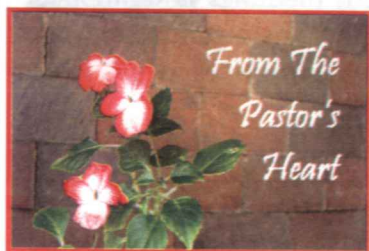


Faith Talk

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God Has Set Things Right

Romans 3:24-31 from The Message Bible—
“But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. Since we’ve compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity He put us in right standing with Himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where He always wanted us to be. And He did it by means of Jesus Christ.”

God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with Himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins He had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it’s now—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in His rightness.

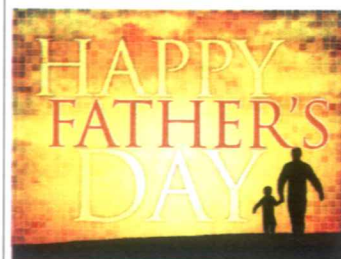
So where does that leave our proud Jewish insider claims and counterclaims? Canceled? Yes, canceled. What we’ve learned is this: God does not respond to what we do; we respond to what God does. We’ve finally figured it out. Our lives get in step with God and all others by letting him set the pace, not by proudly or anxiously trying to run the parade.

And where does that leave our proud Jewish claim of having a corner on God? Also canceled. God is the God of outsider non-Jews as well as insider Jews. How could it be otherwise since there is only one God? God sets right all who welcome His action and enter into it, both those who follow our religious system and those who have never hear of our religion. But by shifting our focus from what we do to what God does, don’t we cancel out all our careful keeping of the rules and ways God commanded? Not at all. What happens, in fact, is that by putting that entire way of life in its proper place, we confirm it.

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

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Youth Talk

“We Want Our Youth To Be Blessed!”

Our main theme that we have been studying during our Wednesday night Youth meetings is doing ALL things as unto the Lord. This includes deeds, actions, reactions, and conversations. Blessings follow those who are obedient to His word and we want to see our Youth blessed by Him in a mighty way!

Colossians 3:23-24

²³ And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Deuteronomy 28:1

¹ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Proverbs 6:16-19

¹⁶ These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

We are to stay away from doing the things that God hates. Literally run away if we have to! If we want the blessings of God to be upon our lives and the lives of our children, we are to follow after God and His ways, NOT our own. This cannot be stressed enough especially in the day and age in which we live. It is imperative that we obey His word.

Ephesians 4:29-30

²⁹ Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Corrupt means “rotten, worthless, bad, putrefy, perish.” That reminds me of a duck egg I picked up when I was about 9 or 10 years old. It was all alone sitting there on the bank of the pond, all nice and ‘heated up,’ and I was trying to ‘save’ it. I picked it up, took a few steps, and it burst open all over me! I can tell you... IT STANK! I cannot forget it’s odor to this day!

We smell like those things we are around. If we are around corrupt “rotten” chatter and behavior, we will not only smell, but will cause others that listen to smell too. We are encouraging our Youth to have edifying conversations and positive behavior that lifts up others and does not tear others down. This encourages God’s presence to surround them and their friends in their conversations. If what we speak is rotten and smelly (putrid), then that smell gets out there among others and we are referred to as the rotten egg who started the smell in the first place.

These are principles that we are hoping to embed in our Youth so that they grow up knowing them and won’t have to live difficult adult lives due to not learning these principles early on. Our Youth are learning to embrace each opportunity they have with their friends to share God’s love. They are truly God’s hands extended in service to others. They are **ALL** such blessings to me and our church family.

-Michele Dotter

God is With Us!

Greetings my brothers and sisters in the Lord! Praise GOD winter is over! We have warmer days and sunshine ahead of us. We have a bright future ahead! We can rest assured that no matter what is going on in the world, our GOD is FAITHFUL and HIS word never fails!

Just this week I found myself saying "Trust in the Lord." HE IS WITH US! He never leaves us. He is true. He has a plan and it is a GOOD future for us. We are overcomers and we will not be overcome by the circumstances of this world. We are going over and not under. We are the head and not the tail. GOD IS FOR US! Who can be against us." Praise God!

Let's enjoy this day the Lord has made. Let us trust that the Creator of the Universe has it all covered. So when the enemy brings a counter attack we know... he is just throwing a fit because God's provision, His very answer, is right around the corner! LET'S REJOICE! Our GOD is with us!

