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15 Reasons Why Jesus Came



I. Jesus Christ came into the world to <u>Save</u> sinners.

I Timothy I:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

2. Jesus Christ came into the world to <u>Call</u> sinners to repentance.

Mark 2:17, "When Jesus heard it, He saith unto them, 'They that are whole have no need of the Physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

3. Jesus Christ came into the world to Seek and save the lost.

Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

4. Jesus came into the world to demonstrate the true purpose of life and give Himself a Ransom.

Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."

5. Jesus Christ came into the world to be a <u>King</u> and bear witness to the truth.

John 18:37, "Pilate therefore said unto Him, 'Art thou a king then?' Jesus answered, 'Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.'

6. Jesus Christ came into the world to do the Will of His Father.

John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me."

7. Jesus Christ came into the world to be a Light in the world.

John 12:46, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

8. Jesus Christ came into the world that men might have the Abundant Life.

John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

9. Jesus Christ came into the world to <u>Judge</u> the world.

John 9:39, "And Jesus said, 'For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.' "

10. Jesus Christ came into the world to <u>Proclaim</u> or preach the Good News about the Kingdom of God.

Mark I:38, "And He said unto them, 'Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.'

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Youth Talk

"What Comes Out of Our Mouth Reveals Our Heart Condition"

What is hidden in our hearts? Do we ponder things such as what is found in Ephesians 5:19-20: "19 Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with ALL your heart to the Lord, 20 at ALL times and for EVERYTHING giving thanks in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father."

Many who profess Christ, but choose to constantly spew negative comments and criticisms, deceive themselves by thinking that they are Christians; but their mouth portrays what is really in their heart. Proverbs 21:2 says, "People may be right in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their heart." Our hearts are really the most deceitful of all things... that's what the Bible says. Jeremiah 17:9-10 says, "9 The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? 10 But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives, give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

We have heard the scripture phrase, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks," but what was being discussed when this was spoken by Jesus? Let's look at Luke 6:41-46 which says, "41 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye but do not notice or consider the beam [of timber] that is in your own eye? 42 Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, allow me to take out the speck that is in your eye, when you yourself do not see the beam that is in your own eye? You actor (pretender, hypocrite)! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. 43 For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale) fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit. 44 For each tree is known and identified by its own fruit; for figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor is a cluster of grapes picked from a bramble bush. 45 The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks. 46 Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not [practice] what I tell you?"

We are to focus on filling our hearts and minds with the word of God to the point that it flows out of us daily. Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. These two scriptures help shed so much light on the fruit that should be coming out of our mouths that we might not sin against Him. Criticism, because we want something to go our way, is not from a healthy heart. This is a great lesson that we can pass down to our children as we are training them to follow after God's heart and not our own.

Let's keep the following scripture in mind as we spend time "spring cleaning" our spiritual "houses" this season: Colossians 3:13-17: "13 Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive]. And above all these [put on] love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness [which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony]. 15 And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]. ¹⁶ Let the word [spoken by] Christ (the Messiah) have its home [in your hearts and minds] and dwell in you in [all its] richness, as you teach and admonish and train one another in all insight and intelligence and wisdom [in spiritual things, and as you sing] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to God with [His] grace in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do **EVERYTHING** in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him."

-fLoYd and Michele Dotter



Church Sign

"A wide mouth and a narrow mind do not mix."

"Go To The Ant!"

Proverbs 6:6 tells us to: "Go to the ant, O sluggard. Observe her ways and be wise."

The ant is by no means lazy! There's a lot we can learn from ants. The following facts about ants are missing some information. Using the numbers below the following questions, fill in the blanks. (One number can be used twice.)

١.	An	ant	can	lift	up	to	times	it's	own	weight.
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- 2. An ant has ____ brain cells. A colony of ____ ants has the same amount of brain cells as one human.
- 3. A Queen ant can live up to ____ years.
- 4. Harvester ants can dig a tunnel up to ____ feet deep.
- 5. The earth excavated by one colony of leaf-cutter ants in Brazil weighed about ____ tons.
- 6. An ant can live up to ____ days underwater.

