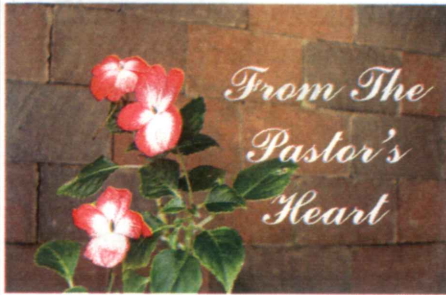


# FAITH TALK

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This month we would like to share a poem written by an unknown author. We should all consider it carefully for we never know if tomorrow will ever come. We love you.

In the Wonderful Name of Jesus,  
Pastors Bob and Susan Tilton

## If I Only Knew

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,  
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you walk out the door,  
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd hear your voice lifted in praise,  
I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two  
To stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming, you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,  
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight too,  
And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,  
I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to any one, young or old alike,  
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So If you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?  
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take the extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss,  
And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear,  
Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you," or "it's okay,"  
And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

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## Youth Talk

We have had a great time learning about the gifts that God has given us! We have so many gifted Youth! After doing our "Spiritual Gift Assessment" test it was determined that we have Youth with gifts of faith, encouragement, discernment, giving, craftsmanship, administration, creative communication, prophecy, shepherding, mercy, wisdom, leadership, evangelism, apostleship, helps, hospitality, intercession, knowledge, and teaching... AMAZING! We've got a bunch of dynamite powerhouses!

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Now there are **diversities of gifts** (*endowment, qualification, deliverance, gratuity*), but the **same Spirit** (*breath, Christ's Spirit*).

<sup>5</sup>And there are **differences of administrations** (*attendant, waiter, server, to run on errands, teacher, pastor, deacon, deaconess*), but the **same Lord** (*supreme authority, controller, master, Lord*).

<sup>6</sup>And there are **diversities of operations** (*an effect, be active, efficient, effectual, powerful*), but it is the **same God** (*deity, magistrate, supreme divinity, God*) which worketh all in all.

<sup>7</sup>But the **manifestation** (*exhibition, expression*) of the Spirit is given to every man to **profit withal** (*to bear together, contribute, a primary preposition denoting union or together*).

<sup>8</sup>For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

<sup>9</sup>To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

<sup>10</sup>To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

<sup>11</sup>But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.

<sup>12</sup>For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: **so also is Christ.**"

It is our desire to see our Youth grow in their gifts and learn how to function in them. We also want them to know what precautions they need to be aware of with each of their giftings as well. If you are interested in taking this "Spiritual Gift Assessment" test, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to hand all 132 questions to you. You will be amazed at the results!

For the month of January, we are focusing on worship. We will be training your Youth how to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. They will begin learning how to play a musical instrument and will have the opportunity down the road to lead the congregation as they worship. If they have instruments at home please encourage them to bring them for our Wednesday night Youth meetings in January.

Coming up in February is our Valentine's dinner Youth fundraiser at *Sweet Heart Café!* LOL ;). Watch the new Fellowship Building transform into a wonderful five-star restaurant! Looks like a new theme, new food (LOTS of it!), new décor, and new faces to serve you! We will have more on this special event (tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 10th) in the next addition of *Faith Talk*.

It is a great honor to serve your Youth and be a part of their lives. Thank you ALL for your support!

-Michele Dotter



## Are you Expecting?

Christmas is a season of **expecting**. I want to encourage my sisters and brothers in Christ to be **expectant** despite the storms that are raging around us.

**This expectant heart is possible when we read and study the Bible.**

- Mary was **expectant** of the arrival of Jesus!
- Abraham was **expectant** to be a father of a multitude.
- Noah was **expectant** of rain.
- God's people were **expectant** and were led away, moved across deserts, asked to give up a great deal, and asked to not look back.

I believe and trust that The Maker Of The Universe, Father God, has not created this storm, but allowed it only in order to bless them, protect them, bring His Kingdom to the earth, and reveal His Glory. Faith in a storm can create a GOD change in our lives that brings the Kingdom of God to the earth. We just have to trust Him or be lost, hurt, and confused...opposite of the victory God intends for His kids. **Be expectant!** Listen closely to that still small voice of our Father God. He is moving all of heaven and earth for you! Merry Christmas!

- Emerald Chapman

## Recipe of the Month

### **Greek Couscous Salad**

(By popular request!)

1 Box of plain couscous (make according to directions)

Add fresh crushed garlic clove to water

3/4 Cup of each:

Cucumbers—sliced and quartered

Tomatoes—large dice

Black Olives—sliced

3/4 Cup feta cheese, large crumble

1 Cup Good Seasons Italian Seasonings (make according to directions and mix in salad.)

1 tsp. Italian Seasoning

Salt and pepper to taste.