We have to trust and believe that GOD's word is true concerning us; that is faith, that very substance of things hoped for. When we are sick we can hold on to faith and pray and believe God's word concerning sickness... that WE ARE HEALED! When we need help, we can pray in faith and believe God's word concerning us that 'HE IS OUR HELP.'

I ask God to loose His perfect will in your life, loose the power of the blood of Jesus in your life and bind every plan of the enemy, bind every stumbling block, every detour that the enemy has placed before you to slow your fruit or stop the fruit in your lives. I pray this in JESUS' name believing He will accomplish all He has planned for your life, no matter what is going on in the world.

-Emerald Chapman

Recipe of the Month Sausage Cheddar Quiché

Ingredients:

Pastry for 9 inch quiche dish or pie pan (I use a frozen 9inch deep dish pie crust)	1/2 tsp. basil
1lb. Pork sausage	dash of granulated garlic
1 4oz. can sliced mushrooms - drained	1/8 tsp. salt
1/2 c. chopped onion	1 1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese
1 tsp. minced parsley	1 c. milk
	2 eggs

Directions:

Bake pie shell as directed on package just until very light brown. Cool. Cook sausage until browned. Drain. Combine sausage with next six ingredients, mixing well. Spoon into pie shell. Top with cheese. Combine milk and eggs, beating just until foamy. Pour evenly over cheese. Bake at 350 for 50 min. or until quiche is set.

- Linda Butler

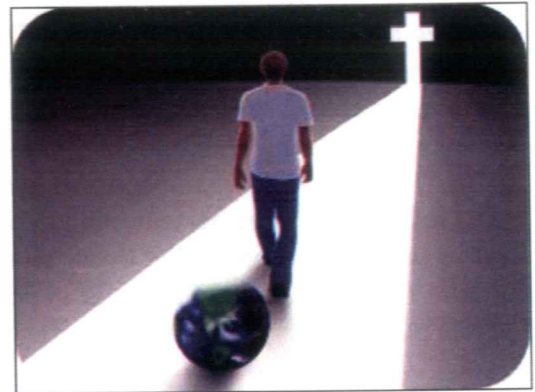
Chillie's Corner**“President Bush Saw Moses”**

One day President Bush got a chance to see Moses. The day he was with Moses, Moses did not talk to President Bush at all.

Once President Bush left, someone came to Moses and said why did you not talk to President Bush? Moses said the last time I spoke to a bush I had to spend 40 years in the desert!

Church Sign

“Exercise daily, walk with The Lord...”

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Saul was from the tribe of *what?*
- B) Immediately after Saul was anointed king of Israel, he began doing *what?*
- C) The most outstanding feature of the new king Saul was *what?*
- D) What was the name of Saul's cousin, who was also commander of his army?
- E) The Lord regretted making Saul king because Saul did *what?*
- F) Saul's daughter Merab should have been given to David to marry, but Saul gave her to *whom?*
- G) Saul told David he could have Princess Michal's hand in exchange for *what?*
- H) The second time David spared Saul's life, instead of killing him, David did *what?*
- I) After the Philistines found Saul slain, they did *what?*

(See page 8 for answers)

All About Me "Hattie W. Varner"



Our dear Hattie Varner has been saved for thirty-six years and has been with us at The Shield of Faith Church for sixteen of those! Since she has been with us, she states that the Shield's teachings have changed her from the inside out! She believes that she can withstand a whole lot more by faith than she could all of the years she attended church!

Hattie truly has had to go through a lot more this past year than she ever has health wise. The doctors said that she had a tumor in her head along with some heart problems and she had to deal with viruses on top of that! Through it all she has learned to trust in Jesus because the word of God said by the stripes of Jesus she is healed!

We agree with the word of God and we stand with Hattie that her body be in perfect health. Through all of this, God has also helped her with her finances since she was out of work. He is supplying all her needs according to His riches in glory!

Hattie is retired now after her years of various employment to include working at a sewing factory, house-keeping at Trident Hospital and home healthcare. Even though she is retired, she still does some house-keeping on the side. She loves to keep up with her four children, fourteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She also enjoys spending time crocheting and trying new recipes.

