



Faith Talk

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Attitudes

Thoughts produce Attitudes
Attitudes produce Emotions
Emotions produce Behavior
Behavior produces a Lifestyle

“Bring every thought into the obedience of God’s word...” 2 Corinthians 10:5

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of ‘Attitude’ on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our ‘Attitude...’

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our ‘Attitudes.’

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally brethren whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.” Philippians 4:6-8

“Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For the Lord is good; His loving kindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations.” Psalms 100

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”—Reinhold Niebuhr

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

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Youth Talk Training Them Up ↑

As I slept in one day, my house was almost finished being cleaned before my feet hit the floor! Before I even got out of bed, Jonathan asked me if he could vacuum the house..... WHAT??? A nine year old??? Then he wanted to dust! THEN he started motivating David to get his chores done too! I laid there in awe praising God.

I guess patiently teaching them to do things since they were able to walk is paying off! (i.e. putting their own diapers in the trash, putting their clothes in the dirty clothes hamper, getting their own little juice/water bottles out of the bottom shelf of the fridge, helping me match and fold socks, etc.).

I would like to encourage parents to involve your kids and grandkids with what YOU are doing everyday. They LONG FOR time with you. Don't be afraid to teach them. Patience is the key... After teaching them something a few times, they start doing it! They may not do it perfectly, but LET THEM do it and then praise them! They'll get better each time they try.

We make cleaning the house a family event each Saturday morning. (of course I keep up with laundry, dishes, and what I can during the week). A family is supposed to be a team... Are you TRAINING your team? Are you working WITH your team or by yourself? If you don't want your children involved in helping in the home, don't teach them... just keep telling them to go away and leave you alone. Fact is, one day they will 'leave you alone' and what will they have learned?

I'm not perfect, my house isn't perfect, and my children aren't perfect... But when we do it God's way, it's so much easier!!! Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.

This means making sure that the task you are trying to train them to do is realistic for their individual giftings or bent. Everything should also be age appropriate. I've heard (and tested it ;) that training a child should never require more words than their age. For example, you can ask a three year old to "throw it away" or "pick that up" in three simple words. They may not be able to handle a more detailed sentence like, "pick up the red car you left in the kitchen by the stove and put it on the shelf in your room." This may shed some light on why your child's room is still messy... If you give them short concise directions, and not all at once, it can make a world of difference.

"Train up" in the original language means to INITIATE or discipline:--dedicate, train up. So let's not just train them up in the ways of the Lord (which is VERY important), but ALSO train them or INITIATE them on how to take care of a family and to live everyday life. Remember: You're training your child to take care of your grandchildren... and so on...

-Michele C. Dotter

Shades of Beauty



Our very own, Ms. Sheila Adams, has begun a new outreach to help impact young girls and women that in spite of scares, circumstances, and disappointments there is support and a road to healing. This fantastic ministry originated after she started working with at risk youth and their families and realized that there seemed to be a great demand for females needing mentors and positive support.

The ministry is focused on promoting confidence to young teenage girls to love their body and the skin they're in and to help by "Empowering, Encouraging, Enlightening, Building Self-Esteem and Teaching" them.

Shades of Beauty focuses on such topics as building self-esteem, bullying, peer pressure, health, healthy relationships, drugs, and self worth, therefore, providing a community resource list for those in need.

Sheila and her crew are keeping God first in all they do and they stand on Psalms 139:14 (NIV) "I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

You can contact Sheila at shadesofbeauty.2013@gmail.com or by calling her at 843-509-1653.

Recipe of the Month

Nutcake

Makes 2—Tube pan cakes—(Grease and flour pans)

Ingredients:

- 4 Cups Flour (2 cups plain and 2 cups self-rising)
- 3 Cups Sugar
- 4 Cups Chopped Pecans
(the secret to this cake is not to chop the raw pecans too small)
- 1 Pound of Butter—unsalted
- 10 Eggs
- 2 Teaspoons Vanilla

Directions:

- Cream butter and sugar together.
- Add egg yolks.
- Beat egg whites and add.
- Mix nuts in flour and add.
- Bake at 250 degrees until golden brown.

