

Faith Talk

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Three Aspects of the Cross



We have been highlighting Three Aspects of the Cross, one by one. The First Aspect of the Cross is that we see "Jesus as our Substitute" and it focuses on what He did **FOR ME**. The Second Aspect of the Cross is "Identification" and it focuses on what He is doing **IN ME**. This month we are focusing on The Third Aspect which focuses on "Others" and what He is doing **THROUGH ME**.

Our Scripture reference will be **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 in the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave Himself for me..."

The Third Aspect of the Cross
For Others
What He is doing **THROUGH ME**

1 John 3:16

¹⁶By this we come to know (progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand) the [essential] love: that He laid down His [own] life for us; and we ought to lay [our] lives down for [those who are our] brothers [in Him].

2 Corinthians 4:11-12

¹¹For we who live are constantly [experiencing] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced through our flesh which is liable to death. ¹²Thus death is actively at work in us, but [it is in order that our] life [may be actively at work] in you.

1 Corinthians 15:36

³⁶You foolish man! Every time you plant seed, you sow something that does not come to life [germinating, springing up, and growing] unless it dies first.

Matthew 10:38-39

³⁸And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conforming wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also] is not worthy of Me. ³⁹Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life].

John 12:24

²⁴I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains [just one grain; it never becomes more but lives] by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest.

The First and Second Aspects of the cross are for my **OWN** benefit.

The Third Aspect is for **OTHERS**.

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

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Youth Talk

“Looking at the Fruit of Our Lips”

Jesus spoke to the Pharisees these ‘words...’

Matthew 12:33-36

³³ Either make the tree sound (healthy and good), and its fruit sound (healthy and good), or make the tree rotten (diseased and bad), and its fruit rotten (diseased and bad); for the tree is known *and* recognized *and* judged by its fruit. ³⁴ You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ The good man from his inner good treasure **flings forth** (root word: *ejects, thrusts, expels, throws violently, intensely*) good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse **flings forth** evil things. ³⁶ But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every **idle** (root word: *barren, inactive, and useless*) (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak.

The One that Angers You
controls you.

Don't give Anyone that Power !!!
especially the One
who does it intentionally..

‘Words...’ Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...

‘Words...’ How do our hearts and mouths automatically select verbiage when we communicate with others? Where do those words come from?

Words that come from our hearts are based on multiple factors:

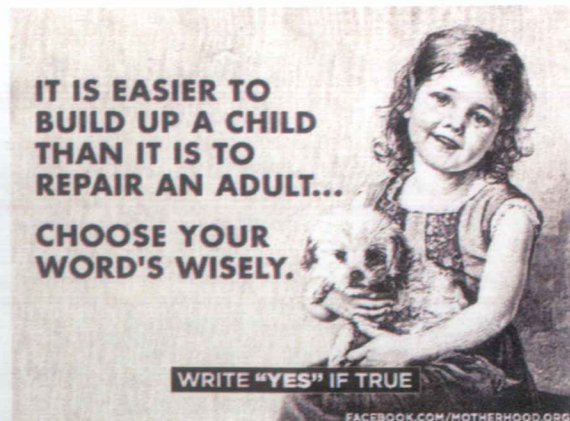
1. Are you feeling okay today? Are you tired, ill, or happy and light hearted?
2. Are you anxious? Worried? Concerned about the pressures of life?
3. Are you in pain?
4. Do you feel like you're being attacked?
5. Have you been in God's presence today?
6. How were you raised? Did your parents have patience with you?
7. Are you okay with the person speaking to you? Have you forgiven them for hurting you in the past?
8. Is the atmosphere which you are in irritating your spirit-man?
9. Are you a wounded person?
10. Do you have demonic influences in your life?

The list can go on and on... but the bottom line is, what do we **allow** to influence the words that come out of our mouths? One day we will have to give an account for every idle word; every barren, fruitless word that comes out of our mouths.

If God spoke and the earth was created, how much more should we speak (fling forth) with the intention of our words creating life in the most fertile ground around us (i.e. our family, friends, co-workers, brothers, and sisters in Christ).

Selah.

-Michele Dotter



"1 Peter 1:2-10 AMP"

²Who were chosen *and* foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and to be sprinkled with [His] blood: May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in increasing abundance [that spiritual peace to be realized in and through Christ, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts].

³Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴[Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change *and* decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.

⁶[You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials *and* suffer temptations, ⁷So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested *and* purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.

⁸Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult *and* thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy. ⁹[At the same time] you receive the result (outcome, consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰The prophets, who prophesied of the grace (divine blessing) which was intended for you, searched and inquired earnestly about this salvation.

Church Sign

More doors are opened with "please" than with keys...

Recipe of the Month Sweet Potato Soufflé

Ingredients:

3 c. mashed sweet potatoes
(1 use 2 - 29 oz. cans of yams)
1 c. sugar
1/2 t. salt
2 eggs - well beaten
3/4 stick butter
1/2 c. milk
1 t. vanilla
1/2 t. nutmeg
1/2 t. cinnamon

Topping:

1 packed c. brown sugar
1/3 c. flour
1 c. chopped nuts
1/2 stick melted butter
Mix above thoroughly and sprinkle on top



Directions:

Boil peeled potatoes until tender.
Beat or mash drained potatoes and mix remaining ingredients well.
Butter will melt in hot potatoes.
Pour into a greased baking dish and cover with the topping.

-Linda Butler



Chillie's Corner

"Poor Sermons"



The elderly pastor was searching his closet for his collar before church one Sunday morning. In the back of the closet, he found a small box containing 3 eggs and 100 one dollar bills. He called his wife into the closet to ask her about the box and its contents. Embarrassed, she admitted having hidden the box for their entire 25 years of marriage. Disappointed and hurt, the pastor asked her, "WHY?"

The wife replied that she hadn't wanted to hurt his feelings. He asked her how the box could have hurt his feelings. She said that every time during their marriage that he delivered a poor sermon, she had placed an egg in the box. The pastor felt that 3 poor sermons in 25 years was certainly nothing to feel bad about, so he asked her what the \$100 was for. She replied, "Each time I got a dozen eggs, I sold them to the neighbors for \$1."

"God Has Blessed Me"

I have seen better days, but I also have seen worse.
 I do not have all my wants, but I do have all my needs.
 I woke up with a few aches and pains, but I woke up!
 My life may not be perfect, but I THANK God it is good!

-Unknown

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Absalom was the son of King David and *who*?
- B) Amnon, Absalom's half brother, raped Absalom's sister, who was named *what*?
- C) After murdering Amnon, Absalom fled to Geshur until *what*?
- D) At the end of every year, Absalom would cut his mane, which weighed about how much?
- E) To obtain a meeting with the elusive Joab, Absalom did *what*?
- F) While leading his rebellion against King David, Absalom followed the advice of *whom*?
- G) As Absalom rode his mule into battle, what part of his person got caught in a tree?
- H) Who stabbed Absalom in the heart?
- I) Upon hearing about his son Absalom's death, David did *what*?

(See page 8 for answers)

“Is Sin Crouching At Your Door?”



I have always heard people say that we “should not open a door to sin or to Satan”. We know that sin in our life begins with our thoughts and emotions. We find this concept begins in Genesis at the first mention of the word sin in the scriptures. We also find it in the story of Adam and Eve in the garden, but the word sin is first used in Genesis 4:7. We see Cain was angry, upset, and envious of his brother Abel. God instructed Cain that he needed to master these thoughts and feelings so that they would not be an open door to sin. God was trying to teach Cain and us how sin gets into our lives.

And the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why do you look sad and dejected? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you, and you must master it.” Genesis 4:6,7 Amplified

The Hebrew word for crouches is “rabats” and the root word means in part, “to crouch (on all four legs folded, like a recumbent animal) King James translates it as “sin lieth at the door”. Sin is waiting at our door like a four legged animal just waiting to pounce on us if we give it the opportunity (open that door). This is why we need to learn to control our thoughts and emotions.

In I Peter 5:8 we are told that our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks around seeking whom he may devour. The lion shows us how sin and the devil lie in wait for us. The lion usually hunts in two different ways. Sometimes the lion will sneak from cover to cover until he gets close to the prey then suddenly pounce on the prey. If the lion is noticed in this process, he simply stares into the distance as if disinterested. This shows how subtle the devil is and how he has lulled many to sleep thinking that he is not prowling around in order to destroy us.

