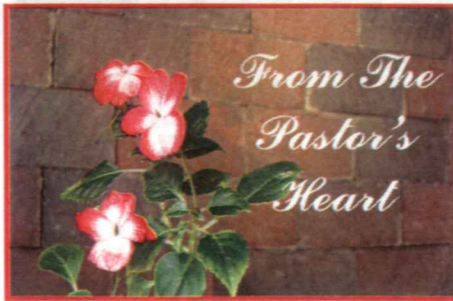


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Sit, Walk, Stand—My Three Positions in Christ

SIT—Ephesians 2:4-6 “But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us (even when we were dead in sins) has made us alive together with Christ (by grace you are saved), and has raised us up together and made us **SIT** together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus.”

WALK—Ephesians 4:1-3, 17— “I therefore, the prisoner in *the* Lord, beseech you that you **WALK** worthy of the calling with which you are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. This I say therefore, and testify in *the* Lord, that you should not walk from now on as other nations walk, in *the* vanity of their mind.”

STAND—Ephesians 6:11— “Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to **STAND** against the wiles of the devil.”

Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose me to be His very own, through what Christ would do for us. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. He did this because He wanted to (Ephesians 1:1-6).

Because of what Christ has done, we have become gifts to God that He delights in, for as part of God’s sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning to be His (Ephesians 1:11).

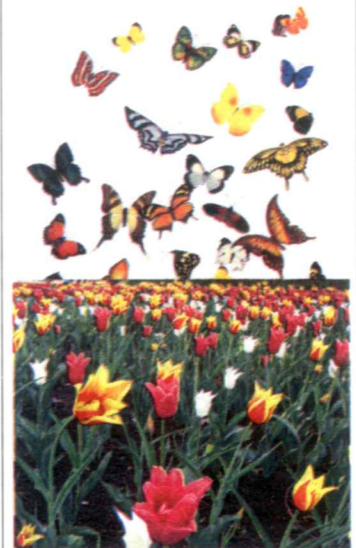
It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others (Ephesians 2:10).

Now all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, may come to God the Father with the Holy Spirit’s help because of what Christ has done for us. Now I am no longer a stranger to God or a foreigner to heaven, but I am a member of God’s very own family, a citizen of God’s country, and I belong in God’s household with every other Christian (Ephesians 2:18-19).

God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we could ask or think, hope for or desire, according to the power that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:20).

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Youth Talk

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!! This is a special month to remember our mothers and to celebrate them in an honorable way. My husband tells me that my children's birthdays are Mother's Days too since I traveled for their entry into this big world... I kind of like that... three Mother's Days a year!

It is important for us as mothers to remember **who** we are. We are God's children **first**. He is our Father and the Lover of our heart. **He** is the one who cares for our **every** need, first and foremost.

Have you been feeling like your needs are going on and on without being met? Do you feel like just giving up? Guess what... God is simply waiting for you... to give up! Give it up to HIM... It's **HIS** job to provide for you. It's **HIS** job to change your husband. It's **HIS** job to change your children. It's **HIS** job to heal your inner hurts and frustrations. **BUT HE HAS HIS PART, AND WE HAVE OUR PART.**

If we are praying and building a relationship with Jesus, we will **WANT** to be obedient to His Word. When we are obedient to His Word, things around us change...

If you want your life to be filled with drama, keep on watching the soap operas daily. Fill your mind with the 'ways of our lives' instead of the Word of God. If you want your children to be parents before they are married, continue to show them that it's okay to commit the 'marriage act' before you are married and allow them to watch programs/movies that promote sensuality as well. If you want your Youth to stay away from drugs, alcohol, cursing, and bad behavior, well, you get the picture...

So many women have asked me, "**What is my job as a wife and mother? What am I supposed to do?**" Scripture is very clear about what our job is. Take time to read about the Proverbs 31 woman in verses 10-31.

In verse 11—We see that her husband can trust her and she never lets him down.

In verse 12—She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

In verse 13—She makes the clothes for the family (Now I don't know about you, I may not be the greatest one to sew but I can sure spot a bargain instead of spending an arm and a leg for clothing!)

In verse 14—She brings home food from out-of-the-way places, as merchant ships do... she can, again, spot a bargain in the most awesome way. I know women that purchase \$300 of groceries and only spend \$50 because they know how to 'find' their food.

In verse 15—She gets up before daylight to prepare food for her family and to tell her servant women what to do. I don't have any servant women, but I do prepare food for my family. My grandfather used to tell me, if your husband gets up to go to work before you do, you better get out of bed. Even if it's just to make his coffee and kiss him goodbye and go back to bed... you get out of bed. Also, my grandmother always made sure I ate a hot, well-balanced meal before leaving for school. It made me feel so loved and appreciated. I can't imagine how I would of felt if she stayed in bed while I fended for myself every day.

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I just closed the
bathroom door,
so the knocking
should begin
in 3, 2, 1...



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Sit, Walk, Stand—My Three Positions in Christ (continued from page 1)

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ (Ephesians 4:32).

Follow God's example in everything you do just as a much loved child imitates his father. Be full of love for others (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Honor Christ by submitting (to yield, surrender, obey) to each other (Ephesians 5:21).

Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord (Ephesians 6:8).

I have been made rich because of Christ and what He has done for me. Some of my spiritual blessings:

A loving relationship with my heavenly Father
 I have peace with God and the peace of God
 I have salvation, health, healing, security, prosperity, wholeness
 I have eternal life
 I have forgiveness of sin
 I have a home in heaven
 I have a Father in heaven who loves me and cares for me
 I have a faithful High Priest at the right hand of the Father in heaven
 I have the Holy Spirit with me and in me, to help me at all times.
 I have the angels of the Lord encamped around about me
 I am rich, praise the Lord, I am rich

FAITH

FAITH is not believing that GOD can...

It is knowing that HE will.

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

Recipe of the Month

Easy Pineapple Desert

- 1 box of vanilla wafers
- 1 large can of chunky pineapple
- 2 small boxes of vanilla pudding mix
- 1 tub of cool whip



Make the vanilla pudding as directed on package and set aside. Line the bottom of a long dish or pan with the vanilla wafers. Drain pineapple and place on top of wafers. Pour pudding over pineapple after it has jelled like pudding. Spread cool whip over the top. Garnish with red cherries if you'd like.