-Deborah Oliver

Chillie's Corner

Forgiveness

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin," he said.

Going Down

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray? One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets -we're one short."

Mic's Snippet

NOTHING.... I SAID NOTHING... NOTHING is too difficult for Thee!!!! Great in counsel and mighty in deed!!! And nothing is too difficult for me because You are with me my Friend and Lover of my very being...

You are my Protector, Provider, Strengtheners..., and my Banner!!! Yep!!!! My banner is raised high and it is flying way up there today!!! Whew!!!! Blessings and peace to all who are weary and downtrodden!!! LOOK UP!!!! For your Redemption draweth nigh!!!! HE truly is your answer! Are you complaining that your prayers aren't answered or are you still 'feeling' overwhelmed even though you've prayed?? It's time to start THANKING Him for your answered prayers (even though you don't see it yet...) That's faith!!! Remember what kept the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years..... Do you remember what it was??? Their COMPLAINING. Yep. As Floyd would say, "Just say 'waaaaa' quickly and get over it!" Move forward with joy in your heart ;) The joy of the Lord is your strength so get happy about what He has done for you and start THANKING HIM! Right now is a good time...

-Michele C. Dotter

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Numbers 13:16 says that Moses gave the son of Nun the name Joshua. Joshua's original name was what?
- B) Reporting back to Moses, the twelve spies claimed that the people inhabiting the Promised Land were very strong and tall. These giant people were called what?
- C) The phrase found four times in Joshua chapter 1 is what?
- D) The prostitute Rahab of Jericho hid Joshua's spies where?
- E) In what town did the waters of Jordan pile up in a heap, allowing the Israelites to cross on dry land?
- F) What man's taking of booty from Jericho caused the Israelites to be defeated when they first attempted to take the city of Ai?
- G) The supernatural miracle God performed to help Joshua and his men successfully defend the Gibeonites was what?
- H) The town Joshua received as his inheritance was what?
- I) Joshua's most famous quote was "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... As for me and my "what" we will serve the Lord?

(See page 6 for answers)

Resolutions?

American culture incorporates a number of holiday traditions: some are religious and some are not. One of these is setting forth New Year's resolutions for self improvement. Many of us find in this an occasion to crack jokes, because most of these resolutions don't survive through January.

The idea does have some validity. We have some unease over living a life that doesn't exactly measure up to snuff. And God is certainly interested in such matters.

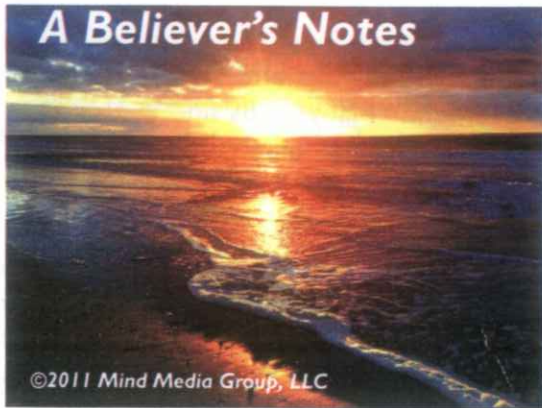
The down side is that New Year's resolutions try to produce change in ourselves using our own will power. What we will receive is temporary, with limited benefits, and God is not involved in the process. Instead we should ask Jesus to change us, which not only is a more powerful strategy, but allows Him a voice in what inner changes are to be made. This can be done any day of the year. And finally, since this approach honors God, He will then honor us.

-Phil Rust



Thank you Charles Ferguson for your message on Resolutions!

Don't Blame 'Luck!'