-Rachel Ferguson



## Congratulations!

Cathrine Evans daughter, Cathleena Selepack, walked across the stage on Thursday, December 15, 2011 as a high school graduate! We are so proud of her accomplishments and want to share in her joy! We love you Leena!

-The Shield of Faith Church

## Chillie's Corner

### "Fried Chicken"



Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, everyone else in the class laughed.

My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken *is* my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite *live* animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now...

### Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

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|---|--|
| A) What prophet walked naked and barefoot for three years?                  | C) What word appears exactly 773,692 times in the King James Bible?  |
| B) What is the only domesticated animal not mentioned in Scripture?         | D) What fruit is depicted in Leonardo's Last Supper, even though it did not arrive in the Holy Land until long after Jesus' death? |
| C) What animal is mentioned most frequently in both Old and New Testaments? |  |

(See page 6 for answers)

### Help Needed

Cathrine Evans is still in need of a washer and dryer so if anyone has one or both of these, please contact Floyd or me and we will gladly pick them up and transport them to her home. Thank you!

- Michele Dotter  
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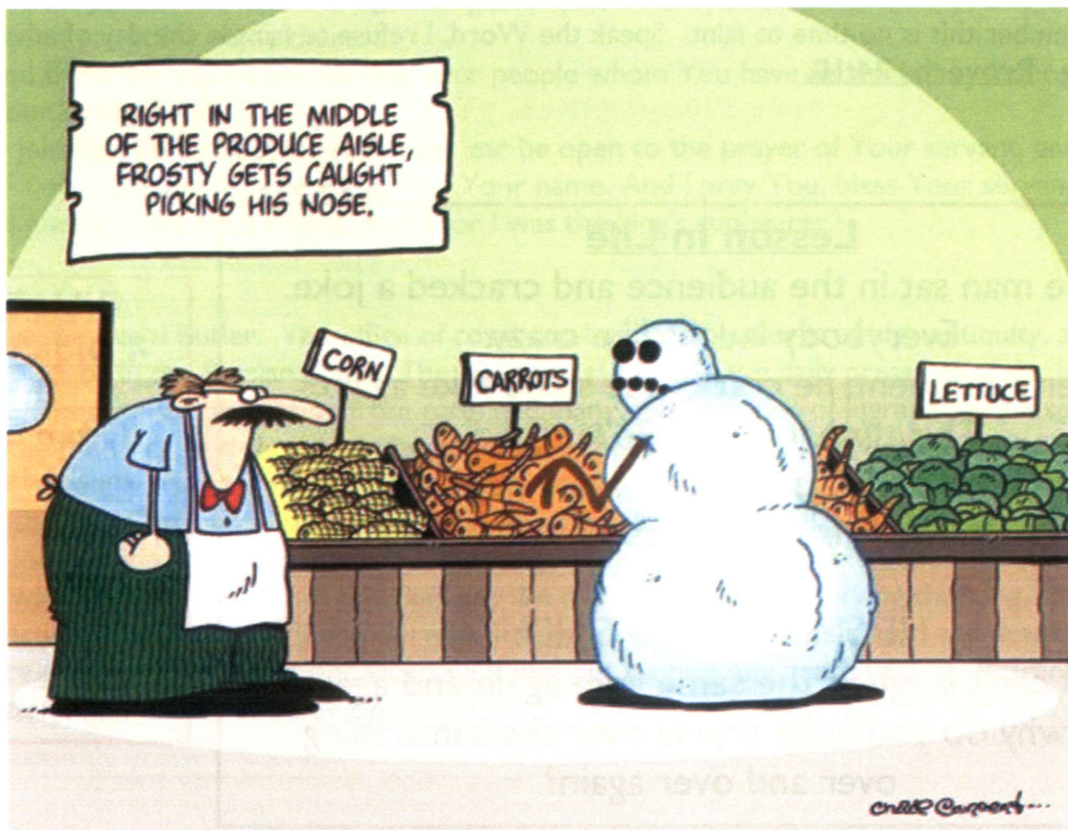
## Be Encouraged

BE ENCOURAGED My Brothers and Sisters in Christ! We are joint heirs, children of The Great I AM! We have been given new life, bought and paid for by the precious blood of the Lamb. Thank you JESUS! We have been given the written word of God for the continued washing of our mind. We have been given the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into all truths. We are given joy and peace. Our strength is renewed and we will walk and not grow weary. When trails come, it's an open book test. We are given opportunity to get our faith in action and grow. And when the faith test comes, we will pass it and move on from Glory to Glory! We are the head and not the tail. We are going over and not going under. This New Year 2012 we will trust and obey The LORD OF HOSTS. He is able to work out all the details we are so concerned about. After all, He holds the very universes together. He gives us our every breath, and surely we will trust Him with the details of our lives and at the right timing of it all!