-Elsie Christine Housand
 (Michele Dotter's Grandmother ;)

Chillie's Corner

“New York Street Gang at the Pearly Gates!!”



One day at the entrance to heaven, St. Peter saw a New York street gang walk up to the Pearly Gates. This being a first, St. Peter ran to God and said, "God, there are some evil, thieving New Yorkers at the Pearly Gates. What do I do?"

God replied, "Just do what you normally do with that type. Re-direct them down to hell." St. Peter went back to carry out the order and all of a sudden he comes running back yelling "God, God, they're gone, they're gone!" "Who, the New Yorkers?" "No, the Pearly Gates!"

Never Judge

"It's easy to look at people and make quick judgments about them, their present and their pasts, but you'd be amazed at the pain and tears a single smile hides.

What a person shows to the world is only one tiny facet of the iceberg hidden from sight. And more often than not, it's lined with cracks and scars that go all the way to the foundation of their soul."

-Sherrilyn Kenyon

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) After God told Abraham he'd have many sons, Sarah still remained barren. So, taking things into her own hands, she had Abraham marry her maid named what?
- B) After Sarah's pregnant maid fled from her mistress's presence, she sat down at a well and cried. Following God's appearance to her there, the well was named Beer Lahai Roi, which means what?
- C) How old were Abraham, Ishmael, and Isaac when they were circumcised?
- D) The Lord told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac where?
- E) When the Lord enabled Abraham to sacrifice a ram instead of his son Isaac, he called the name of that place what?
- F) After Sarah died, at the age of 127, Abraham buried her in the cave of the field of what?
- G) Lot's dad was named what?
- H) In Genesis 14:1, the king of Elam, along with a few other kings, took Lot captive. What was this king's name?
- I) When the two angels came to rescue Lot before Sodom was destroyed, what was Abraham's nephew doing?
- J) Right after Sodom was destroyed, Lot ran to what city?
- K) In 2 Peter 2:7-8, Peter writes that Lot, while living among the lawless people of Sodom, was what?

(See page 6 for answers)

The Cure for a Stressed-Out Life

“Until I learned how to rest in God, I was constantly unhappy and hard to get along with”



How would you like to live every day like you were on vacation, as if it were a day away from work? You can, if you'll learn how to really enter God's rest.

My life used to be one big struggle. I was unhappy about almost everything and difficult to get along with because of the abuse I endured during my childhood.

In the early years of my marriage, I wanted Dave to be miserable because I was miserable. And it just about drove me crazy when he stayed happy while I was unhappy. He refused to join my pity parties and accept my negative perspective of life, and it made me mad.

But eventually, his example became a great witness to me, and I began to hunger for the peace, joy and stability he lived with. I wanted to enter God's rest.

What is God's rest? It is not actually a resting, or ceasing, from physical work: it's the ability to trust God and rest in Him **no matter what you're doing or what's going on in your life**. When we enter His rest, we can remain stable in every circumstance.

We need this rest because we live in a stress-filled world. And the bottom line is, life is not worth living if you're going to be upset, frustrated and worn out from stress. This kind of stress causes health problems—headaches, high blood pressure, heart issues, anxiety, fear—and it steals our peace, joy and stability.

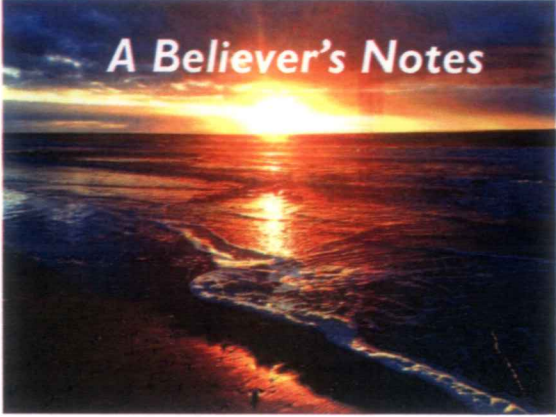
But we have to **learn** how to rest in God, and the first step is **SIT**ting down. It's kind of like watching babies grow and develop. They don't just jump out of the crib and start running. First they learn how to **SIT**; then **STAND, WALK** and **RUN**.

Ephesians 2:6 says that when we accept Christ as our Savior, God makes us “sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Now, physically, we're still on the earth; but spiritually, we're seated in Him.

This means our position is **with** and **in** Christ—what He's done for us and has for us is accessible to us and belongs to us. We don't have to worry, struggle or be frustrated about trying to change things we can't change, such as ourselves, other people or circumstances. We can give it all to God and trust Him to do what we can't do.

Face it, there's only so much we can do, and we need to know when we're finished. We need to do what we can, then back off and **let** God work, because trying to do something about something you can't do anything about is one of the most stressful things you can do!

-Joyce Meyer



A Believer's Notes

Tithing

Principles that will guarantee a return on your giving:

Start where you are—some people get discouraged before they even start because they can only give small gifts. They say, “All I can give is \$2. That’s not enough to matter.” Don’t be deceived. Every gift matters to God. The poor widow in Mark 12:41-44 gave only two mites, yet Jesus said she gave the biggest gift of all.

Give in Faith—When you give, believe God. You can’t tithe in faith and in heart and not increase. Expect God to prosper you when you tithe and you will get exactly what you believe for.

Watch Your Words—When people get under pressure financially (or any other area of life) there is a temptation to start spouting their frustration and talking unbelief. A good place to check for this is to consider what you say in front of your spouse.

When you give, Rejoice! - Worship before the Lord. Rejoice in all the good things that He has given to you. Rejoice in the goodness He has brought into your life (Deuteronomy 26). This is the kind of giving that honors God.

Speak the Word—I give and it is given to me, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over do men give to me - Luke 6:38.

Take authority over doubt and fear and lack in the Name of Jesus.

When you begin to give according to these principles, something exciting happens. Your spirit will rise up inside you. Instead of expecting the natural shortages that have dogged you, you will start expecting supernatural abundance – and you are going to get it!

