program will operate from Monday, June 6th through Friday, August 5th. We operate Monday through Friday (no weekends) and will be closed for July 4th only.

Breakfast and home-made hot lunch meals are prepared at one of eleven meal preparation sites (CCSD school kitchens/cafeterias). Approved summer sites – like schools, camps, community and recreation centers, churches, etc. – pick up their breakfast and lunch meals on a daily basis from one of these ten locations. All necessary serving and eating utensils, plates, napkins, condiments etc. are provided. Meals are available for pick-up throughout Charleston County, including McClellanville, Mt. Pleasant, North Charleston, James Island, Johns Island, Hollywood, downtown and West Ashley.

For the first time ever, we will be preparing meals in the heart of Mt. Pleasant at James B, Edwards Elementary School. This site will serve as a traditional pick-up location for summer meals, plus we will open the cafeteria daily for kids and teens to walk in and eat a free breakfast and/or lunch.

All About Me—Helene Minard—(Continued)

How long have you been saved? I was saved in May 1994 by an American missionary in France. Just wanted to practice English at that time!

What other places have you lived? Born in Paris-France, immigrated 6 years in Montreal-Canada, lived 1 year in Switzerland, back in Lyon-France and then, immigrated in USA in 1998-Boston and Charleston.

Where do you work? From home and Home School community in Summerville.

What do you do? We are helping people to develop extra incomes working with a group of entrepreneurs in Charlotte and a network of national retailers. - Also I teach French two days a week.

What other interesting work have you done? First, I was a Social Worker in France, Canada and Switzerland. And then, a Human Resources Consultant for Major companies (communication, training, etc).

What are your hobbies? Love to travel.

What do you believe that God has called you to do? To **really** apply the Great Commission with the signs that follow (healing, cast out demons, raise the dead). I have also a heart for France.

Tell us something that not many people know about you... I am a part of True Freedom Outreach, an international ministry in Cairo-Egypt that helps Christians in prison by writing to them, sending money and needed items.

Also, when you think about a Parisian lady, you think about fashion and perfume, right? So now you can add on your list ...agricultural products! I believe I am the only French lady that sells agricultural products to farmers in USA...for sure in South Carolina.

If you could go anywhere and do anything, where would you go and what would you do?

- We are working actively on that aspect through our business and want to help people who are serious anywhere in USA or in the world to achieve that goal.
- I would like to support the ministries of our children.
- I would like to spread the Gospel in Europe with signs and wonders.
- I would like to free a friend couple who are refugees in Sweden in order to join us in a Christian ministry.
- The list is too long...

What is your favorite Scripture and why?

It is **Mark 16:20** *“and they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen!”*

I think, in the occidental church, we have a tendency to put knowledge way above obedience to the Lord and that creates fear for going out. We need to go back to the book of Acts with the pattern of apprenticeship. The word “knowledge” needs to be understood as the Hebrew mindset, adding the experience into it. **“The Lord working with them”**...what an experience, this is life!

Tell us one life lesson that has changed you: The main thing is that God knows better than I do. Before coming to Christ, I went “my way”, and arrived at 36 year old, it was very disappointing.

A testimony or anything else you would like to share about yourself? One of my goals this year is to better work with the Lord meaning better hearing from Him and applying what we suppose to do. The first time I was introduced to the supernatural was through our Christian friends from Congo. They were in prison in Cairo and told me that they had a dream of receiving a letter from a lady in the United State and she is going to help them. The day after, they received my letter. In my heart I was prompted to write to them but never knew that it was God who spoke to me. I did not know that you can have dreams, visions, and ...speaking in tongues...now this couple are refugees in Sweden but it is not a final destination for sure!



All About Me

Our dear friends, Phil and Helene Minard joined us at The Shield of Faith Church near the end of 2015. As we read over their “All About Me” questionnaires we couldn’t help but just paste them into the newsletter as is... we love the humor, humility, and heart for the Lord that these beautiful folks have!

Phil Minard

How long have you attended The Shield of Faith Church?

Since November or December 2015. We have been growing in our faith since we joined. We came from a much larger church (seating of about 2,500) where we had attended for about 6 years. But we just weren’t growing like we felt we were ready to grow and felt stifled by “religion”. We are blessed to know the dear pastor and Ms. Susan, and the great brothers and sisters of SOF. None of us are perfect, none of us have arrived, but ain’t it great to know we’re all on the journey together?



How long have you been saved? Helene and I were saved together in May 1994 by an American missionary couple in France. We both grew up as Catholics, in my case, it was my mother’s faith that set us on the path to knowing the Lord as an adult. I simply wanted to meet other Americans living in Lyon, France, where we were at the time. A beautiful city, but mostly populated by old, cold, dead catholic churches. We were fortunate that the Lord drew us to encounter him through his faithful servants who had started a small, but vibrant, Evangelical Church, alive with young people and families. We met French protestants – a rarity! – who surprised and inspired us with their love for Christ and for one another. So God had other plans and through those dear brothers and sisters, he led us “on paths of righteousness for his name’s sake”. The rest of our individual journeys are long personal testimonies.