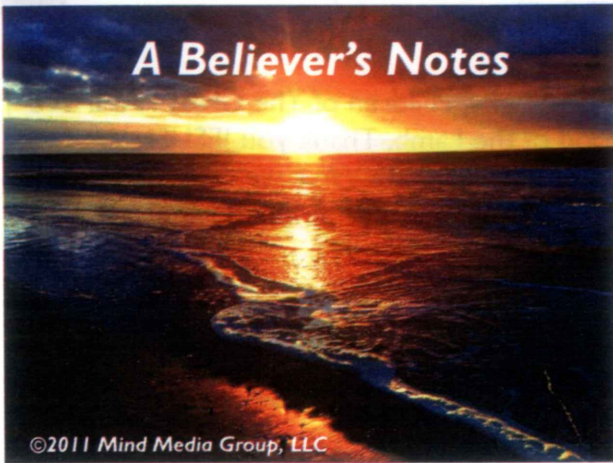
- Emerald Chapman

### Five Rules for Happiness

1. Free your heart from hatred
2. Free your mind from worries
3. Live simply
4. Give more
5. Expect less



## A Believer's Notes



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## No Time to Faint!

This is the day of adversity! Whatever you're facing today, you can't afford to be weak. You can't afford to faint spiritually in the trials of life. If you do, you'll be in trouble because, naturally speaking, things are not going to get better in this world, they're going to get worse. Don't let that scare you. For **1 John 5:4** tells us that whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world and "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Did you know that you can become just as strong as you want to from the Word? The only one who can put limits on you is YOU. If you'll give the Word more time it will give you more strength. That's what wise believers do. They keep themselves strong by spending time in the Word EVERYDAY. They stay strong and ready because they know this is an evil day we live in.

Wake yourself up to the Word by getting out your Bible and meditating on it everyday. Get tapes and books of anointed men and women preaching the Word. Listen to them, and read them again and again. Keep that Word in your heart. Keep it going in your eyes and in your ears until it takes over the very thoughts that you think. Keep yourself strong and ready and free to operate in the Spirit of God.

If you do, when adversity strikes, you'll have supernatural strength to overcome and walk in the victory. Remember this is no time to faint. Speak the Word. I refuse to faint in the day of adversity for I am strong. **Proverbs 24:10.**

### Lesson In Life

A wise man sat in the audience and cracked a joke.  
Everybody laughs like crazy.  
After a moment, he cracks the same joke again.  
This time less people laughed.  
He cracked the same joke again and again.  
When there is no laughter in the crowd

HE SMILED AND SAID:

"You can't laugh at the same joke again and again,  
But why do you keep crying over the same thing  
over and over again?"

### Bible Trivia -I Didn't Know That!

(From Page 4)

- A) Isaiah—Isaiah 20:3
- B) Cat
- C) Sheep
- D) Amen
- E) Orange



## Manners and Customs of the Bible

### The Royal Butler—Page 194

- Neh 1:1** The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it happened in the month Chisleu (around our December), in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,
- Neh 1:2** Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and men of Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.
- Neh 1:3** And they said to me, The remnant left of the captivity there in the province *is* in great affliction and shame. And the wall of Jerusalem *is* broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.
- Neh 1:4** And it happened when I heard these words, I sat down and wept. And I mourned *for* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of Heaven.
- Neh 1:5** And I said, I pray You, O Jehovah, the God of Heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and mercy for those who love Him and keep His commandments;
- Neh 1:6** let Your ear now be open, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant, which I pray before You now, day and night, for the sons of Israel Your servants, and confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned.
- Neh 1:7** We have acted very wickedly against You, and have not kept the commandments nor the statutes nor the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses.
- Neh 1:8** I pray You, remember the Word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, *If* you sin, I will scatter you among the nations,
- Neh 1:9** ~~but if you turn to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though you were cast out to the outermost part of the heavens, yet I will gather you from there and will bring you to the place that I have chosen to set My name there.~~
- Neh 1:10** And these *are* Your servants and Your people whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.
- Neh 1:11** O Jehovah, I pray You, let now Your ear be open to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name. And I pray You, bless Your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. (For I was the king's cupbearer.)