Possible Ant-swers:

20 - 250,000 - 44 - 2 - 15 - 40,000

-Linda Butler

-See Page 4 for Ant-swers

Recipe of the Month Grilled Lemon Parmesan Asparagus

Ingredients:

I pound fresh asparagus, trimmed

I tablespoon olive oil, or more if needed

I tablespoon lemon juice, or more if needed

salt and ground black pepper to taste

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for topping

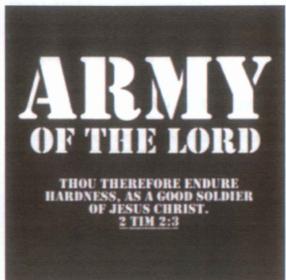
Directions:

- 1. Preheat an outdoor grill on medium heat, and lightly oil the grate.
- Place asparagus in a large shallow bowl. Drizzle with olive oil and lemon juice, going from bottom to top of stalks. Season with salt and ground black pepper.
- 3. Sprinkle grated Parmesan cheese over asparagus. Lightly toss to coat each spear.
- 4. Transfer coated asparagus to the preheated grill with tongs. Grill to desired tenderness, 3 to 7 minutes. Before serving, sprinkle asparagus with additional Parmesan cheese.



-All Recipes.com

Chillie's Corner "Army of the Lord"



A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door, as he always is, to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the 'Army of the Lord!' " My friend replied, "I'm already in the 'Army of the Lord,' Pastor."

The Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

Ant-swers From Page 3

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2. 250,000, 40,000

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Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Ezekiel was among the exiles residing by which river?
- B) In Ezekiel's famous vision, he saw creatures with four faces—of a man, a lion, an ox, and what?
- C) Ezekiel envisioned wheels that had what on their rims?
- D) In the vision of the wheels, what did the Lord God tell Ezekiel to eat?
- E) For the house of Israel, God told Ezekiel to be a what?
- F) In another vision, how did the Spirit of God lift Ezekiel up?
- G) God told Ezekiel He would replace the people's hearts of stone with ones of what?
- H) In the valley of dry bones, Ezekiel prophesized to the breath, "Come from" what?
- I) What did the Lord command Ezekiel to write?

(See page 6 for answers)

Pastor's Heart 15 Reasons Why Jesus Came—Continued

11. Jesus Christ came into the world to Die on the cross.

John 12:27, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour': but for this cause came I unto this hour."

12. Jesus Christ came into the world to Fulfill the law.

Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

13. Jesus Christ came into the world to be a Divider of men.

Matthew 10:34, 35, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

(Christ makes it necessary to choose between relatives and the truth. This choice often causes division.)

14. Jesus Christ came into the world as a demonstration of God's Love.

I John 4:10, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

15. Jesus Christ came into the world because the Father Sent Him.

John 20:21, "Then said Jesus to them again, 'Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.' "

a. The Father SENT Jesus to be the Propitiation (atonement) for our sins.

I John 4:10, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

b. The Father SENT Jesus and gave Jesus as the Savior of the world.

John 3:16-18, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

c. The Father SENT Jesus to bless us by turning us from our iniquities.

Acts 3:26, "Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

d. The Father SENT His Son to redeem us from the curse of the law.

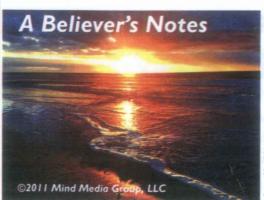
Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

e. God SENT His Son to make possible a new <u>power</u> in the hearts of men, a power to enable him to fulfill the righteousness of the law.

Romans 8:3,4, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

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

Psalm 25:4-5



Psalm 25:4-5 says, "⁴ Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. ⁵ Guide me in Your truth and faithfulness and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You [You only and altogether] do I wait [expectantly] all the day long."