What other places have you lived? Born in Reims-France – the capital of the Champagne region, emigrated to America, thanks to our beloved stepdad, an American WWII GI in 1964 and with my brother and sisters and mom traveled back and forth to Europe several times. I served in the U.S. Navy (1977-1981) right out of High School – just barely made it - and traveled to the Far East, and different states in the U.S...Ohio, California, Washington, Massachusetts. I spent one year in Montreal, Canada – then hightailed it out of there before the next winter set in!

Where do you work? I have worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce since we were in France, in 1994. It pays the bills. I’m most passionate about our business, which Helene spends most of her time developing.

What do you do? I work with small to medium sized companies throughout the Lowcountry and coastal area of South Carolina to help them understand the export process and identify partners and opportunities for their products/services overseas.

What other interesting work have you done? Market research with a consulting company – like a competitive research on fine chocolates in Montreal; selling the very first “cell phones” (bricks with key-pads) in Atlanta, and teaching business English to French professionals...after having experienced unemployment in France for over a year.

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The English Language

Have you ever wondered why foreigners have trouble with the English Language?

Let's face it, English is a crazy language. There is no egg in the eggplant, no ham in the hamburger. And neither pine nor apple in the pineapple. English muffins were not invented in England. French fries were not invented in France. We sometimes take English for granted, but if we examine its paradoxes we find that Quicksand takes you down slowly. Boxing rings are square. And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. If writers write, how come fingers don't fing? If the plural of tooth is teeth, shouldn't the plural of phone booth be phone beeth? If the teacher taught, why didn't the preacher praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat!?

Why do people recite at a play, yet play at a recital? Park on driveways and drive on parkways. You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language where a house can burn up as it burns down. And in which you fill in a form by filling it out. And a bell is only heard once it goes! English was invented by people, not computers and it reflects the creativity of the human race. (which of course isn't a race at all). That is why when the stars are out they are visible, but when the lights are out they are invisible. And why it is that when I wind up my watch it starts, but when I wind up this observation, it ends?

Some Extra 'Chillie's Corner' Please!

There Are No Dogs Allowed Here

A man goes to a bar with his dog. He goes up to the bar and asks for a drink. The bartender says "You can't bring that dog in here!" The guy, without missing a beat, says "This is my seeing-eye dog." "Oh man, " the bartender says, "I'm sorry, here, the first one's on me." The man takes his drink and goes to a table near the door.

Another guy walks in the bar with a Chihuahua. The first guy sees him, stops him and says "You can't bring that dog in here unless you tell him it's a seeing-eye dog." The second man graciously thanks the first man and continues to the bar. He asks for a drink. The bartender says "Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!"

The second man replies "This is my seeing-eye dog." The bartender says, "No, I don't think so. They do not have Chihuahuas as seeing-eye dogs." The man pauses for a half-second and replies "What?!?! They gave me a Chihuahua!!?"



All About Me—Phil Minard—(Continued)

How many children do you have? We have two wonderful boys, 21 and 19 years old, both attending Charis Bible College in Colorado Springs. Our sons were a blessing from God, as are all children, but we are doubly blessed to know they are on fire for God, and that we will all spend eternity together... Hallelujah!

What are your hobbies? Sightseeing, maybe? Reading and learning about The Lord, I especially enjoy reading biographies and seeing how people have overcome challenges in their lives. I enjoy getting in the car and traveling, stopping to eat in unique restaurants along the way...we drove 32 hours to take our sons to Colorado...painful at times, but fun to see everything there is to see while getting there. God willing, some day we'll have our own motor home and travel to the left coast (but won't stay there), then on to Alaska. Catch me some salmon. I enjoy listening to praise/worship music and singing along...I started learning to sing along with Pink Floyd and the Beatles in the 70's...yeah baby!

What do you believe that God has called you to do? The Lord has blessed me with the gifts of faith, helps and giving, as well as exhortation. I enjoy sharing revelation of God's word, praying with and encouraging others, edifying Christ through it all. Is there more? Oh, praise God, his blessings and mercies are endless and infinite!.. I'm seeking and hungry to find out...

Tell us something that not many people know about you... I got my first job at 14, cleaning the parking lot around the convenience store on our street corner in Akron, Ohio, then worked at the local drive-in movie theater, making popcorn and burgers...Years later, I held a paper route, getting my back all out of whack with those Sunday papers, and worked as a busboy, hustling to clean tables and earn favor with those cute waitresses who would throw me a tip...then I spliced my finger on a meat slicer when I worked in the kitchen, making salads and sundaes. Got hooked on maraschino cherries.

If you could go anywhere and do anything, where would you go and what would you do?

Travel to Australia, hug a koala...hey, that's just me, I love hugs. I would transport myself to wherever people are hurting and share the love of Christ. I love to see the lost sheep enter the kingdom.

What is your favorite Scripture and why?