The second way the lion hunts is to hide near a feeding or watering hole waiting very patiently for the prey to come. The lion will suddenly pounce on the prey. It is interesting that the lion often chooses the weakest and those furthest from the herd. The prey animals are usually most fearful of the lion when they can't see him. When they can see the lion, and the lion knows that they can see him, they will usually stare at him knowing that they are safe since they can plainly see the devourer.

The same is true for us; when we are aware of sin and the devil they are much easier to avoid. Ephesians 6:11 tells us that we are to put on the whole armor of God so that we can stand against the wiles of the devil. The Greek word for wiles is “methodeia”. It means “[compare “method”]; *traveling over*, that is, *travesty, (trickery)*: - wile, lie in wait”. Yes! God's armor will help us to stand against the enemy when he lies in wait for us at that door that we need to keep closed!

The only door that we should open is to Jesus. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in unto him and will sup with him, and he with Me”. Revelation 3:20

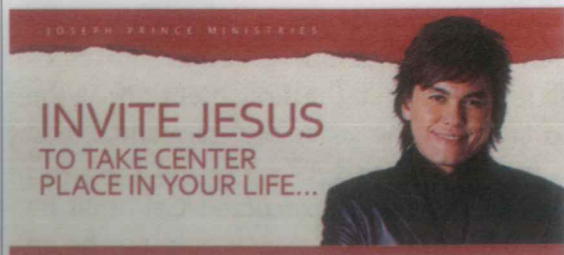
Jesus does not crouch at our door waiting to pounce on us. He knocks on the door and calls to us. This is the door we need to open and invite Him in so that we can fellowship (sup) with Him. We always use this scripture as Jesus calling to sinners which He does, but keep in mind this was written to the “Church”. Jesus is calling for you and me to hear His voice, open the door, and spend some quality time with Him.

Which door are you going to open?

- Eydie Wittal

Joseph Prince

“Grace For Parenting”



“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.”
Psalm 127:3–5

If you are overwhelmed by the responsibilities of being a parent today, I want to encourage you to believe that there is a provision and a grace for parenting. Instead of worrying and being anxious for your children, pray for them to experience God’s wisdom, favor and protection through Jesus Christ.

Before they go to bed at night, or before they leave for school, just lay hands on them and say, “Because you are a Jesus-boy (or Jesus-girl), day by day, you are increasing in the wisdom of God and in favor with God and men! Jesus will cause you to be at the right place at the right time.”

Cast your cares for your children to the Lord. Trust Him for the provision of wisdom to speak words of encouragement and life to them about making good decisions instead of bowing to peer pressure. As you meditate on His promises to bless, protect and equip your children for the challenges of life, know that the Lord has equipped and provided you with the grace to be an excellent parent!

“What the Light of the World Does ”

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” John 8:12

To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more” (John 8:11). He gave her the gift of no condemnation so that she would have the strength to “go and sin no more.” But do you know what Jesus said next? He said, “I am **the light of the world...**”

Many of us, when we hear how Jesus is the light of the world, are afraid to face Jesus because we think that His light will expose all our sins. Perhaps you have heard preachers say, “Don’t you for one moment think that you can hide your sin! Jesus, the light of the world, will expose your sin to everyone!” Many of us think that’s what “the light of the world” does—He exposes our sins.

But look at the context in which Jesus declared that He is the light of the world. He had just saved the woman and exposed the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. This tells me that the light of Jesus in your life does not condemn, humiliate or shame you. The light of Jesus in your life shows how perfectly cleansed you are by His blood! It shows the efficacy of His blood and the perfection of His work at Calvary.

Beloved, don’t be afraid to come into God’s presence. His light is not there to show up your sins. It’s there to show how beautiful, radiant and glorious you are because of Christ’s finished work! Begin to see yourself in this same light and expect to reign in life because you have been made righteous and glorious by what Christ has done!

The Days of Noah

(We want to encourage you to look up the Scripture references as you read.)



After Jesus walked out of the Temple for the last time, His disciples asked Him about the end times, and His response, called by some "the Olivet discourse," appears in a few different places in the New Testament. It is during this teaching that Jesus compared the end times to the days of Noah. His explicit references occur in Matthew 24:37-38 and Luke 17:26-27.