Nehemiah was the Royal Butler. The office of royal cup-bearer or butler is of high antiquity, and was a place of great honor in the Persian court. The cup-bearer, being in the daily presence of the king, and seeing him at his seasons of relaxation from care, had many opportunities of ingratiating himself into the good-will of the monarch, and thus doubtless obtained many favors which were denied others. Cup-bearers were generally eunuchs, and are often found represented on Assyrian monuments. In these representations they hold the cup in the left hand, and in the right hand a fly-flap made of the split leaves of the palm. A long napkin, richly embroidered and fringed, is thrown over the left shoulder for the king to wipe his lips with. Among the Medes and Persians the cup-bearer, before serving the King, took the wine into the cup from the vessels, and then poured a little into the palm of his left hand and drank it; so that if the wine were poisoned the king might ascertain it without running any personal risk. Pharaoh had cup-bearers to attend him as well as Solomon.

## Christmas—Present

From "Nina's Words for Life"

### **1 Kings 17:12-14 MSG**

<sup>12</sup> She said, "I swear, as surely as your GOD lives, I don't have so much as a biscuit. I have a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a bottle; you found me scratching together just enough firewood to make a last meal for my son and me. After we eat it, we'll die."

<sup>13-14</sup> Elijah said to her, "Don't worry about a thing. Go ahead and do what you've said. But first make a small biscuit for me and bring it back here. Then go ahead and make a meal from what's left for you and your son. This is the word of the GOD of Israel: 'The jar of flour will not run out and the bottle of oil will not become empty before GOD sends rain on the land and ends this drought.'"

I recently heard a sermon about this widow of Zeraphat and her last meal. I wonder how she felt at the prophet's request to cook him her last meal. Did she have a fit of carnality, pout, refuse, rationalize how she was not only going to die but die hungry, with her son? What kind of excuses was she making, 'I can't afford this, I'll give it next time, or "I have bills to pay and God is asking for too much." I have been in her shoes many times: I, too, tend to hold on to the purse strings pretty tightly and ask God to bend his principles for me so I don't have to give. Shameful.....and sad.

What the widow did not see at first is the fact her last meal was the seed to activate her financial blessing. She was upset over having to give all she had but after the prophet gave her a snapshot of her future, she relented. But the story is not over. I don't think she believed God could still sustain her. Her son would of died and stayed dead had the prophet not come to the house in the first place, eaten her last spaghetti, and stayed. She finally realized God's hands were kept tied because of her unbelief. How are you doing with tithes and offerings? Are we eating our seed and robbing God? What's the promise for those of us, "we are cursed with a curse." (Malachi 3:8-10)

My husband and I grabbed on to giving when we attended The Shield of Faith Church 10 years ago. It was a struggle, more for him than for me, because logically it did not make sense to him but I saw the principle behind it. Anyway, we saw immediate results and have been tithing ever since. I am so thankful to God He changed my mind about money. We love to give: the recipients' faces are priceless and worth more than I could ever pay to see. Christmas time is coming, I know, but let's look at this from the kingdom point of view: which is better, obedience or sacrifice? That is a question each of us will have to answer when it comes time to spend money we don't have on presents or choose to continue to pay our tithes and offerings and have fewer presents.

Usually finances in churches plummet in December due to the shopping season. I am reminded of the cross, of all the things Jesus had to go through on Golgatha. The least I can do is obey His word and put Him first, even at Christmas, by making sure His house is in order. What else could we give Him? He already kind of has everything... hard to shop for someone like that. So, let's be thankful to Jesus for all He has done, that He saved us so we would not go to hell, and blessed us beyond measure in this life. I think that may be worth not eating our seed. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

-Nina Berkeley



**Kids Corner**  
**(We are ALL His kids!)**



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Paul traveled to many places telling about Jesus.

## Kids Corner

### Paul Turns to the Gentiles

**Acts 13:44** And on the coming sabbath day almost all the city came together to hear the Word of God.

**Acts 13:45** But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy and contradicted those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

**Acts 13:46** But speaking boldly, Paul and Barnabas said, It was necessary *for* the Word of God to be spoken to you first. But since indeed you put it far from you and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the nations.

**Acts 13:47** For so the Lord has commanded us, *saying*, "I have set You to be a light of the nations, for salvation to the end of the earth."

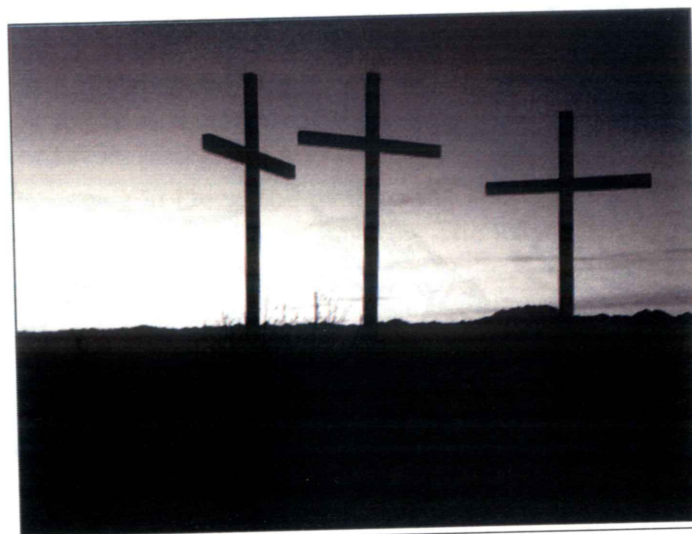
**Acts 13:48** And hearing, the nations rejoiced and glorified the Word of the Lord. And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