Bible Trivia- I Didn't Know That!

- (From Page 4)

- A) Hagar (Genesis 16:3)
- B) The Well of the Living One Seeing Me (Genesis 16:14)
- C) Abraham was 99, Ishmael was 13, Isaac was 8 days old (Genesis 17:24-25; 21:4)
- D) Land/Region of Moriah (Genesis 22:2)
- E) The Lord Will Provide (Genesis 22:14)
- F) Cave of Machpelah (Genesis 23:19)
- G) Haran (Genesis 11:27)
- H) Kedorlaomer (Genesis 14:1)
- I) Sitting at the gate of Sodom (Genesis 19:1)
- J) Zoar (Genesis 19:23)
- K) Tormented in his righteous soul (2 Peter 2:7-8)

Where is Your Heart?

If you want to know
where your heart is...

Look to where your mind goes when it
wanders...

Humility

Humility does not mean you think less of
yourself...

It means you
think of yourself less...

- Ken Blanchard

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is
 the ability to make yourself do
 the thing you HAVE to do,
 WHEN it ought to be done, whether you LIKE IT OR NOT.
 This is the first lesson to be learned.

-Thomas Henry Huxley

Compare 'Super Woman' to an 'Abiding Woman'

Super Woman

1. Does
2. Tries to impress others
3. Is controlled by an agenda
4. Her self worth is found in her accomplishments
5. Her peace is found in the 'perfect' environment
6. She is discouraged by failure
7. She expects perfection from herself and others
8. She teaches her kids to be good
9. She is frustrated with her lack of spiritual fruit
10. She does things with her children
11. Her perspective is based on what is seen
12. She chooses quality of activities.

Abiding Woman

1. Is (Psalm 46:10)
2. Pleases the Lord (Eph 5:10, Prov 29:25)
3. Is controlled by the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-26)
4. Her self worth is found in an accurate view of who she is in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:10)
5. Her peace is found in Jesus in the midst of any storm (Isaiah 26:3)
6. Failure reminds her that God's strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Cor 12:9-10)
7. She practices grace with herself and others (Eph 4:32)
8. She teaches her kids to be godly (Prov 22:6)
9. She abides in Christ and bears much fruit (John 15:5)
10. She builds a relationship with her children (Deut 6:6-7)
11. Her perspective is based on what is unseen (Col 3:2)
12. She chooses the most excellent way (1 Cor 13)



All About Me "Martha Preston"

Martha Preston was born along with her twin sister, Mary, on January 22nd, 1949 in Evansville, Indiana. God called Martha to her heavenly home on April 23rd, 2012. She has one son, five granddaughters, one grandson, and two great granddaughters of whom she is very proud.

Martha's first job was working at a car wash. She attended Poro Cosmetology School in Detroit, Michigan. She also attained a degree in Child Development and worked with children in Germany, Guam, and throughout the United States while traveling with her military career husband, Willie Preston. She has also worked as a nurse in a nursing home, as a switch board operator at a hospital, as well as working at the library. No matter where she went, people fell in love with 'Mrs. Martha.'

Martha received her salvation in 1970 and continued to serve her Lord with everything she had. We have been blessed as Martha has been a part of The Shield of Faith Church for 10 years. She spearheaded many of our most memorable functions like our special Ladies Tea Party and our Carnival event honoring our Pastors.

"Creativity" was her middle name. Martha made many of our floral decorations at The Shield of Faith. She loved to paint and draw and she enjoyed sharing her unique ideas with others. She has made such an impact on the ladies in Sunday School Class with her words of encouragement portrayed throughout the classroom. Feel free to visit the classroom to see her depiction of 'Our Wall of Jericho,' 'What to do to be Spiritually Fit,' 'Jesus' Triumphant Return,' 'Wisdom, Discernment, and Pride,' and 'Humble, Humility,'

Her heart's desire was to travel to Israel, and God granted that desire in November 2008. We enjoyed hearing her stories about her trip and were so happy that she was blessed to have such an exciting opportunity.

Martha loved to plant flowers, have dinner parties, take photos, and just help anyone she could, anytime. She wrote in her questionnaire for this newsletter that she was called to "help any body that I can in any way. I also believe God called to me..." She never had a chance to finish that sentence, but those who knew her know what the rest of that sentence is... We asked the members of The Shield of Faith Church to finish her sentence and to share their fondest memories of Martha. We have them shown below...

"to be an inspiration to every life that I came into contact with." – Scot Jones

"to be like Grandparents to Denise's daughter, Morgan. She looked forward to seeing Morgan after church to say, 'Hello.' She will truly be missed." - Carol Johnson.

"to have unconditional love." - Floyd Dotter

"to breathe life into everything she comes in contact with." - Michele Dotter

"to bring a smile to my face. She was a kind of person who made you feel good and loved. She will be greatly missed." - Cathrine Evans

"Mrs. Martha's gentle warm smile will always be a part of my fond memories of her. During Sunday services Mrs. Martha would always welcome everyone with her loving smile and warm hugs. My most recent memory of Mrs. Martha was on April 15, 2012 after the Youth Service. As I was preparing to take down the Puppet stage, Mrs. Martha walked up and said to me, "I ENJOYED EVERYTHING, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK." I told her to pray for us and she replied, "I WILL." I will cherish that moment because of the words of encouragement she left with me."—Doris Cook

"Simply that every time I saw her she was kind to me. She was generous and kind. Always acting out of love." - Bob Shaw

In Loving Memory of Martha Preston

"The fondest memory I have of Mrs. Martha is when I first met her. She welcomed me with open arms. She was a caring, kind, sweet and lovely person. She will truly be missed." - Shameika Davies

"When I think of Mrs. Martha I think of... FOOD. Mrs. Martha showed her love for The Shield of Faith Church through food. She always made church events fun and exciting. She was creative in the ways for having fellowship with others. There was an extra spring in her step when putting on events. My all time favorite Mrs. Martha moment was pulling up to the church for the Pastor's Appreciation carnival and seeing her in colorful clown costume! - Fritzi Austin.