At some point, Hattie lived in New Jersey, but came back to South Carolina to live in Summerville, and we are glad she did! We have found that Hattie is one of the most loving, kind, and trustworthy people you will ever encounter. Being a helper to those who are in need is her specialty!

One of her dreams is to go to the Holy Land in Florida. She said that seeing it on television makes it appear like the original Holy Land. When you go Hattie, you have to take LOTS of pictures for us to see!

Some of Hattie's favorite scriptures are:

Psalms 91 (Because it has protection for the entire individual; soul, mind, and body.)

Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Psalms 23—(Because the Lord will supply our every need because He is our Shepherd!)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

We love you Hattie and want you to know that you are a blessing to us! We pray God's best to you our dear sister! You are a gem that we see many beautiful sides of the closer we get to you!

Let's Talk About Marriage

Important Tips for Those Who Marry

KEEP GOD FIRST!

PRAY TOGETHER!

**UNDERSTAND THAT
LOVE IS A CHOICE,
NOT MERELY A
FEELING**

**RESPECT & HONOR
EACH OTHER!**

**ENCOURAGE EACH
OTHER TO GROW
TOGETHER!**

**HAVE A "MISSION
STATEMENT" FOR
YOUR MARRIAGE
& FAMILY!**

**READ THE BIBLE
TOGETHER AS
MUCH AS POSSIBLE!**

**DO NO LET OTHERS
COME BETWEEN
YOU & YOUR
SPOUSE!**

**BE SWIFT TO HEAR
& SLOW TO SPEAK!**

**TAKE TIME TO
COMMUNICATE
WITH EACH OTHER!**

**PROTECT & HONOR
YOUR MARRIAGE
VOWS!**



Let's Talk About Marriage

7 Days of Marriage Wisdom

{Day 1} Be the person you'd like to be married to. If you need more love & understanding, give more love & understanding to your spouse. ←

{Day 2} Nobody is perfect. Don't let the world find out about your spouse's imperfections via you. "The heart of her husband trusts in her..." {Prov. 31:11}

{Day 3} Make it a point to give your spouse the best of you: the best of your touch, the best of your (good) attitude, the best of your laughter, the best of your words, etc. Don't always bring them what's left of you after the world has drained you.

{Day 4} Be intentional. Each day look for a way to bless your spouse. A thankful, giving heart will repulse blame & discontent.

→ "Outdo one another in showing honor." {Rom. 12:10}

{Day 5} Believe the best about your spouse, even when they don't communicate well. Sometimes it's hard to find the right words.

→ "Love bears... believes... hopes... all things" {1 Cor. 13}

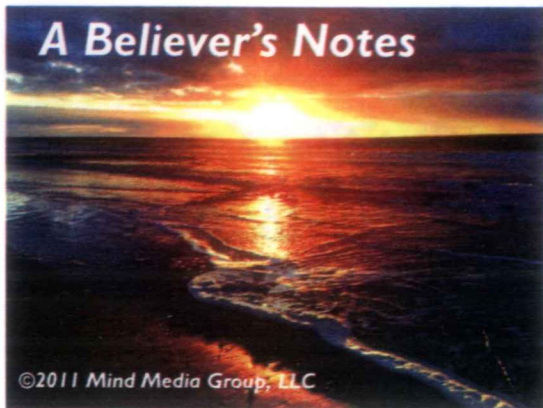
{Day 6} Greet your spouse with a kiss. Positive touch releases endorphins, so you associate your spouse with pleasant feelings. Bonus: You can't say anything regrettable when your lips occupied!

"Kiss me and kiss me again." {Song of Solomon 1:2}

{Day 7} Life affects all of us. No one remains the same. We change physically, act less romantic, etc. Take time to find the two people who fell in love & reconnect. ♥♥

"...rejoice in the wife of your youth." {Prov. 5:18}

What is Worry?



Worry is simply an unhealthy and destructive mental HABIT.

We are not born with the worry habit; we acquired it. And because you can break ANY habit and ANY acquired attitude, you can ALSO cast worry from your mind.

Practice draining your mind five minutes before going to sleep. Pray this aloud, "With God's help I am now emptying my mind of all anxiety, all fear, all sense of insecurity." Repeat this slowly five times. Then believe that your mind has been emptied of all anxiety, all fear, all sense of insecurity.

Now hold that mental picture of your mind being emptied of those concepts, then, thank God for freeing you!