There is no such thing as 'luck,' good or bad. It's not luck that determines how things turn out in our lives—it's choices. When we make good ones, things go well for us. When we make bad ones, things go wrong. A decision that brings trouble is a poor decision. There is no way that you could know in advance what would happen in most situations. There may be no way you could have made a better choice. But you are a born-again believer. You aren't restricted to making choices according to this natural world. You have another, far more powerful option.

Instead of looking to natural solutions, look for supernatural ones. FAITH should be your mindset before you're at the last resort. Just like the disciples in the boat, if they would have thought supernaturally, any one of them could have drawn by faith on the anointing and the words of Jesus and stopped that storm. But they made the wrong choice. They chose natural means (bailing, paddling, etc.) But they made the wrong choice.

Many well-meaning believers are making that same mistake today. They have Jesus right there in the boat with them, but they're depending on natural resources to get them through. They're making wrong choices and are chalking it up to bad 'luck.' If you're living like that, stop. Get in the word. Start living according to the supernatural! Then when storms of life come, you'll know what to do. Instead of just grabbing a bucket and starting to bail, faith will rise up within you. You can say to your storm, "Peace, be still."

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

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| A) Hoshea
Numbers 13:16 | F) Achan
Joshua 7:1 |
| B) Anakite Giants
Deuteronomy 1:28 | G) Sun stood still and the
moon stayed |
| C) Be strong and courageous
Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18 | H) Timnath-serah |
| D) With the stalks of flax on
the roof
Joshua 2:6 | I) Household
Joshua 24:15 |
| E) Adam
Joshua 3:16 | |

**A beautiful woman
Uses her lips for truth
Her voice for kindness
Her ears for compassion
Her hands for charity
Her heart for love**

**For those that don't like her,
She uses prayer...**

Kids Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
“Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness for Forty Days”



“MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE.”

Kids Corner

Matthew 4 -The Message (MSG)

“The Test”

4 ¹⁻³ Next Jesus was taken into the wild by the Spirit for the Test. The Devil was ready to give it. Jesus prepared for the Test by fasting forty days and forty nights. That left him, of course, in a state of extreme hunger, which the Devil took advantage of in the first test: “Since you are God’s Son, speak the word that will turn these stones into loaves of bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: “It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God’s mouth.”

⁵⁻⁶ For the second test the Devil took him to the Holy City. He sat him on top of the Temple and said, “Since you are God’s Son, jump.” The Devil goaded him by quoting Psalm 91: “He has placed you in the care of angels. They will catch you so that you won’t so much as stub your toe on a stone.”

⁷ Jesus countered with another citation from Deuteronomy: “Don’t you dare test the Lord your God.”

⁸⁻⁹ For the third test, the Devil took him to the peak of a huge mountain. He gestured expansively, pointing out all the earth’s kingdoms, how glorious they all were. Then he said, “They’re yours—lock, stock, and barrel. Just go down on your knees and worship me, and they’re yours.”

¹⁰ Jesus’ refusal was curt: “Beat it, Satan!” He backed his rebuke with a third quotation from Deuteronomy: “Worship the Lord your God, and only him. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness.”

¹¹ The Test was over. The Devil left. And in his place, angels! Angels came and took care of Jesus’ needs.

“Teaching and Healing”

¹²⁻¹⁷ When Jesus got word that John had been arrested, he returned to Galilee. He moved from his hometown, Nazareth, to the lakeside village Capernaum, nestled at the base of the Zebulun and Naphtali hills. This move completed Isaiah’s sermon: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, road to the sea, over Jordan, Galilee, crossroads for the nations. People sitting out their lives in the dark saw a huge light; Sitting in that dark, dark country of death, they watched the sun come up.”