"I feel blessed to have known and worked closely with Martha as we planned church events, shopped, and most importantly walked where Jesus walked as we toured Israel together. Martha had a heart for the Lord and was not ashamed to share her faith with her family and friends. Her deepest desire was to see all of her family members saved, serving the Lord, and having a close, personal relationship and walk with Him. Martha's creativity and abilities never ceased to amaze me and she had a desire for others to get involved and use their abilities whenever and wherever possible. She loved her husband with all her heart and was so proud of the man of God he has become. To me, the two words that describe Martha best are *loving* and *giving*."—Linda Butler

"No matter how well she felt or didn't feel, she always had a smile on her face, always had a word of encouragement and a hug to offer anyone who crossed her path. It's been an honor and a privilege to have been blessed to be a small part of her and Willie's life."—Melanie Colson

"How can I begin to tell of how I felt about this very precious human being. The list would fill up pages! One in particular stands out in my mind of her love, concern, and caring about all those around her. It was her willingness to help meet the needs of the people. She did everything with such kindness and gentleness that you felt like you were the most important person in the world. Martha had a servant's heart and you felt comfortable to be with and around her. Everything she did was with humility and thankfulness to our Lord and Saviour, who she is now worshipping and loving Him first hand. I will greatly miss her freely given hugs and love." - Rosemary Baker

Matthew 5:14-16—I believe that God had called Martha to be a light to the world, a city that is set on a hill could not be hid. Martha let her light shine before men that they could see her good works and glorify her Father which is in heaven. The Woman's Sunday School class is filled with Martha's good works that God allowed her to complete for us. Thank you Martha. 2 Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Martha was faithful until death, now she has eternal life forever with her God and Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:58 So that, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not without fruit in the Lord.—Annie James

We will miss you Martha. I really enjoyed getting all dressed up including wearing a pretty hat. One Sunday in our Sunday School Class, Martha announced that she was having a 'Tea Party' and she would like all of us to get all dressed up and wear a hat. Some of the comments were: "I don't wear hats," "I don't have a hat," and "Do I really *have* to wear a hat?" Martha smiled and said, "Yes." On that day we all dressed up and we wore hats. It was beautiful. We enjoyed it and had a great time. Thanks Martha ;). - Love J. Shirley Keyes



In Loving Memory of Martha Preston—continued

"We remember Martha as a wonderful and precious woman of God. She loved her Lord with all her heart, soul, mind and strength. She loved her husband, Willie, and demonstrated her love for him by her actions. She loved the Body of Christ here on the earth. She looked well to the ways of her household. She reached out to the poor and needy. She did not eat the bread of idleness. She was a special helpmate to her husband. We loved her and will miss her tremendously, but we know she is with our Lord and that is a comfort to us for we look forward to the rapture and all the saints will join her when Jesus comes and snatches us away to be with Him. What a blessed hope... Amen."—Pastor Bob and Susan Tilton

"Martha was God's hand of mercy and grace extended to everyone. She loved and ministered to anyone. She had a bright smile and a witty word to brighten anyone's day. There is no doubt many have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of God because Martha led them to our glorious Savior and a glorious new beginning with Him." – Emerald Chapman

"Rest!"

Be at rest my brothers and sisters in Christ. Psalm 62:6-8, "My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my secure height; I shall not fall. My safety and glory are with God, my strong rock and refuge. Trust in God at all times, my people! Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!"

Stop and smell the fresh air. Enjoy the beauty of Spring. It is God's creation enjoy it and rest in God's provision. Psalm 62:1, "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him."

Rest, is the physical rest our body needs, but it is much more.

Rest, in the knowledge of God's provision for His children.

Rest, knowing that healing is the children's bread.

Rest because the Lord commands it.

Exodus 31:12-14 - "The Lord then gave these further instructions to Moses: Tell the people of Israel to keep my Sabbath day, for the Sabbath is a sign of the covenant between me and you forever. It helps you to remember that I am the Lord, who makes you holy. Yes, keep the Sabbath day, for it is holy."

Rest, in His plan for your life.

GOD KNOWS YOU AND HE HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE (Exodus 33:17).

Rest and rejoice in Deuteronomy 28... all the blessings that will come upon you and **OVERTAKE** you IF you obey the Lord our God.