Believing in Jesus, is to enter upon a new existence, to have a new mind, a new heart, new views, new principles, new tastes, new affections, new likings, new dislikings, new fears, new joys, new sorrows, new love to things once hated, new hatred to things once loved, new thoughts to God, and ourselves, and the world, and the life to come, and salvation.

Those that believe in Christ receive eternal life. Jesus died on the cross to pay the debt for our sins, but we must make a choice to put our faith in Him. Those who place their faith in the Son, find forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and freedom from condemnation.

Moses and the Bronze Snake

Numbers 21:4-9 says, " ⁴ And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. ⁵ And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. ⁶ And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. ⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. ⁹ And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

In response to the grumbling and complaining of the Israelites, God sent poisonous snakes into their camp. In response to the repentance of the people, God instructed Moses to put a bronze snake on a pole and lift it up for all the people to see. All who had been bitten by the poisonous snakes would be able to look at the bronze snake and live rather than die from the poison in their bodies. Just as the ancient Israelites needed to look at the serpent that Moses lifted up high on a pole, so all of humanity must look to Jesus and His death upon the cross as their only cure for the deadly affects of sin.

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

A) Kebar Ezekiel I:1 D) A Scroll Ezekiel 3:1 G) Flesh Ezekiel 11:19

B) Eagle Ezekiel 1:10 E) Watchman Ezekiel 3:17

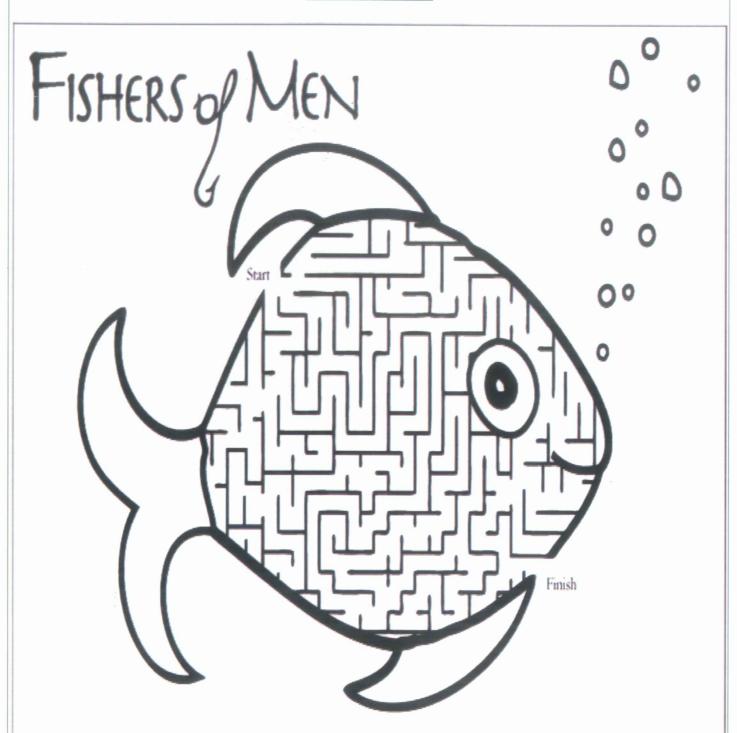
H) The Four Winds Ezekiel 37:9

C) Eyes Ezekiel 1:18

F) By His Hair Ezekiel 8:3 I) On Two Sticks Ezekiel 37:15-16

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Kids' Corner



And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Mark 1:17

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Kids' Corner "John Chapter One"

John 1:1-18 King James Version (KJV)

- I In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² The same was in the beginning with God.
- ³ All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.
- ⁴ In Him was life; and the life was the Light of men.
- ⁵ And the Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- ⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe.
- ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- ⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.
- ¹¹ He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.
- ¹² 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:
- ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- ¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- ¹⁵ John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, 'This was He of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me.'
- ¹⁶ And of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.
- ¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁸ No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared him.