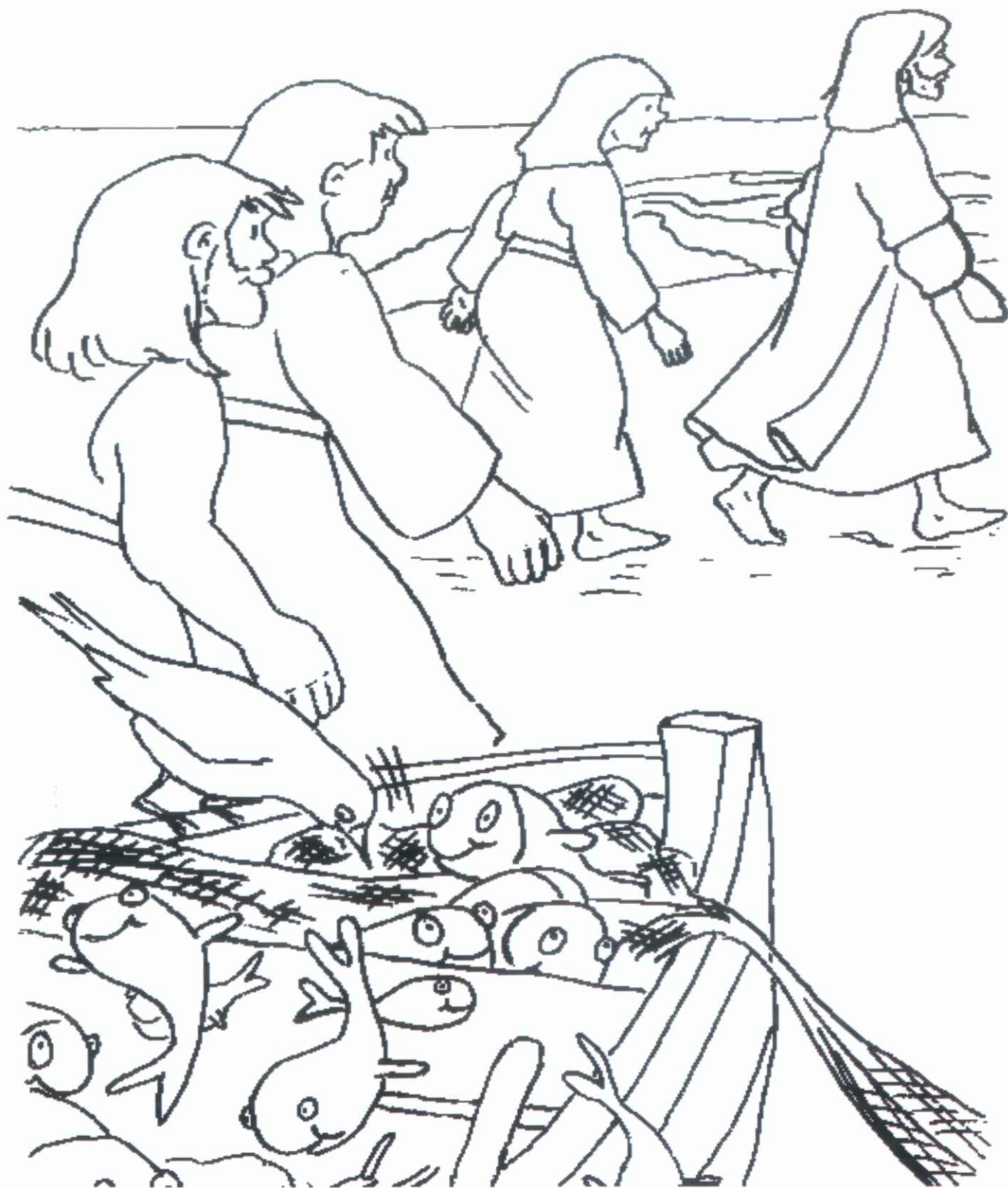
This Isaiah-prophesied sermon came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started preaching. He picked up where John left off: “Change your life. God’s kingdom is here.”

¹⁸⁻²⁰ Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed.

²¹⁻²² A short distance down the beach they came upon another pair of brothers, James and John, Zebedee’s sons. These two were sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their fishnets. Jesus made the same offer to them, and they were just as quick to follow, abandoning boat and father.