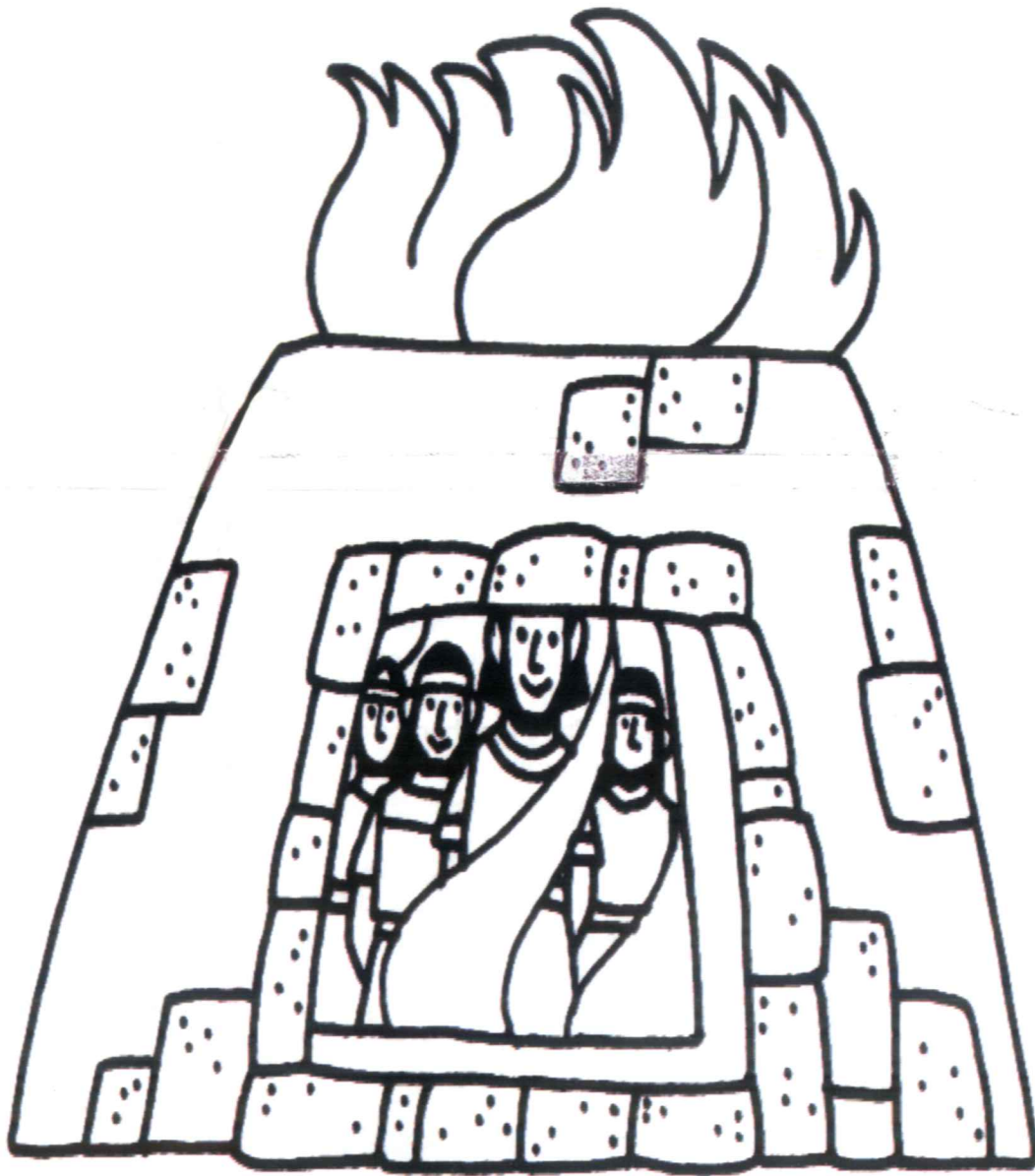
Rest, in your work for the Lord. You are not called to **be everything for everyone**. Do not say 'yes' to every opportunity to serve. Pray and ask the Lord what He is requiring you to do. When you are ministering in the pulpit, in the classroom, your home and family, to your friends or a stranger; give yourself fully.

Rest, knowing that when you do all that the Lord has asked you to... it is enough. He will fill in the gaps! Praise **GOD!**
-Emerald Chapman

Kids Corner (We are ALL His kids!)

Daniel 3:

²⁴ Suddenly the king jumped up and shouted, "Weren't only three men tied up and thrown into the fire?" "Yes, Your Majesty," the people answered.²⁵ "But I see four men walking around in the fire," the king replied. "None of them is tied up or harmed, and the fourth one looks like a god."



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Kids Corner

“Daniel and the Lion’s Den”

Daniel 6:1-23 (CEV)

¹ Darius divided his kingdom into a hundred and twenty states and placed a governor in charge of each one. ² In order to make sure that his government was run properly, Darius put three other officials in charge of the governors. One of these officials was Daniel. ³ And he did his work so much better than the other governors and officials that the king decided to let him govern the whole kingdom.



⁴ The other men tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel did his work for the king. But they could not accuse him of anything wrong, because he was honest and faithful and did everything he was supposed to do. ⁵ Finally, they said to one another, “We will never be able to bring any charge against Daniel, unless it has to do with his religion.”

⁶ They all went to the king and said: “Your Majesty, we hope you live forever! ⁷ All of your officials, leaders, advisors, and governors agree that you should make a law forbidding anyone to pray to any god or human except you for the next thirty days. Everyone who disobeys this law must be thrown into a pit of lions.

⁸ Order this to be written and then sign it, so it cannot be changed, just as no written law of the Medes and Persians can be changed.” ⁹ So King Darius made the law and had it written down.

¹⁰ Daniel heard about the law, but when he returned home, he went upstairs and prayed in front of the window that faced Jerusalem. In the same way that he had always done, he knelt down in prayer three times a day, giving thanks to God. ¹¹ The men who had spoken to the king watched Daniel and saw him praying to his God for help.