Kids' Corner "John 1:26-32"



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Kids Corner "Books of the Bible"

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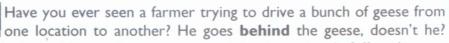
ACE IN YOUR LIFE

Faith Talk

Joseph Prince

"Jesus Goes Before You"

"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him..." -John 10:4



Compare this to a shepherd who leads his sheep. He goes before them and the sheep simply follow him.

Jesus is our shepherd and we are His sheep. He does not drive us, but He **leads** us. Legalistic people drive others. Jesus leads. He goes in front of us. He is not like the sergeant who says, "Men, cross this river. I'll cover you from behind," because he suspects that the river is infested with crocodiles. Jesus is not that kind of leader. He goes in front of us.

In the Old Testament, Jesus led the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt. Do you know how Jesus appeared back then? He appeared in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Where was that pillar? It was in front of them. In fact, the pillar of cloud shaded them from the hot desert sun so that they were kept cool during the day. At night, when the desert got very cold, Jesus, the pillar of fire, gave them light as well as warmth. Whether He was the pillar of cloud or fire, He went in front of them.

As long as they followed Him, the Israelites did not have to worry about anything. Jesus took care of all their needs. He gave them water when they were thirsty, and bread and meat when they were hungry. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell. They were kept in good health throughout the 40 years of their wandering in the wilderness.

My friend, Jesus your shepherd wants you to just follow Him. As long as you allow Him to lead you, all your needs will be taken care of. He is your provision, healer, counselor, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification... He is everything you need Him to be!

"God So Loves You"

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

-John 3:16-17

Jesus is the apple of God's eye. He is God's darling Son, His infinite joy and delight. Yet, God gave Jesus up for you. That's how much God loves you. Just think about it: If you knew you could save a dying person by giving up something precious to you, would you go as far as to give up your only child whom you dearly love for that person?

Yet, that is exactly what God did to save you. Jesus, His beloved Son, died on the cross to cleanse you, heal you and redeem you—spirit, soul and body! That is how precious you are to God! Today, meditate on this truth and let God's amazing love wash over you. It will drive out every fear, put strength and boldness in your heart, and cause you to walk in His provision, protection and peace.

Beautiful Shades

We had a great time meeting with Ms. Chelsi Howard discussing 'Healthy Relationships.'



UPCOMING EVENT:

On Saturday, March 21, 2014 at 2:00pm

We will be having our 'Parent Awareness' meeting. Please bring your parents.

If you have any questions, or need directions to our meeting,

please don't hesitate to contact us at (843) 509-1653.

Thank you again for your prayers and support!

-Sheila Adams

Ant Jokes and Riddles

What do ants and rain have in common?

Both can mess up a picnic!

Why do anteaters hardly ever get sick?

Because they are full of antibodies

What do you get when you cross an ant with a deer?

An antelope

What game can the queen ant never play with the other ants? "King of the Hill"

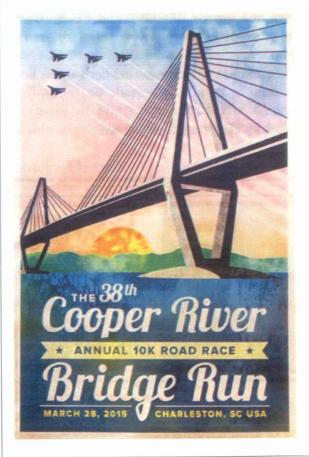
What do you call a young ant?

An inf-ant

Where do the coldest ants in the world live?

Antarctica

Upcoming Events



Cooper River Bridge Run

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Online Registration Closes:
March 24, 2015 11:59 PM Eastern Time.



Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of March, the children's Sunday School class will be starting a study on the Gospel of John. This study may take us a few months as we will be going through each chapter and verse in detail. There will be reading, discussion, and a working outline that we will be following. This is a great month to bring your kids even if it is their first time in Sunday School. The book of John is the best place to start! Most importantly, John gives us more than a history of the life of Christ, but he shows us great signs and messages of our Lord.