God permitted the Babylonians to destroy Jerusalem because of His extreme disgust with the sins of Israel. He stated twice in Ezekiel 14 that if Noah were alive at that point in history, he would deliver only himself. In fact, there were eight people on the ark, so Noah's righteousness delivered seven besides himself. Perhaps the depths of sin were at the second worst in the days of Noah.

In Genesis 6 we are informed that the earth was filled with corruption and violence, and that man's thoughts were continually evil. This situation was undoubtedly a weariness to the Lord, but even after declaring His counsel to Noah, God had to wait with longsuffering, because the flood needed to be held off a century until Noah completed the ark (1 Peter 3:20). When we read in Revelation of all those judgments, just remember that most of those judgments will have been delayed. Otherwise, we would be seeing some of them now!

Hebrew 11:7 states that Noah "prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world..." So how was the world condemned? Noah set a good example, and the others failed to follow it. For more negligence to follow good examples, check out Matthew 12:41-42.

Although we know God will pour His wrath out on this planet, the good news is that in the days of Noah there will be an ark. Some say that being snatched up in the Rapture is the ark. While this might be true, I propose that there is a pre-Rapture ark that we should seek. Let's not be satisfied with being scarcely saved (1 Peter 4:18). It may be asked, what are the qualifications for becoming one of the ark's passengers? We read in 2 Peter 2:5 that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. You can be certain that his preaching was rejected by those whose thoughts were continually evil, and whose actions were corrupt and violent. Noah had to stand against this crowd for a whole century!

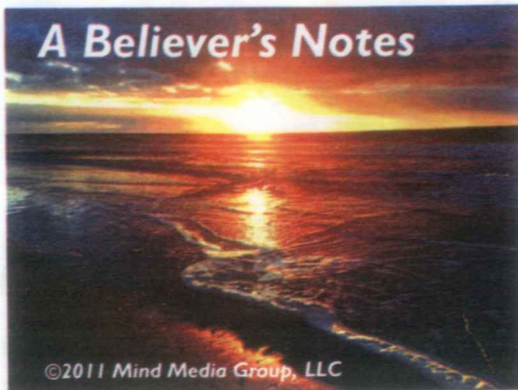
Along with Noah came his family, including his sons with their wives. Notice, it doesn't say that the sons boarded the ark along with their live-in girl friends. They had been united in holy matrimony! The animals boarded in pairs, male and female. Each of those animals was heterosexual (Genesis 7:7-9).

People disqualified for the ark share certain characteristics that we should avoid. They will be offended, they will be deceived by false prophets, and their love will grow cold (Matthew 24:10-12). They will be freaked out by God's judgments (Luke 21:26). They will be eating and drinking with the drunkards (Matthew 24:48-51). They will not retain the love of the truth (1 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

On the positive side, water symbolizes the Holy Spirit. It will saturate the whole planet, to benefit whosoever will! Therefore, watch and pray (Mark 13:33-37).

-Phil Rust

Your Circumstances Can't Stop the Blessings



The blessings of Abraham will enable you to prosper, no matter what's happening around you. It will cause you to increase in the midst of recessions, depressions, and every kind of economic calamity the devil can dream up.

If you're the seed of Abraham—and you are if you are born again—you shouldn't even worry about such things. They don't have to affect you. You're not dependent on what the Federal Reserve does. You are dependant on your covenant with Almighty God; and that, **never** changes!

He never alters the Word that comes out of His mouth and He has said that you are blessed!

You are a blessing!

You were recreated to live **above** the circumstances of this world—**not** in subjection to them!

Release your faith!

Put the Word first place in your life!

Put your name in the promises of the Bible and speak them to your circumstances. The truth is that no one and nothing can stop the blessings of Almighty God!

Speak the Word! I belong to Christ; therefore, I am Abraham's seed and an heir according to the promises.

Galatians 3:29

²⁹ And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise.

AMEN.