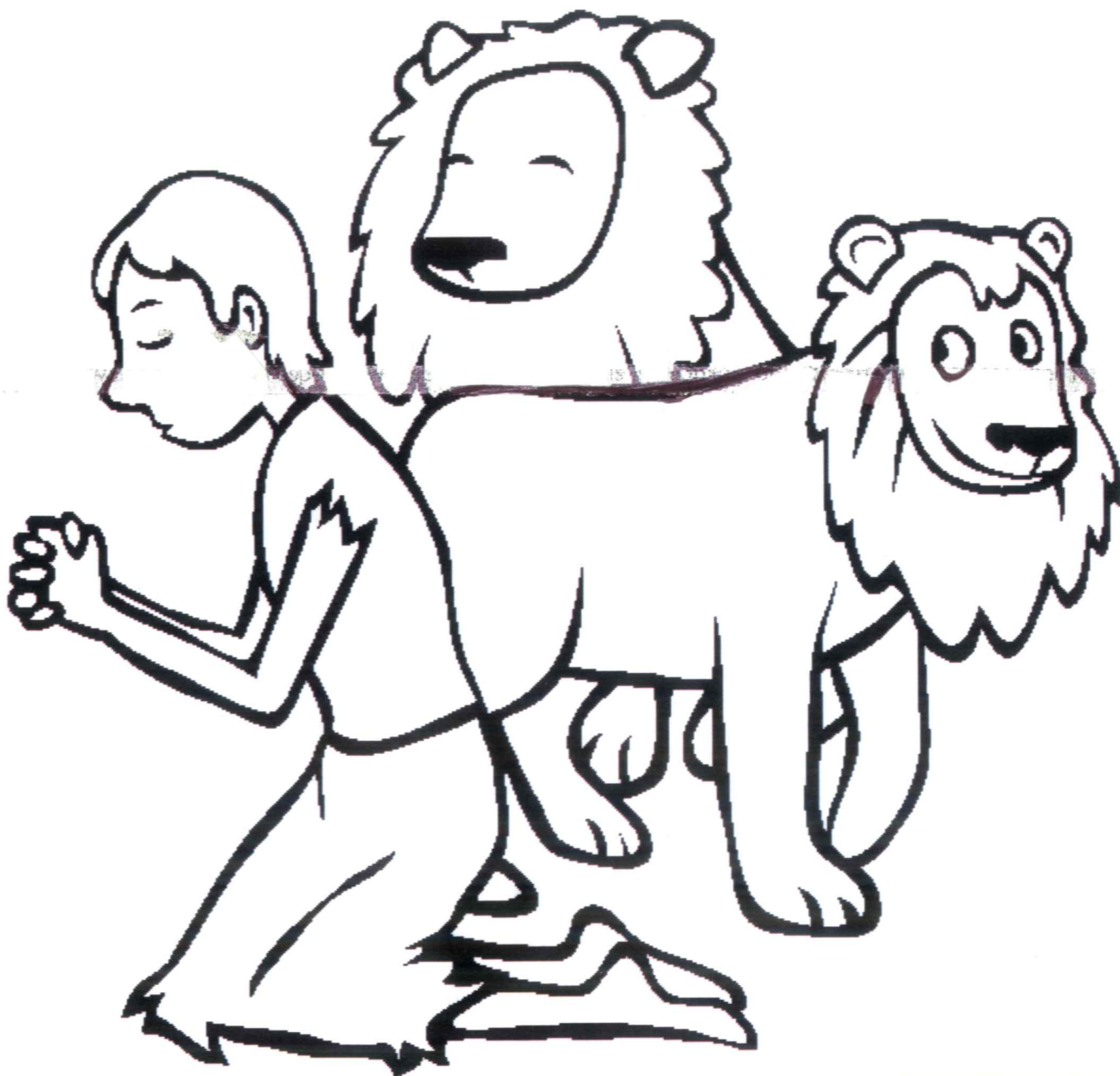
¹² They went back to the king and said, “Didn’t you make a law that forbids anyone to pray to any god or human except you for the next thirty days? And doesn’t the law say that everyone who disobeys it will be thrown into a pit of lions?” “Yes, that’s the law I made,” the king agreed. “And just like all written laws of the Medes and Persians, it cannot be changed.” ¹³ The men then told the king, “That Jew named Daniel, who was brought here as a captive, refuses to obey you or the law that you ordered to be written. And he still prays to his god three times a day.” ¹⁴ The king was really upset to hear about this, and for the rest of the day he tried to think how he could save Daniel.

¹⁵ At sunset the men returned and said, “Your Majesty, remember that no written law of the Medes and Persians can be changed, not even by the king.” ¹⁶ So Darius ordered Daniel to be brought out and thrown into a pit of lions. But he said to Daniel, “You have been faithful to your God, and I pray that He will rescue you.” ¹⁷ A stone was rolled over the pit, and it was sealed. Then Darius and his officials stamped the seal to show that no one should let Daniel out. ¹⁸ All night long the king could not sleep. He did not eat anything, and he would not let anyone come in to entertain him.

¹⁹ At daybreak the king got up and ran to the pit. ²⁰ He was anxious and shouted, “Daniel, you were faithful and served your God. Was He able to save you from the lions?” ²¹ Daniel answered, “Your Majesty, I hope you live forever! ²² My God knew that I was innocent, and He sent an angel to keep the lions from eating me. Your Majesty, I have never done anything to hurt you.” ²³ The king was relieved to hear Daniel’s voice, and he gave orders for him to be taken out of the pit. Daniel’s faith in his God had kept him from being harmed.

Kids Corner

“Daniel’s faith (trust) in his God had kept him from being harmed.”



Kids CornerWord Find

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 Angel
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 Belshazzar
 Clay
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 Confession
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 Dreams
 Empire
 Enchanters
 Furnace

Goat, Gold
 Hananiah
 Handwriting
 Horns
 Jehoiakim
 Jerusalem
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Health Check

“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved,
For You are my praise.”

Jeremiah 17:14

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When you're having fun outdoors, it's easy to forget how important it is to protect yourself from the sun. Unprotected skin can be damaged by the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays in as little as 15 minutes. Yet it can take up to 12 hours for skin to show the full effect of sun exposure.

The American Academy of Dermatology and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gives a few tips for the whole family on how to “Be Sun Smart.”

Generously apply a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 30 or more to all exposed skin. “Broad-spectrum” provides protection from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Reapply approximately every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating. Check the sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than three years, but its shelf life is shorter if it has been exposed to high temperatures.

Wear protective clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt, pants, beach cover up, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses (protects your eyes from UV rays and reduce the risk of cataracts), where possible.

Seek shade when appropriate. Remember that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If your shadow appears to be shorter than you are, seek shade.

Use extra caution near water, snow, and sand because they reflect and intensify the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chances of sunburn.

Get vitamin D safely through a healthy diet that may include vitamin supplements. Don't seek the sun.

Avoid tanning beds. Ultraviolet light from the sun and tanning beds can cause skin cancer and wrinkling. If you want to look tan, consider using a self-tanning product or spray, but continue to use sunscreen with it.

Check your birthday suit on your birthday. If you notice anything changing, growing, or bleeding on your skin, see a dermatologist. Skin cancer is very treatable when caught early.

Sources:

www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/

www.aad.org/skin-care-and-safety/skin-cancer-prevention

This information is intended to supplement, not replace, your health care sources.

- Alisa Wetzig

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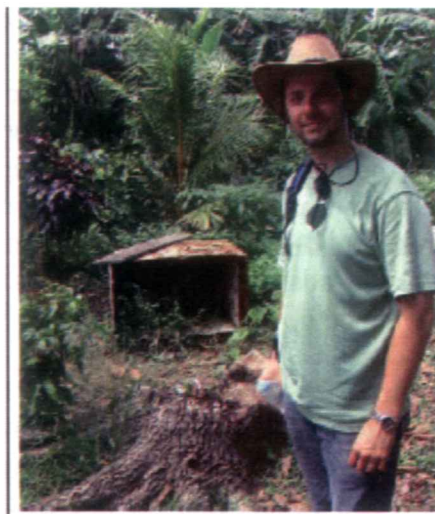
On The Mission Field

Peru

We are excited to be seeing Adam Fowler again at The Shield of Faith Church for our Wednesday, May 9th service.