**Acts 13:49** And the Word of the Lord was carried throughout all the country.

**Acts 13:50** But the Jews stirred up the devout and honorable women, and the chief ones of the city, and raised a persecution against Paul and Barnabas. And they threw them out of their borders.

**Acts 13:51** But shaking the dust of their feet off on them, they came into Iconium.

**Acts 13:52** And the disciples were filled with joy and with *the* Holy Spirit.



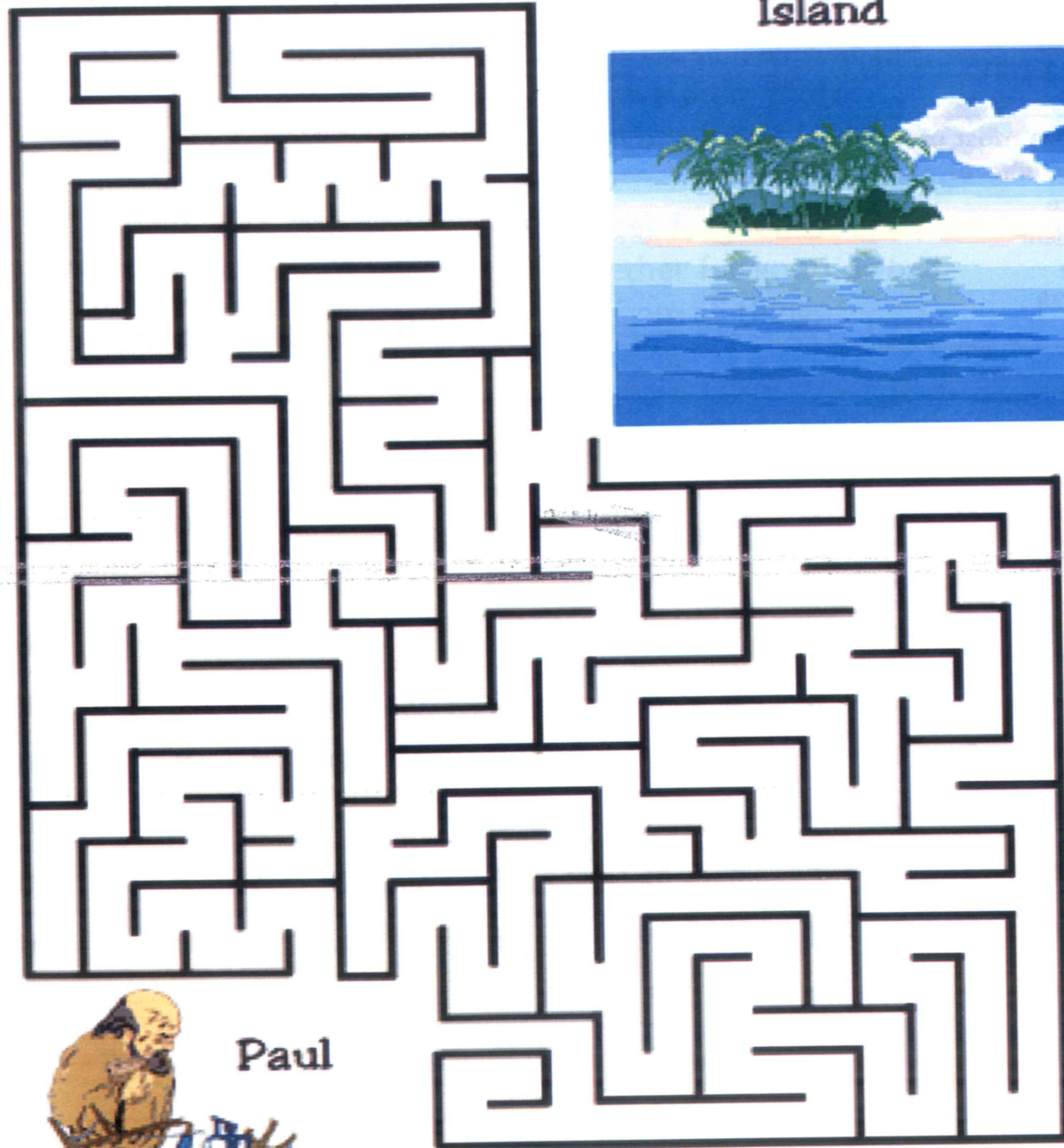


**Kids Corner**

*The kids are going to be learning about Paul and his missionary journeys in January 2012.*