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

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|---|---|--|
| A) Maacah
2 Samuel 3:3 | D) 200 Shekels
2 Samuel 14:26 | G) His head
2 Samuel 18:9 |
| B) Tamar
2 Samuel 13:20 | E) Set Joab's field on fire
2 Samuel 14:30 | H) Joab
2 Samuel 18:14 |
| C) Three years passed
2 Samuel 13:38 | F) Hushai
2 Samuel 17:14 | I) Cried, "O Absalom, my son,
my son!"
2 Samuel 19:4 |

Kids' Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
"Dare to be a Daniel"



Kids' Corner
“Daniel Prayed to His God”

Daniel 6**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that there might be no change of purpose concerning Daniel.

¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting, neither were instruments of music or dancing girls brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

²⁰ And when he came to the den and to Daniel, he cried out in a voice of anguish. The king said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, Whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?

²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever!

²² My God has sent His angel and has shut the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent *and* blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, [as you very well know] I have done no harm *or* wrong.

²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel should be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no hurt of any kind was found on him because he believed in (relied on, adhered to, and trusted in) his God.

²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who had accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions, they, their children, and their wives; and before they ever reached the bottom of the den, the lions had overpowered them and had broken their bones in pieces.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all peoples, nations, and languages [in his realm] that dwelt in all the earth: May peace be multiplied to you!

²⁶ I make a decree that in all my royal dominion men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring *and* steadfast forever, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed and His dominion shall be even to the end [of the world].

²⁷ He is a Savior and Deliverer, and He works signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth—He Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

²⁸ So this [man] Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Kids' Corner
"Dare to be a Daniel"

Jelly Bean Prayer

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Red is for the
blood He
gave.



Black is for
the sins we
made.



Green is for
the grass He
made.



White is for
the grace
He gave.



Yellow is for
the sun so
bright.



Purple is
for the hour
of sorrow.



Orange is for
the edge of
night.



Pink is for
our new
tomorrow.

Kids Corner
“Daniel Word Cloud”

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In 1994, the National Family Caregivers Association (NCFCA) began promoting the celebration of family caregivers during the week of Thanksgiving. President Clinton signed the first presidential proclamation in 1997 and every president since - Democrat and Republican alike - has issued an annual proclamation appreciating family caregivers. As interest grew in family caregiving issues, National Family Caregivers Week became National Family Caregivers Month.

Day in and day out, more than 65 million family caregivers in this country fulfill a vital role on the care team. No one else is in a better position to ensure continuity of care. Family caregivers are the most familiar with their care recipients' medicine regimen; they are the most knowledgeable about the treatment regimen; and they understand best the dietary and exercise regimen.

NFCA coordinates National Family Caregivers Month as a time to thank, support, educate and empower family caregivers. Celebrating Family Caregivers during National Family Caregivers month enables opportunities to:

- Raise awareness of family caregiver issues
- Celebrate the efforts of family caregivers
- Educate family caregivers about self-identification
- Increase support for family caregivers

10 Tips for Family Caregivers

1. Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
2. Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
3. Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
4. Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.
5. Caregiving is hard work so take brief breaks often.
6. Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay in getting professional help when you need it.
7. Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one.
8. Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.
9. Make sure legal documents are in order.
10. Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

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www.caregiveraction.org

www.healthfinder.gov

-Alisa Wetzig

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

Health Check

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:10 (AMP)

Praise

“Psalms 100:1-5”

David knew about Praising God. From the time he was a shepherd boy in the fields attending to the sheep, to sitting on the throne as King, praise was in his heart and on his mind toward the one who created him, and every thing in nature.

Psalms 100 is a psalm summing up the emphasis of why we should give all of our praise to the Living God.

¹ **Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands.** We are to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Showing how much we appreciate Him for who He is, for His goodness to us and how all the nations should acknowledge Him as our creator and sustainer of ALL life.

² **Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing.** When we sing unto the Lord, we gain His ear. No matter what we sound like in the natural, our Lord rejoices to hear the praises of His people - morning, noon or night.

³ **Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.** He is our Shepherd and we are the sheep who hear His voice. He created us, He cares for us as a Father who truly loves His children. We have favor with Him. He longs to hear from us. He made a way for us to come boldly to the throne of grace...anytime.