Adam will deliver a great message (as always ;).

You won't want to miss it!



Brazil

Mark Shubert wanted to share a segment from his book, Saved to the Uttermost:

"The word of God makes a clear distinction between those who are "scarcely saved" (1st Peter 4:18), and those who are "saved to the uttermost" (Hebrews 7:25)! There are those who accept the free gift of salvation, whose spirits are saved, or "born again", but who never grow beyond the stage of being a spiritual infant. These are the ones who are scarcely saved. Those who, according to 1st Corinthians 3:15, will be saved through fire, after suffering the loss of all their works being burned up.

1st Peter 2:2 (ESV) says to "grow up into salvation". We are grateful for our new birth, for our promise of heaven, but we also want to "grow up" into maturity, instead of spending our entire lives as babies in the Lord.



The Bible does not contradict itself. Our initial salvation, the salvation and new life of our spirit man, is a FREE GIFT from God. But the Bible also speaks of an ongoing process by which we can be "saved to the uttermost".

After you have been born again, there is still a struggle between the new man, which is your spirit man who "does not sin" according to 1st John 5:9, and the old man, which is that old carnal nature still present in your soul. That is why the Bible teaches us in Romans 12:2 that we are "transformed by the renewing of our minds." As we grow "into salvation," having our minds renewed by God's word, we begin to be changed, applying the power available to us by the finished work of Jesus on the cross to our thought life, as well as our spirit man."

Youth Talk (continued from page 2)

In verse 16—She looks at land and buys it, and with money she has earned she plants a vineyard. Well, I'm not buying anymore land anytime soon, but the principle still stands. She knows how to buy and she uses everything she has and buys to help her household (see verses 13 and 14).

In verse 17—She is a hard worker, strong and industrious. Pioneer stock, yep. She knows how to work. I see the blessed 'Gibbs sisters' working in their garden and other people's yards and it just makes me smile and want to work just as hard.

In verse 18—She knows the value of everything she makes, and works late into the night. How many times we ladies go to bed late because we are baking cupcakes for that birthday party, or folding clothes, or washing up those dishes because we chose to spend time with our children after dinner instead of working.

In verse 19—She spins her own thread and weaves her own cloth. Ahem... yeah, that. LOL!

In verse 20—She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Again, my grandmother made sure that her poor neighbors had Christmas dinner before she prepared her own. Ladies are we so caught up in our life that we don't even know **who** the needy are around us?

In verse 21—She doesn't worry when it snows, because her family has warm clothing... probably because she spun her own thread and made her own clothes! Hee hee! Well, at least we can say that in this day and age our responsibility is to make sure our family is clothed properly. If a family member has need of a coat or shoes, our job is to prepare ahead of time before the 'snow' falls.

In verse 22—She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. She even makes her own bed covers!! This woman is amazing! Again, in this day and age, shop for the best bargain if you're not going to sew it together...

In verse 23—Her husband is a well-known and respected leader in the city. This is probably because she has not bad-mouthed him to her friends and the neighbors.

In verse 24—She makes clothes to sell to the shop owners. Really? Wow. She makes a lot of clothes! The root word for 'clothes' is from an unused root meaning to *envelop*. What do we do with our hands? Make cakes, cookies, deserts for the Youth, great meals, hair pieces, baskets, newsletters ;), music, Scripture sheets, etc... If our hands are not idle, many are blessed and they feel *enveloped* with the love of Christ.

In verse 25—She is strong and graceful, as well as cheerful about the future. No 'gloom, despair, and agony' in her talk.

In verse 26—She speaks with a gentle wisdom. She has a mouth full of love and encouragement. She does not have expectations of others and is satisfied with the love of God.

In verse 27—She takes good care of her family and is never lazy. She is more concerned about her family's needs than her own. She is not wasting her time on things that waste time...

In verse 28—Her children show their appreciation, and her husband praises her. The family sees her work of her caring love towards them and cannot say anything bad about her.

In verse 29—Her husband says to her that many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all! He appreciates her in all that she does.

In verse 30—Fair looks, beauty, and charm or wittiness is deceptive, and beauty evaporates and fades away, but a woman who has the fear of the LORD should be praised.

In verse 31—Show her respect-- praise her in public for what she has done.

Right now I want to thank the wonderful ladies of our church and the example that they are to us all. You minister wonderfully and are appreciated far more than you know! May God bless you this Mother's Day and surround you with His undying love for you!

-Michele Dotter

Who Do You Think You Are?"

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Got struggles? Prayers not answered? Lack of provisions?. The list goes on and on. Do you ever wonder if this Christian life is working for us and we still do things wrong and feel condemned by our own actions. We don't get the breakthroughs and are left with only the goose bumps after the service. It is of utmost importance we know who we are in Christ and what promises came with 'soteria' (salvation) package. Ignorance is not bliss and mind renewal is not optional if we want to walk in victory.

The problem may be we don't understand who we really are what Christ died and consequently the identity and promises that are available to us. We are just like Jesus in our born again spirits, right now, at this moment. How can this be, you ask. We often compare our performance to the born again spirit w/in us and say, 'No way I am holy. I did this and that!' But we are: the spirit man or inner man is not going to get any holier than it already is. We have to get the soul and body to agree. Soul and body were not changed when we got saved, only our spirits were. The only way we can contact our inner man is through the word of God. We are spirit beings, living in an earth suite and possess a soul, we a three part being. We already have the mind of Christ and seated with Him in heavenly places. When our minds and bodies agree with the inner man, we can access whatever we need from the spiritual realm by faith. We already have all things that pertain to life and godliness.

To be a carnal Christian simply means we allow our five senses to dominate us instead of agreeing with the inner man having faith in God. Let's say we are sick and in pain. Body wants to agree with the soul and start complaining about the pain instead of confessing the word and believing we are already healed by His stripes. When we confess the word, we realized He died for all our sin and diseases on the cross and all we have to do is have faith in the word and be healed. It is death to be a carnally minded person: walking in the spirit is life and peace. Don't forget we are made in his image and likeness, have inside us the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. The enemy is doing all he can to stop us from realizing who we are and whose we are. But, Hallelujah, states He became "for us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification!" (1 Corinthians 1:30 NKJV)

-Nina Berkeley

CONGRATULATIONS!!