²³⁻²⁵ From there he went all over Galilee. He used synagogues for meeting places and taught people the truth of God. God’s kingdom was his theme—that beginning right now they were under God’s government, a good government! He also healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives. Word got around the entire Roman province of Syria. People brought anybody with an ailment, whether mental, emotional, or physical. Jesus healed them, one and all. More and more people came, the momentum gathering. Besides those from Galilee, crowds came from the “Ten Towns” across the lake, others up from Jerusalem and Judea, still others from across the Jordan.

Kids Corner



Kids Corner
"Baptism of Jesus"

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Abraham
 Camel's hair
 Confessing
 Dove
 Fire
 Galilee
 Generation
 Heavens
 He suffered him
 Holy Ghost
 Jesus
 John the Baptist
 Jordan

Locusts
 Loins
 Paths straight
 Repentance
 Repent ye
 Spirit of God
 Straightway
 Thoroughly purge
 Unquenchable
 Water
 Well pleased
 Wilderness
 Wrath to come

All About Me **“Roy M. Bowling Sr.”**



Roy M. Bowling Sr. has always believed in God, but had not always been a Christian. He never really had a church that he wanted to attend and never a church family. He met Frank Butler in 1987 at the current Kapstone paper mill and Frank would consistently invite Roy to church in one way or another. Weeks and months would go by and he would not see Frank, but the second he would, Frank was there telling Roy that there were open seats at church for him, always as a friendly reminder.

Finally, twenty years later, Roy was leaving the mill and Frank once again reminded him about the seats that were available. This time Roy stopped and asked Frank what time church started and then told Frank that he would see him that Sunday.

Roy came to The Shield of Faith Church that Sunday and has been attending ever since. He is so grateful that Frank Butler never gave up on him and it has changed his life forever! He has now been attending The Shield for almost five years and was baptized on March 28, 2010.

Roy has four children: Kristina is 29 years old, Roy (Michael) Jr. is 26 years old, Cassidy is 4 years old, and Isabella is 2 and 1/2 years old. He is also a grandfather with two grandsons, Ricky and Mason. He enjoys spending time with his children as well as hunting, fishing, boating, multiple forms of artwork, and just loves making things.

Working in the a/c shop as well as doing some pipefitting, ironwork, welding and custom fabrication work, installations, and repairs has kept Roy busy through the years. But something else he likes to do is write poems, some of which have been added to previous Faith Talk Newsletters.

If he could go anywhere, Roy would take his dream trip to visit the Amazon River and tributaries to go fishing for peacock bass! You might find him in Argentina as well hunting for red stag.

One of Roy's favorite chapters in the Bible is Romans 12. He points out that verse 6 reminds him that he is blessed with a variety of talents and is working on how to use them for God's pleasure.

In verses 9-10 it says, ⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Roy's interpretation of this is that you should never "pretend" to love someone. Just don't do it, be sincere.

Verse 17-21 ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Roy states, "Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. Through everything I've been through, I have tried to never pay someone back evil for evil."

Roy and his family have been such a blessing to us at The Shield of Faith Church! We appreciate his flip-flops and sense of humor too... It just makes us feel so much more at home, ya know... ;). We love you Roy!

Christmas as Thanksgiving

Is Christmas a Christian holiday? The atheists think so, but some Christians are unhappy with it due to the emphasis on commercialism. One proposed solution is, "Let's keep Christ in Christmas." That sounds good on the surface, but one can wonder how powerful our implementation really is.

While the scene of the infant Jesus in the manger may be beautiful, it leaves us with a narrow focus. My preference would be to link Christmas with a relatively neglected holiday: Thanksgiving. I would like to see both holidays mutually strengthened.

Like Christmas, Thanksgiving has been commercialized, but in a way that centers around food instead of decorations and presents. With prosperity comes a risk of forgetting God (Deut. 8:7-14, Deut. 32:15), and without remembrance, there is no giving of thanks either. A momentary prayer at the start of a turkey dinner is fine (1 Tim. 4:4), but thanksgiving ought to be a lifestyle. Let's not appreciate the food only, but give thanks also for God as the source and for the people we love.