**BibleWise**

**Island**



**Paul**

**Help Paul get to the island safely.**

**Kids Corner**

**Word Find**

**Which disciple originally persecuted Christians?**

- Judas
- Paul
- Stephen

**Acts 9, 22:1-21**

**Paul wrote most of his letters from where?**

- Greece
- Jerusalem
- Prison

**Acts 21-28**

Antioch  
Baptism  
Believe  
Benjamin  
Blind  
Brethren  
Chanaan  
Cyrene  
Disciples  
Divided  
Elymas  
Galilee

Gentiles  
God  
Grace  
Hundred  
Iconium  
Israel  
Jerusalem Lord  
Lot  
Minister  
Nations  
Pamphylia  
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## **2012 A Year of Reflection**

This shall be a year of reflection.  
Of looking back over the things said or done.

As you reflect, place each of those things at the  
foot of the cross and leave them there.  
They are past and forgotten by Me.

See My hand of favor (grace), forgiveness and  
love moving in each one, whether for good or bad,  
and setting you free from all things  
of the past year.

Leave behind the past and look ahead  
to a new and vibrant year of growth,  
blessing that awaits you.

Be not afraid to face this NEW year.

Listen not to the nay sayers, for I AM  
the God of the here and now.

As you have placed your trust in Me,  
I will direct and guide your lives.  
Look to Me - for I AM the Author and  
Finisher of your faith.

I have destined what shall be for the  
year of 2012, and for your lives.

As I was with Moses so shall  
I be with you.

## Anno Domini 2012

From "Nina's Words for Life"

### **Isaiah 61:1-3 Amp**

*"THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound,*

*<sup>2</sup>To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] <sup>[a]</sup>and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,*

*<sup>3</sup>To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."*

I was sitting down at my desk, talking to my Father about my worries and fears, missing my family who is far from me distance wise. I was wishing for the Publix Christmas commercial with perfect food, loving family and roomful of presents. That is not the case: all my husband's family members are dead, only have a few presents and will cook on a budget. As I was having a fit of carnality, Jesus stopped by and stayed with me awhile and that's how I came up with January's column.

Jesus reminded me of few things I had forgotten because my focus had shifted and I had let emotions and circumstances block Him from my view. I only tripped for a moment, and my tears were bottled.... Jesus showed me the Publix commercial was a fake and all the people were acting. He also told me the best gifts could not be bought, as His gift of salvation, and that He knew what I needed the most and this season it was a present of my husband finding a job after two years of unemployment.

He also reminded me the New Year is coming but not to get too bogged down of making myself plans and resolutions I would not keep anyway. Instead, He suggested attending church regularly, no matter what, and renewing my mind in His word daily to keep my eyes on the real prize. He stated He was no fairy, but still has already gifted me with the famous three: love, peace and joy. He smiled and nodded, 'Yes, I can see you through the ceiling when you lift your hands and praise Me even when your heart is broken and your moped seems to be in the ditch.' "But, my daughter,' He said, "I have already made you an overcomer who is holy and set apart for My use. I have important things for you to do but I need you to trust Me." Then He waved, turned, and walked away. He left me with hope and a sense He knows me better than I do and that makes Him "The God."

I was left at my keyboard, typing these words of encouragement for all who feel they have fallen short of the glory. As Isaiah 61 tells us, this next year will be great: comforting, unselfish, and most of all joyous and full of glory of God. So, whatever you are going through, read this scripture to find a God who is privy to our sorrows and regrets and secret wishes. And when life seems unlivable, finances ungiveable, and people unlovable, praise Him for all you've got and don't let the seen prevent the unseen from coming to pass this year. All of his promises are yea and amen and whatever we ask in His will, according to His word and doubt not, it will come to pass. Let's make 2012 a true Anno Domini, "The Year for Our God."

- Nina Berkeley



**In Memory of Our Dearest Evangelist, Kurt Ingvar Frisk**  
**August 19, 1931—December 4, 2011**



Taken from a bulletin written by Kurt on December 19, 2010:

You may consider yourself a faithful churchgoer for years and have done everything the pastor has taught, setting your mind on spiritual things, and perhaps even reading the Bible sometimes. You may even feel that you are saved and headed to heaven. Your goal has been 1) heaven with high expectations or 2) you haven't been interested in spiritual things at all. Hebrews 9:27-28 "And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. And to those who look for Him He shall appear the second time without sin to salvation." The blood is the key to redemption.