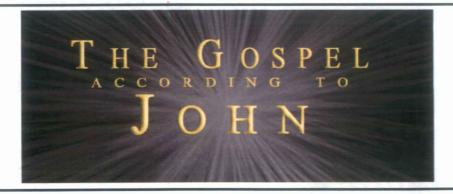
Specifically this month, we will learn some background information regarding the human writer of the book of John. Then we will talk about why Jesus Christ was the Word, why Jesus had to come to the earth to live as a man, and what His purpose was to "walk among men." We will go over the Trinity again in detail, so that the class can see the position of Jesus Christ in the Godhead. Jesus is still God, but in order for God to die and be resurrected, He had to send His Son in the flesh.

We will learn about the men who witnessed Christ as the Lamb of God, specifically John the Baptist, Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael. In addition, we will learn about the first miracle of Jesus, the Temple purification, and the sign of His death and resurrection. In chapter 2, Jesus foreshadows His own death and resurrection that is to come.

In John 1:12, the Word says, "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." We see here that the words RECEIVE and BELIEVE go together. Did you know that the word BELIEVE is found in the book of John 99 times? I would like to spend some time going over this exciting fact, and why it is so important for us to BELIEVE and RECEIVE for ourselves. What great things He has done and what blessings He still has in store for us! Let's open our lives to Him and RECEIVE them!

We are so excited to dive into this book. Don't miss out! Come to Sunday School and join us!

-Rachel Ferguson



Men's Sunday School

Join us for Men's Sunday School, and let us dive into the Word of God together!

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Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

We begin this month with Lesson 13 – The Lamb of God. The lesson text comes from John 1:29-34. The Lesson Focus will show us how to tell others what Jesus has done for us. In the Life Connection will show us how to talk to people about Jesus. In the Bible Exploration we will discuss what John the Baptist and the Apostle John said about who Jesus is. In the Bible Interaction we will explore what we can tell others about Jesus. The Life Response will encourage us to be bold enough to step out on faith and tell others about what Jesus has done for us.

Although the world has become skeptical about the validity of Jesus and what He did on the Cross, we have to continue to share the Gospel (spread the Good News) and tell them about what Jesus has done for us. People do learn about Jesus in church or through radio/TV broadcasts; they seem to respond more favorably to testimonies or information they hear from someone they know personally. God does not want us to remain silent about the way He has touched our lives. He also doesn't want us to be quiet when opportunities come up to share the Gospel message with others; we have to take that time to share what we've learned in the process of our own relationship with Jesus.



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

John the Baptist declared that Jesus is a Lamb that God was going to offer as a sacrifice to atone for the sins of the people so their sins could be "passed over." Both John the Apostle and John the Baptist continued to proclaim who Jesus is and we should do the same also. We have to make it our goal to point others to Jesus. If we've put our faith in Jesus for our salvation, we are one of God's children, and God wants us to tell others about Jesus so that they can have an opportunity to become one of His children as well. This is where memorizing the Scriptures can play a big part in your witness to others. Let us commit our hearts to sharing the hope of Jesus and trust God with the rest. "The life that Jesus offers because of His sacrifice on the Cross is the greatest message ever told and He wants the whole world to hear it; even if it's painful." Mark Williams

-Yolanda Wilson

December

Psalm 91:4 (KJV)

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

January Psalm 91:5 (KJV)

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

February

Psalm 91:6 (KJV)

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

March

Psalm 91:7 (KJV)

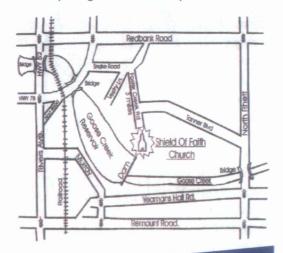
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.



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Deepening our Relationship with Him...







Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, March 18th

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Purim	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time		10	Pastor's Birthday Refreshments after service		13 Family Night	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Article Deadline		20 Spring Begins	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Bridge Run
29 Palm Sunday		31	1 Susan's Birthday Refreshments after service		3 Good Friday	Passover (through the 11th)
5 Easter Sunday		7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11