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God." Jesus was the word; God's word. Just like his father Jesus spoke things into being. And he teaches us, who are in His image, to measure our words...I love studying and teaching on this.

Tell us one life lesson that has changed you: The words 'I love you'. I don't recall ever having heard them from my father. I said them to our sons, daily, sometimes more than once. Not having had a father I could look up to, God blessed me with a stepdad. Years later, I learned from His word that He is the father to the fatherless.

A testimony or anything else you would like to share about yourself?

Hindsight is 20/20. As we go through trials, the fog of struggle and pain can blind us to the truth. Look back on those experiences years later, and you'll realize how God was right there all along, seeing you through. At the age of 21, I fell asleep at the wheel of my first car and lost control. The car crashed through a highway guard rail, flipped and rolled down an embankment several times to finally slam on its roof. I was thrown out of the car, and ended up with just a bruised ego. My friend walked out of the car with just a scratched knee. Angels were on duty that night. There were other such situations. No doubt about it, the Good Shepherd was watching...even the goats.

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Kids Corner

“John 15”

F F O T U C J E S U S N A M E
L U F T I U R F R I E N D S R

Ask whatever
Bear no fruit
Beginning
Belong
Branch
Business
Complete joy
Cut off
Friends
Fruitful

Gardener
Glory
God's commands
Greater love
Holy Spirit
It will be done
Jesus' name
Keep in mind
Persecute
Prune

Reason
Remain
Remember
Servants
Sins
Speak
Thrown away
Work
World hates you
Yourselves

Joseph Prince

“Remain Seated With Christ”

*“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”
-Matthew 22:44*



In some ancient battles, the conquered would be placed one by one under the feet of the victorious king. Likewise, in God’s kingdom, Jesus has defeated all His enemies at Calvary, and God is now placing every one of them under His feet, the last being death.

The Bible says that we are seated with Christ—a position of rest. And as you rest with Christ, God will place every one of your enemies—every symptom, every disease—under your feet!

Many of us want our symptoms and illnesses to be under our feet first, before we will rest. But God wants us to rest first, and then He will place every disease under our feet!

“Look Up For Your Supply”

“..The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my Savior...” 2 Samuel 22:2-3 (NIV)

When the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, they relied on the River Nile, a natural resource, for their supply of water. They depended on their own hands to carry the water from the Nile and did not have to look to God for His supply. This is a picture of human self-effort.

On the other hand, in the promised land of Canaan that God had prepared for His beloved people, there was no River Nile to depend on. So they had to look up and depend solely on the Lord for the blessing of rain to fall upon their land.

Beloved, even as you labor diligently in your career today, what is your trust in? Is it in your self-efforts to provide for yourself, or is your dependence on the Lord to bless, increase and promote you? It’s time to look up, especially in times of economic turmoil when the “Niles” of the world are drying up. Look up to Jesus for your supply!

Kids' Corner**John 16:5-33 Amplified****The Holy Spirit Promised**

⁵“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [and taken complete possession of them]. ⁷But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the ⁸Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. ⁸And He, when He comes, will convict the world about [the guilt of] sin [and the need for a Savior], and about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin [and the true nature of it], because they do not believe in Me [and My message]; ¹⁰about righteousness [personal integrity and godly character], because I am going to My Father and you will no longer see Me; ¹¹about judgment [the certainty of it], because the ruler of this world (Satan) has been judged *and* condemned.

¹²“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [to hear] them now. ¹³But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future]. ¹⁴He will glorify *and* honor Me, because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you. ¹⁵All things that the Father has are Mine. Because of this I said that He [the Spirit] will take from what is Mine and will reveal it to you.

Jesus' Death and Resurrection Foretold

¹⁶“A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” ¹⁷Some of His disciples said to one another, “What does He mean when He tells us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to My Father?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does He mean when He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, “Are you wondering among yourselves about what I meant when I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’? ²⁰I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, that you will weep and grieve [in great mourning], but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ²¹A woman, when she is in labor, has pain because her time [to give birth] has come; but when she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of her joy that a child has come into the world. ²²So for now you are in grief; but I will see you again, and [then] your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take away from you your [great] joy.

Prayer Promises

²³In that day you will not [need to] ask Me about anything. I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name [as My representative], He will give you. ²⁴Until now you have not asked [the Father] for anything in My name; but now ask *and* keep on asking and you will receive, so that your joy may be full *and* complete.

²⁵“I have told you these things in figurative language (veiled language, proverbs); the hour is now coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in My name, and I am not saying to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf [because it will be unnecessary]; ²⁷for the Father Himself [tenderly] loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from the Father. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly to us and not in figures of speech! ³⁰Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; because of this we believe [without any doubt] that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now [at last] believe? ³²Take careful notice: an hour is coming, and has arrived, when you will all be scattered, each to his own *home*, leaving Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. ³³I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation *and* distress *and* suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]

Kids' Corner**“Whatever you ask the Father in My name...”****God Hears and Answers Prayer**