The Bible does not tell much about heaven. It tells enough to get your imagination running - streets of gold, things made of diamonds and fancy stones, no dust, no darkness, flowers and very colorful things, big mansions so all of your friends and family can visit you, music you like, everything free for all of eternity, and the most important – enjoying the close fellowship with the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is our disobedience that causes us to end up in hell. In Matthew 7:21 says, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father in heaven." But what is His will?

We say we love God but we don't obey Him. John 14:15 – "If ye love me, keep my commandments." God is love and He doesn't want anyone to perish. 2 Peter 3:9 - "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

You must be born again. How can you be born again? Romans 10:9 "That if you confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Jesus is the only one to have conquered death, that's why He is the only one able to save you from eternal punishment in hell.

-Kurt Ingvar Frisk

**On The Mission Field****PERU**

Some highlights from Adam Fowler's Family Newsletter:

August was our church's five year anniversary! Wow! It's been five years since the Lord led us to begin our church in Lima. Thank God for His faithfulness!

Also, after eight years of marriage, I finally got to meet my mother-in-law! On Thanksgiving Day, Liliana's mother arrived from Italy where she has lived for nine years. It has been that long since Liliana has seen her mom in person and neither I nor Andrew have ever met her. She'll be with us in our home for a couple of months. It is a blessing to meet her and get to know her.

God bless you! Thank you for your prayers. Know that you are loved and our prayers are with you. Please write us... your emails encourage us. [awfowler@hotmail.com](mailto:awfowler@hotmail.com) Website=  
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-Adam, Liliana, & Andrew Fowler

**Coffee At It's Finest!**

One morning a grandmother was surprised to find that her seven year old grandson had made her coffee!

Smiling, she choked down the worst cup of her life.

When she finished, she found three little green army men at the bottom.

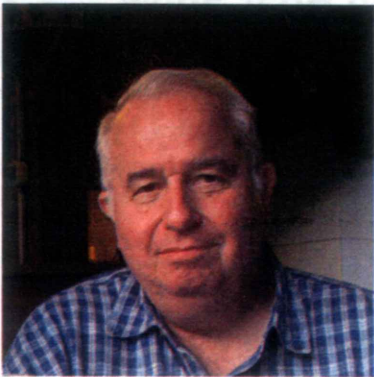
Puzzled she asked, "Honey, what are these army men doing in my coffee?"

Her grandson answers, "Like it says on TV Grandma. The best part of waking up, is soldiers in your cup!"





## All About Me "Michael K. Wolff"



This month we are blessed to learn about the first face we see each service at The Shield of Faith Church. Mr. Mike Wolff was born in Itzehoe, Germany in 1941 and is very proficient in the German language. He received his BS in Electrical Engineering at Louisiana State University in 1965. He has also earned a diploma in radio and television from Concordia Parish Trade School in Louisiana. Mike has two sons, Jeffery and Jonathan as well as two grandchildren, Noah and Michelle.

A summary of Mike's work performance through the years can be summarized like this: Mike developed and applied engineering theories, methods, and techniques in the investigation and solution of technical problems related to spacecraft communication systems. And if that wasn't enough... He directed and participated in the installation and checkout of satellite tracking station equipment including the performance of tests, analysis and design of system improvements.

Mike's training and background has taken him on some very interesting roads in life. One road took Mike to the United States Air Force from 1965 until 1967 as a Satellite Operations Controller. He was responsible for overall direct supervision of all assigned operational tests, orbital tracking, rehearsals, fly bys, and launch pad support.

Another road took him straight to NASA in Houston, Texas. While working at the space center, Mike had the chance to work on a video camera that was used by the astronauts to record scenes from the surface of the moon! Because of the brightness of the sun, it needed an automatic eyelid when pointed accidentally too close at the sun. Mike also worked on converting the black and white video to color.

You will never guess what Mike's favorite thing to do is! Take a nap in the afternoon! He is retired and loves peace and contentment in addition to praising and serving the Lord. He enjoys working on computers and electronics, traveling, studying history, Bible archeology, and end times prophecies.

Mike's education and expertise has allowed The Shield of Faith Church to take a step into cyber-space when he created our web-site that is reaching the world with the Word of God. We are so blessed by his service and love for God's people! What an encourager!

There is so much more that we could say about our friend Mike Wolff. He is a great story teller and is so full of accounts from his childhood that occurred during horrific times in our world. Take him out to lunch sometime and he will gladly tell you of those incredible times in his life.

Mike's great hope is to meet Jesus in person and have all his questions answered. He has been through a lot in his lifetime and it's truly amazing that he continues to have a smile on his face! He knows the God in whom he serves!