Romans 1 outlines the descending staircase of a society departing from God. Failure to thank God (Rom. 1:21) is one of the steps near the top of this staircase. He should be recognized in the public square. But as individual believers, remembering to thank the Lord works to protect us against backsliding.

The book of Luke was written "that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed" (Luke 1:4). An important part of faith is a conviction that what God has done in the past, He will do again. That is a reason why Luke makes a point of being historically accurate. If the deeds of the Lord are rooted in history, they are solid, and subject to verification, not merely touted in the chatter of the latest celebrity.

On the other hand, 2 Tim. 4:3-4 warns that those with itching ears will be turned aside to fables. The problem with fables is not only that they manufacture false events, but they fail to provide any substance for faith, nor is there any solid basis for thanksgiving. Don't expect to hear gratitude either from the fable tellers or those who follow them. As it is, we can thank the Father for His plan of redemption as set in motion with the birth of Jesus, and also for the willingness of the Son as seen in His total obedience to the fulfillment of His earthly assignment. In the Old Testament, the Jews were expected to remember and thank the Lord for His merciful acts to the nation. Ps. 136 is a prime example of such extended thanksgiving, but there are many other instances of Israel's verbal gratitude.

Since Jesus was tempted in all areas as we are, He can sympathize with our struggle (Heb. 4:15). He was a doer of Rom. 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." He still is! Here is something else to thank Him for. For those who like to unwrap Christmas presents, here's an idea to consider: Unwrap a package containing a Bible, and then try to find as many things as possible in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, for which we can offer thanksgiving to the Lord.

-Phil Rust

Upcoming Events

Welcome to our "Barnyard Valentines Party"

Saturday, February 16, 2012

From 5:00-7:00pm

Serving both Singles AND Couples!

Nursery Provided



The Youth at The Shield of Faith Church are looking forward to serving you some fried chicken and homemade buttermilk biscuits along with some 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!

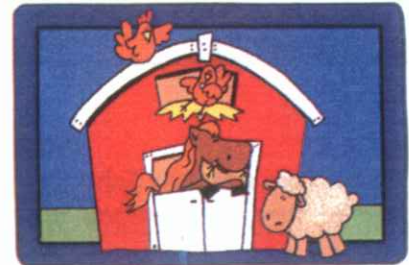
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Donations towards the Youth Ministry that evening are greatly appreciated!



Congratulations Fritiqua Wilson!

We are going to miss you while you are away at College. We love you and will be praying for God to keep that hedge of protection around you sweet sister! May God's abundant blessings continually be poured out to you!

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of January, the Children's Sunday School class will be focusing on Jesus' mission here on Earth. We will be primarily studying the four (4) Gospels.

First of all, we are going to learn how when Jesus was growing up, he would have to travel a whole week on foot to get to God's temple in Jerusalem. Once he was there he didn't want to leave. He loved being in his Father's house.

Soon after, Jesus asked John the Baptist to baptize him, and that's when he began his ministry. Of course, John knew that Jesus was going to be the Savior and he was flattered by Jesus' request. It was at this point that Jesus showed his commitment to God.

Thereafter, Jesus went to the wilderness for forty days where he was tempted and tried by the devil. Jesus was fasting and praying and the devil thought he could trick him when he was at his weakest. Although Jesus knows how it feels to be tempted, he still did not give into that sin. 1 Corinthians 10:13 says: "But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out, so that you can stand up under it."

Finally, we will learn how Jesus began to choose his twelve (12) disciples. They were each doing their own work, and Jesus simply walked by them and told them to come and follow him and he would teach them how to be fishers of men. In my opinion, we are able to see how God can use any willing vessel for His glory. Simply because of His selection of followers, we can see that it doesn't take a perfect person to do God's work.