We would like to congratulate our Graduates, Alisa Wetzig and Denise Johnson! You have worked so hard for this day and we are VERY proud of you!! May God bless you as you move forward in your careers.

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Lowcountry Pregnancy Center



Dear The Shield of Faith Church,

Thank you for taking a stand for LIFE in support of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center! We so appreciate your distribution of the bulletin inserts in January in recognition of the 54 million babies who have lost their lives since 1973 when abortion became legal in our nation.

We are also thankful for your support and participation in our annual Lowcountry Walk for Life Fundraiser! Please keep our ministry in your prayers, and keep your eyes open for how you can continue to partner with us for the sanctity of human life in Charleston! Blessings to you all!

- Ms. Rachel Kerr

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Upcoming Events

The Shield of Faith Church welcomes the **Plantation Singers** during our service honoring our Graduates on: **Sunday, June 10th at 11am**

With their energetic performances, the **Plantation Singers** play an important role in the preservation of the Gullah spirituals and the sacred music of the South Carolina Low country.

The Plantation Singers of Charleston, SC are a professional a cappella singing group renowned locally, nationally and internationally for their singing of the music of the Lowcountry. This group of very talented women is special in that each has a lifetime of musical experience that began with the music of the southern church. The Plantation Singers were first created in June 1996 under the direction of Ms. Lynnette White, proprietor of LBW Music

Company, which provides various musical services to the community of Charleston, South Carolina.



The group has been awarded the prestigious Three Sisters Award given by the Committee To Save The City. This award was given in recognition of the Plantation Singers' contribution to the special character of Charleston. Local artist Rhett Thurman has also featured the group in an art series, which can be found on display in the Wells Gallery in downtown Charleston.

Check them out at www.plantationsingers.com

Upcoming Events—(continued)

SPOLETO FESTIVAL



May 25th
through
June 10th

2012 Charleston Greek Fest

May 11-13, 2012

Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity
30 Race Street, Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 577-2063

This year's festival program will include:

- Church tours highlighting ecclesiastic history, music, art, and prayer
- Traditional Greek food and beverage
- Live Greek music
- Folk dancing demonstrations
- Byzantine Choir concert

Cultural exhibits Kids area (with jump castle, ponies, cotton candy, face painting and a slide) All proceeds benefit the Greek Orthodox Church and its charities.

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

The month of May for the Children's Sunday School class is a time for COURAGE. We are going to begin our study with the story of Elisha's servant, Gehazi. He did wrong to get what he wanted and was ultimately punished for it. We are going to discuss why it is always better to do the right thing.

Then, we are going to turn our study to Daniel. We will learn the great story of Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. We know that we should always trust God and be obedient to Him, and He will take care of us. Also in Daniel, we will study about Daniel's trial in the lion's den. He was not afraid and made a decision to love and obey God no matter what.

Finally, we are going to turn our attention to Ezra. We are going to hear the story how Ezra decided to commit himself to the Lord, and he had to make preparations to travel to Jerusalem to teach God's laws to the people.

Our Sunday School class is making preparations to be stewards of His word. We are memorizing books of the Bible, doing Bible drills, and learning how to witness and serve God daily. Please help your child with their books of the Bible at home. It is so important to know our Bible and know where to find the answers we need, and so we can help others in their time of need. "Commit yourselves to the Lord and serve Him only." 1 Samuel 7:3

- Rachel Ferguson

Men's Sunday School

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

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

The Ladies are in the middle of unit 2. This unit that will show us how to share the Gospel to the people we encounter. Jesus wants everyone to have an opportunity to gain eternal life. We are the living example for the world. Our lives should be attracting people towards the Kingdom, not send them running away from the Kingdom. What kind of light are you? Are you utilizing the opportunities that come your way to share the Gospel? Consider ways that you can share the Gospel with those outside your "comfort zone," with everyone who needs to hear. Seek the Lord's guidance and direction on sharing the Gospel. Remember, salvation is for everyone; not just for those who appear to be nice.

I would like to encourage you to seek ways to share the Good News; even if you just share your story of how you became a Christian. This also a time to start using your memory verses. Remember, the verses that you learn are for those who you encounter and yourself. As you go about your daily routine, slow down enough to allow the Lord to use you to be a blessing to someone every day. Continue to work on memorizing your scriptures.



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

January

Psalm 37:5 King (KJV)

⁵Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

February

Proverbs 29:25 (KJV)

²⁵The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

March

1 John 4:16 (KJV)

¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

April

Romans 8:18 (KJV)

¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

May

James 1:19 (KJV)

¹⁹Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

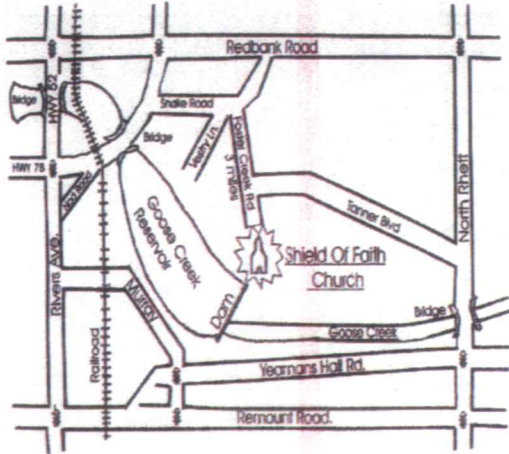
-Yolanda Wilson



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Wednesday, May 23rd.***

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 National Teachers Day Praise Team Practice 7-8pm	9 Guest Speaker Adam Fowler	10	11 Greek Fest 11-13th	12 Nurses Day Meet Bob & Larry at LifeWay Christian Stores 11am-1pm
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21	22 Praise Team Practice 7-8pm	23 Article Deadline	24	25 Spoleto Festival —through June 10th	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		