Again, what a blessing he is to us at The Shield of Faith Church. We love you Mike!

## Upcoming Events

### The Holiday Festival of Lights ends on January 1st, 2012

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

### Charleston Boat Show



January 27-29, 2012

Charleston Area Coliseum  
and Convention Center  
(864) 250-9713

### Lowcountry Oyster Festival



**\*\*Selected By the  
Southeast Tourism Society  
as a Top 20 Event\*\***

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

Boone Hall Plantation,  
Mt. Pleasant, SC

11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Gates Open at 10:30 A.M.

(843) 577-4030

### Coin Shows 2012



February 3-5, 2012

August 3-5, 2012

The Exchange Park  
Summerville, SC

Friday 1-6pm  
Saturday 9am-6pm  
Sunday 10am-3pm

For more information call  
(843) 200-7416 or  
(843) 303-6915

### Southeastern Wildlife Exposition 2012



February 17-19, 2012

Charleston, SC

(843) 723-1748



## Sunday School Events

### Children's Sunday School

Our focus for January is going to be evangelism. We are going to be studying in Acts and reading about Paul's missionary journeys. The kids are also going to be taught how to go out and tell others about Jesus! We are also going to be praying for the lost souls. We are going to learn why it is important to learn and know God's word, to give to others because we love God, and doing our part for the kingdom of God (using our gifts, abilities, and time).

Your children are such a blessing and are eager to learn. Please have them here for Sunday School each Sunday morning. These kids are "little missionaries" in today's lost world and they are unabashed in sharing God's word. Let's not stifle that!

- 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

We have just entered a new year; a time to make a fresh start for/in the Lord. We have to give God His rightful place in the beginning to set the pace and standard of the rest of the year. We have to be willing to praise God when everything is going crazy around us; the same way we eagerly praise Him in/for the good things.

Some people use a new year to make commitments to eat better and exercise more in an effort to get their physical bodies in shape. Some of them overlook the fact that their spiritual bodies require just as much attention and work. We should seek to get our physical bodies in shape to do the work that God wants us to do. When we start working out for the physical, we should have the Bible or another book or CD/DVD with the Word in it while we are working out.

The Ladies have started a new Sunday School book that will be showing them how God Establishes a Faithful People. **Unit 1:** God's Covenant will take them through a series of lessons on Faithfulness. **Unit 2:** God's Protection is about Forgiveness. This will be an awesome unit because it opened the 'New Year' focusing on how we should seek 'A Life of Integrity.' When we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us without barriers, a godly character will be able to come forth. **Unit 3:** God's Protection will focus on Trust.

Come join us at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays; you will not regret it. We have an awesome time exploring the Word of God and encouraging one another. The doors of The Shield of Faith Church (SOF) are always open to immediately welcome you in. Its members will greet you with hugs and smiles every time. If you can't make it to the SOF, find a church near you and give Sunday School a try.

HOLD on, STAND FIRM on the Word of God and KEEP DIGGING into the Bible for scriptures to memorize. It may seem like some of the scriptures that you have went over or pulled to memorize may not be needed or necessary to remember but I want to encourage you to soak those scriptures into your memory bank also; you might just need that very scripture for you or someone else. Memorizing scriptures not only benefits you; it helps you to be able to witness and minister to others also. As Christians, the Word we eat helps to feed, nourish, sustain and maintain all whom we encounter.

-Yolanda Wilson



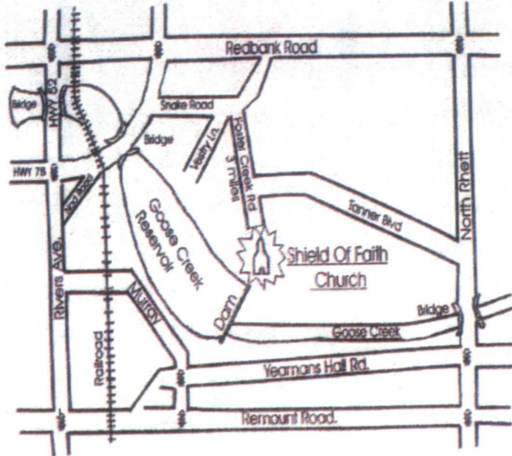
We look forward to  
seeing you on  
Sunday at 9:45am!



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**Next deadline to submit articles is:  
Wednesday, January 18th.**

**January 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>New Years Day No Prayer Hour No Sunday School Regular Service 11am</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>MLK Day</i>	17	18 <i>Article Submittal Deadline</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Charleston Boat Show</i>
29 <i>Lowcountry Oyster Festival</i>	30	31				