Please encourage your kids to read the book of John this month. In February, we will be focusing on Jesus' miracles. This is the part that gets really awesome!

- 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

Happy New Year! This month will take us through Philippians. Unit 2 will focus on the letters to the Philippians, which will encourage us (believers) to follow the pattern that Jesus Christ laid out for us. It will also encourage us to oppose those who are enemies of the Cross of Christ Jesus. This letter is packed with wisdom for all who desire to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. **Unit 2: Exalting Christ.** This Unit places emphasis on Integrity. The first lesson, *Lesson 6: Motives and Messages*, taken from Philippians 1:15-26. The focus of Lesson 6 is: "In all circumstances, preach Christ through your life." In other words, you don't have to go around saying that you are a Christian; it should be seen in your day-to-day life choices and speaking. You shouldn't have to profess it; people should see it every time they come in contact with you or see you. Our daily lives should mirror Christ's. People should see how blessed we are and how Christ-like we are and want what we have. The Shield of Faith Church families are blessed to have leaders who live a life that is pleasing to Christ.

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Sunday School Events—Continued**Ladies Sunday School**

Lesson 6: Step 1, we will discuss why it is important to respond to difficulties in ways that honor God. In Step 2, we will take a look at how Paul responded to the difficulties that he faced. Step 3, we will discuss the ways in which we can be more effective in communicating the message of the Gospel. Step 4, will help us to become more comfortable with sharing the Gospel with others. When Paul wrote this letter he was no longer able to spread the Gospel by going from city to city personally so he started writing about the Gospel in letters from jail. "Paul wanted to encourage the Philippians and to show how much he appreciated the work they were doing for God and what God was doing in their lives."

Our spiritual lives can sometimes be met with resistances and roadblocks naturally so we should remember to not lose heart, don't take it personally and most of all, remember to maintain our joy and hopeful attitude just like Paul did. "It wasn't just Paul's words ushering people to Christ; it was his life and attitude as well. Even in the worst of times, his life and attitude brought honor to the Lord." So, let's remember that others will be watching us to see just how we deal with adverse circumstances. Cook says that it is not always easy to live in ways that honor God or to proclaim the truth about Jesus in the midst of a culture that is becoming more and more anti-Jesus. Overcoming these barriers is important if we want to be in partnership with God. God wants to share His love for others through us. Now let's thank God for Paul's example of how to persistently and consistently pursue a life that is pleasing to God and that we will have the courage to tell others about Jesus in all circumstances whether they are bad or good. We have to remember that the manner in which we live our lives speaks louder than what we say with words. How we live matters, all the time. **"Your walk talks and your talk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks."**

-Ron Magnus



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

-Yolanda Wilson

August**Psalm 146:2 & 5 (KJV)**

²While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. ⁵Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

September**Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

October**Romans 3:22 (KJV)**

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

November**Colossians 2:6-7 (KJV)**

⁶As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: ⁷Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

December**Romans 3:23 (KJV)**

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

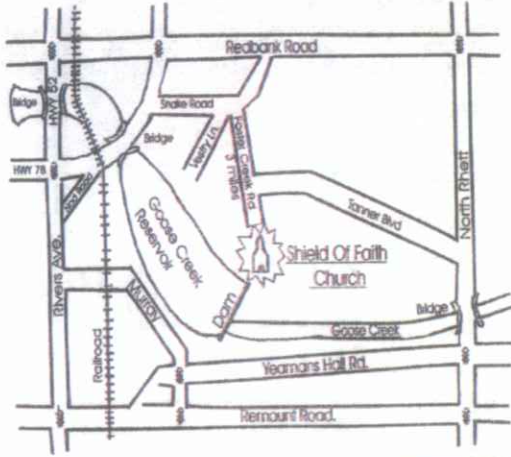
January**Romans 5:8 (KJV)**

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, January 23rd

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5
6 Reception for Teeka	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23 Article Deadline	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Ground Hog Day
3 Super Bowl						