Matthew 6:31-34

³¹ Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

How Emotions Harm YOU.



- **Anger** : Weakens The Liver
- **Grief** : Weakens The Lung
- **Worry** : Weakens The Stomach
- **Stress** : Weakens The Heart & Brain
- **Fear** : Weakens The Kidney

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

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|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| A) Benjamin
I Samuel 9:1-2 | E) Disobeyed the Lord
I Samuel 15:11 | I) Fastened his corpse to a wall and
his head in the temple
I Samuel 31:10 |
| B) Prophecying
I Samuel 10:11 | F) Adriel a Meholathite
I Samuel 18:19 | I Chronicles 20:5 |
| C) His Stature—Height
I Samuel 9:2 | G) 100 Philistine Foreskins
I Samuel 18:25 | |
| D) Abner
I Samuel 14:50 | H) Stole Saul's Spear and Water
I Samuel 26:12 | |

Kids Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
“Happy Father’s Day!”

I ♥ You
Dad!



Kids Corner “Onesimus”

Philemon 1

King James Version (KJV)

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

² And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

³ Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

⁵ Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

⁶ That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

⁷ For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

⁸ Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

⁹ Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

¹¹ Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

¹² Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

¹³ Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

¹⁴ But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

¹⁵ For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

¹⁶ Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

¹⁷ If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

¹⁸ If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

¹⁹ I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

²⁰ Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

²¹ Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

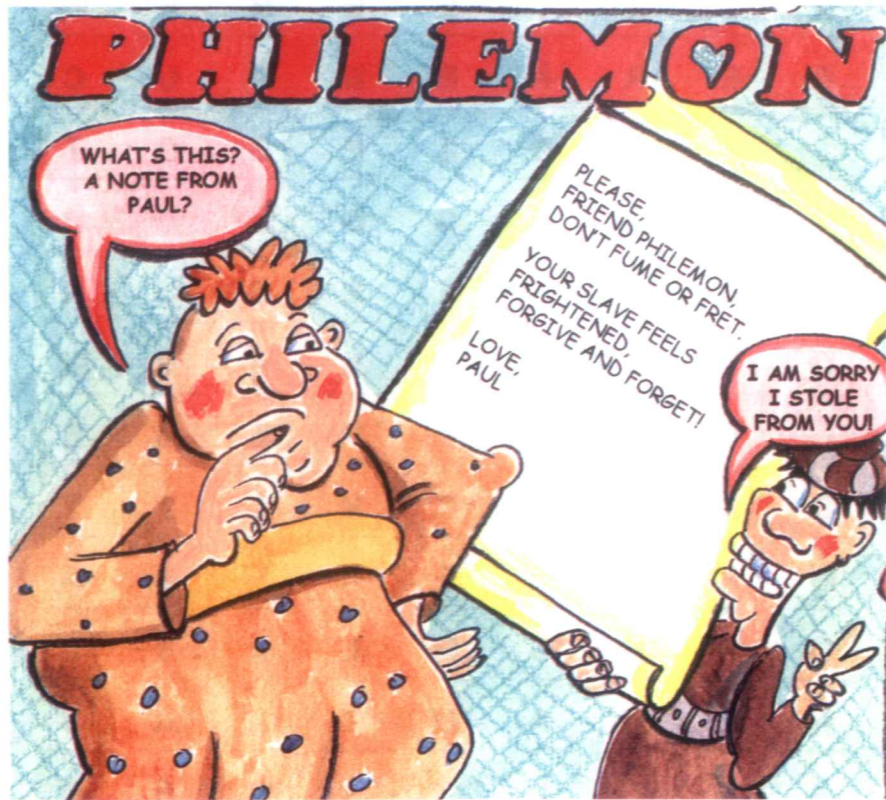
²² But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

²³ There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

²⁴ Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Kids Corner "Philemon"



Kids Corner

“Biblical Occupations”

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Cupbearer
Disciple
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Gatekeeper
Glassworker
Harvester
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Joseph Prince “Your Sins Are Forgiven”

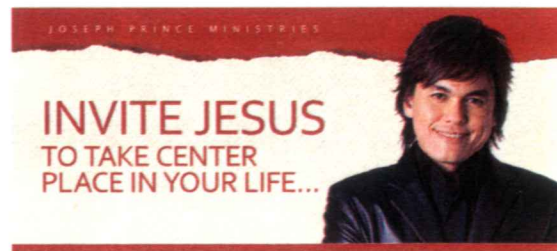
Some people brought to Him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Be encouraged, My child! Your sins are forgiven.” - Matthew 9:2, NLT

Many of us are familiar with the Gospel account of how four good friends, undeterred by the crowds blocking their way, broke through the roof of the house Jesus was in and lowered their paralyzed friend on his mat, right in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw the sick man, He said, “Be encouraged, My child! Your sins are forgiven.” These bold, gracious words scandalized some legalistic scribes there, but they penetrated and restored the soul of the poor paralytic. For years, he had probably believed that he was paralyzed because of his sins. Jesus then said to the man, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!” (Matthew 9:6) and the paralytic man leaped to his feet!

I want you to pay attention to this: Before the man could receive healing from the Lord, he needed to be assured that his sins were forgiven. Why? Because receiving becomes easy when you know and believe that you’ve been forgiven of your sins and are free to enjoy all the good that God has for you!

Beloved, know that **your sins are forgiven** because you believe in Jesus. Begin to thank the Lord for His grace. Rejoice in the fact that you are completely forgiven and receive the healing and provision you need from Him!



“Do Not Despise Humble Beginnings”

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin... - Zechariah 4:10, NLT

It’s interesting to see how God never despises the little things.

When the boy brought his five loaves and two fish, the disciple Andrew scoffed, condescendingly patted the boy on his head and said to Jesus, “What are they among so many?” In direct contrast, God did not despise the boy’s small lunch.

So don’t despise the little things that you have right now. See them as your very own “five loaves and two fish” even when people around you mock and belittle you. Learn to disregard such people and lay your little before Jesus. While you and I have no power to multiply, Jesus certainly does!

Beloved, whatever you are building right now in your career, ministry or business, don’t despise the day of small, humble and seemingly insignificant beginnings. Involve Jesus and allow His provision of favor, wisdom and power to multiply and grow the little things in your hands.

The Seed of the Kingdom

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. Which indeed is the least of all the seeds, but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." (Matt. 13:31-32)

As a teenager, I once spent time at a certain summer camp where skits were done. One skit involved a large hanging blanket that hid the view of the "Bigger Machine." The lead actor tossed a ping pong ball into the machine, and a volleyball came sailing out from behind the blanket. Next he tossed over there the lid of a coffee can, and back came the lid of a 55-gallon drum: very noisy! Finally, he decided to spit over the top of the blanket. The return was a bucket of water that just missed him!

Like Gideon in the book of Judges, many Christians are wondering why they are not seeing miracles the way that they are recorded in the Bible. Others of us are stepping out in faith and the Lord is providing supernatural results, but not necessarily to the degree that we yearn to see. I think we all, including myself, should be pressing more towards a higher calling.

I'm sure that as a boy, Jesus of Nazareth spent much time studying the Old Testament, which was all the Bible they had in those days. For example, He must have come across 2 Kings 4:42-44, in which Elisha is presented a gift of food, including twenty loaves of barley bread. Miraculously, it stretched to feed 100 men, with some left over. According to the parable of the sower, the seed is the word of God. Jesus planted the seed of this scripture and it grew, to the point where 5000 men could be fed from a much smaller offering.

In Lev. 13 and 14 we read the instructions God gave to Moses regarding leprosy and the priestly ceremony for the cleansed leper. In Luke 17:14 Jesus tells ten lepers to go show themselves to the priests. That made it a red letter day for the priests. There is no record of any lepers being healed until Jesus came on the scene, so the priests also received a new experience. In this case, Jesus operated on an even smaller mustard seed: a scripture that had borne no fruit for 1500 years.

Jesus was humble, and didn't always look for a greater manifestation. Where did He get the idea (Mark 4:39) that He could rebuke the storm? In Ps. 107:25-30 we read of God calming a storm on the ocean. The Sea of Galilee is a much smaller body of water, and there were probably not nearly as many large waves. But that was OK with Jesus.

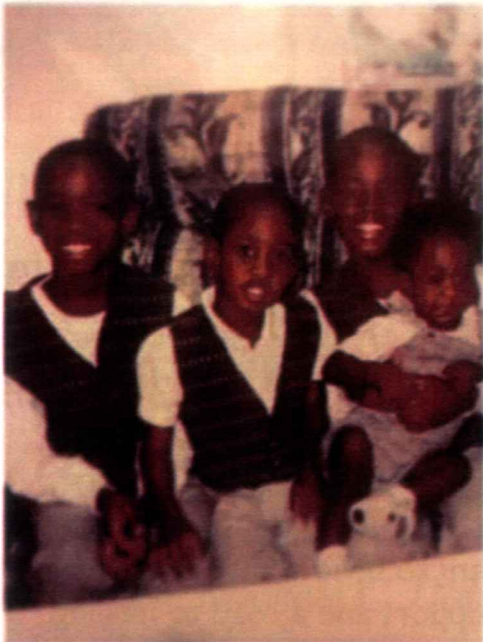
The tree that has grown strong and serving as a nesting place for the birds, as mentioned above, also appears in Dan. 4:21. In that context, it refers to Nebuchadnezzar and his domain, the Babylonian empire. These scriptures are seeds for the Kingdom of Christ at His second coming. Are we willing to be participants with the Lord in this realm? According to Rev. 3:21, that opportunity is available for the overcomers.

Revelation 3:21— "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

-Phil Rust

Special Notes

A job well done!
Joseph Smith made the
'Junior Scholar Award'
That means he scores in the
top 10% of the 8th grade
students in our country!
Congratulations Joseph!
We are proud of you!



Remember the Davis boys???

1st Pic Left to Right:
Denzel, Daron,
Darius, Daniel

2nd Pic Left to Right:
Daron, Denzel,
Daniel, Darius

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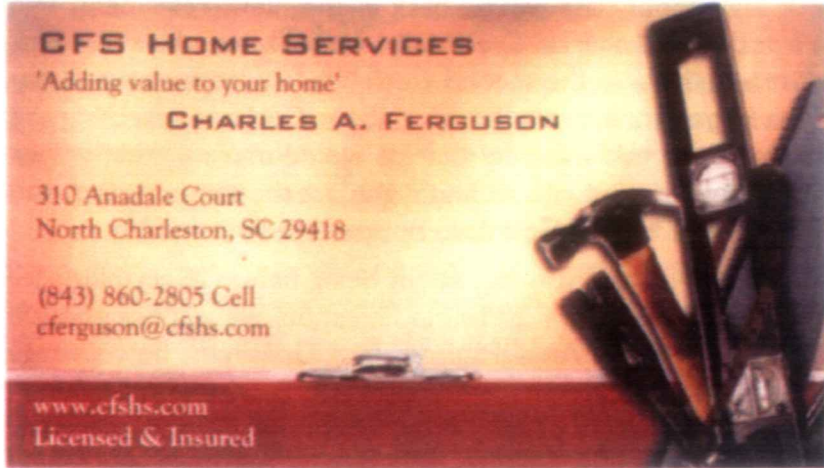
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Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

It's summer! Yea! This month the Children's Sunday School class will be back in the New Testament. We are going to learn some important principles regarding the church. Specifically, we will learn how the first church was started, and why they started to meet together. In the second week, we will learn about Timothy. Timothy's parents and grandparents knew the importance of him learning about God and searching the scriptures. Subsequently, when Paul came to his town, he told Timothy that he would make a great helper for him to teach others about Jesus. We need our generation of kids to be taught just the same, so they can rise up and do God's work. It is never too early for them! Never! God does not put age limits on His work.

Then, we will learn the importance of serving Him and realizing it is not about being first in everything. Jesus said, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last" Matthew 20:16. In Philemon, we will talk about a man, Onesimus, who did wrong and ran away from Philemon. After Paul ran into Onesimus, he repented and made Jesus his Savior. Paul told Philemon he needed to accept Onesimus back as part of the church, since he was a believer and IS a part of the church. Jesus wants people in the church to LOVE each other more than anything. Let's not be quick to ridicule. Our precious children are listening, and they will repeat what we say and do to others. Correction in love is one thing, ridicule is quite another.

Finally, we will end our month learning about the importance of prayer. Jesus taught His disciples to pray, and Jesus prayed day in and day out to the Father, so we know it was important to Him that His people learn to pray. I am diligent in this class to teach the children how to talk to God and pray to Him. If nothing comes to mind, they can always pray the Lord's Prayer just as Jesus taught his disciples to do. Colossians 4:2 says, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

*Congratulations to Jonathan Dotter for being the first grand prize winner to quote the Books of the Bible! I am proud of you!

-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

This month opens with a book entitled God's People Worship. Lesson 1 is Holy, Holy, Holy, taken from Isaiah 6:1-8. The lesson focus is: "We respond to God's holiness with awe and a contrite heart." In Step 1 we will relate our personal experiences of being in the presence of someone you admired yet feared. Step 2 will help us look closely at Isaiah's response to his vision. In Step 3 we will consider our response to God. Step 4 will show us how to respond to God's holiness with a right attitude and actions.

Have you ever taken the time to slow down and just absorb the natural wonders of God's creation? We should be able to see the evidence of God's reality in our lives and well as others around us. Have you ever tried to see the beauty in everything/everyone God created no matter what? Whether we notice them or not, people (the world) are always watching us (Christians). They are always anxious to see if we are conducting ourselves and living our lives as the Bible says we should.

How should we live according to the Word of God? Are we taking the time to appreciate God's holiness and His amazing grace? Have you ever had the pleasure of being in the presence of someone royal or of a person in high authority? Would you act the way you would act when you are around your friends and

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School—Continued

How would you act if you were in the presence of God Almighty? The Holy Spirit is with us always; so what type of situations are we subjecting Him to? What kinds of places are we taking Him? Isaiah's vision revealed the Lord in His glory, as a king enthroned and wearing a robe with an impressive train that filled the whole temple – a symbol of great authority. On a daily basis we should take some time out of our busy schedules and worship God for what He has done for us as well as for who He is to us. According to 'Cru' (Campus Crusades for Christ), "True knowledge of God's holiness should always provoke a worshipful response from us. We cannot stand in the presence of God without acknowledging His holiness and seeing our own sin. When we concentrate on God's holiness – His moral perfection and absolute purity – the only appropriate response is humble adoration, which is the basis for all worship." When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you will receive the Holy Spirit as a Comforter and Guide. He will also help you to recognize your sin if you let Him. Only the healing touch of God can cleanse our soul and conscience. We must repent of our sin, by first acknowledging it and confessing responsibility for our words, thoughts and actions. Only after we have owned up to our sin can we experience the freedom God gives that removes our guilt.



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

Isaiah wanted to focus on the problem of impure speech so he had a burning coal brought in to touch his lips. We cannot receive Christ's atonement without it touching us in ways that challenge and change us, like the burning coal did for Isaiah. God will respond with an atoning work that will make us ready and able to answer His call to witness and spread the Gospel to His people. How will you respond to God's holiness? Will you respond humbly, contrite and committed? Or with pride? The choice is yours. Joe McHugh says, "When we allow God to purge us, all the previous history of sin (based on our confessions) is removed, purged and burned away. What immediate grace! Forgiveness, so readily given, is for all who are willing to acknowledge their sins." **"To worship God in truth is to recognize Him for being who He is and recognize ourselves for what we are."** Brother Lawrence

-Yolanda Wilson

January

Romans 5:8 (KJV)

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

February

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

March

Romans 10:13 (KJV)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

April

Romans 5:12 (KJV)

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned:

May

2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

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.

June

John 1:12 (KJV)

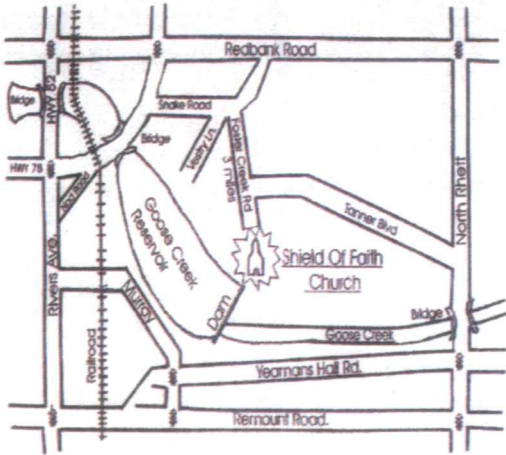
But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:



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Wednesday, June 19th

June 2013

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9 Spoletto Festival Ends	10	11 Praise Team Meeting 7-8pm	12	13	14 Flag Day Creative Arts Meeting 7-8:30pm	15 Rock the Park at Carowinds
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Article Deadline	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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