⁴ **Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Holy Name.** This verse says it all. We are to show our thanks for all that the Lord has done for us. We can come into His gates and into His courts with great courage, knowing the Lord is ready to receive us with open arms. We can and should come in the good times and in the bad times. He is there to listen to our praise and concerns. He is our Father God.

⁵ **For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.**

There are many ways we can and should Praise God. I will only mention 3 here:

Joyfully ~ shouting and singing with loud voices. No sense in being quiet about it, the louder the better! No, God is not deaf, but when we feel real joy we become very loud in expressing our love for the Lord. Our voices should show how much we appreciate Him, glorifying His name and for the mighty works He has done for mankind.

Serving God and Man ~ by our obedience to His Will, and His Word, being kind one to another, and helping each other. When one hurts we hurt. When one is happy we are happy with them. We are the only hands and feet that the Lord will use that others may see the Lord in us.

Being Thankful ~ Out of all the ways to praise our God, this one is the most important. If we begin to thank God daily for the many blessings He has bestowed on us; the other two ways will automatically be the outcome of a truly thankful heart. When we are thankful it opens the doors for us to make our petitions known to the Lord.

Philippians 4:6 ~ says, “With thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God!”

Praise—Continued

We are so privileged to serve an Awesome, Wonderful, Gracious, Amazing, Loving, Forgiving, Caring God. Spend time praising God for who He is and see what wonderful things you will begin to see and realize in your life.

NOTE: I found this acronym in one of my older Bibles. I am not sure where it came from: but I found scriptures to go with it. If anyone knows who did the acronym, please let Michele know so credit can be given where credit is due. Thank You!

PRAISE	P	= <u>P</u> resent yourselves to God.	Romans 12:1-2
	R	= <u>R</u> aise holy hands in Praise.	1 Timothy 2:8 - Psalm 63:3-4
	A	= <u>A</u> udibly speak thanks to God in Praise.	Psalm 68:3-4
	I	= <u>I</u> nvite the Holy Spirit's freshness into your Praise.	Ephesians 1:12-14
	S	= <u>S</u> ing a new song in hope to the Lord.	Psalm 96:1 - 98:1
	E	= <u>E</u> nter each new day in faith and Praise.	Psalm 84:10-12
			-Rosemary Baker

Upcoming Events

Holiday Festival of Lights—James Island County Park **November 8th through December 31st**

If you should have any questions, please call (843) 795-7275



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

Charleston Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

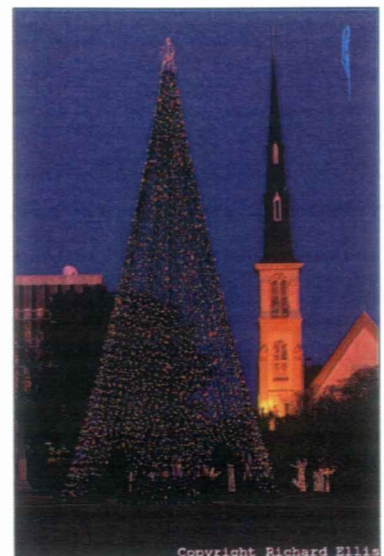
December 7th, 2012, 4:00pm

Marion Square

Location: Marion Square - Between King, Meeting & Calhoun Streets

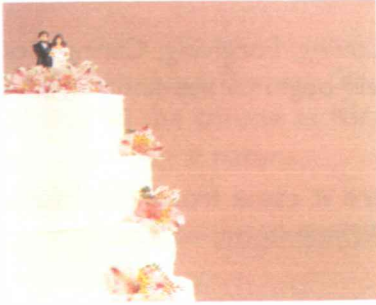
Phone: (843) 724-7305.

Join Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and Santa Claus in lighting the magnificent 60-foot Tree of Lights, the official City of Charleston Christmas Tree at Marion Square.



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Upcoming Events—Continued



Please join us for breakfast as we celebrate Pastor Bob and Susan's 60th wedding anniversary on **November 17, 2013.**

Bring your favorite breakfast food between **9:30 and 9:45am.** Breakfast will be served at 10:00am. Beverages will be provided. Church service will follow at 11:00.

The Charleston Museum—Family Events

Tuesday, November 12th at 10-11am—Homeschool History Day

Wednesday, November 13th at 10-11am—Toddler Day—Community Helpers

Saturday, November 16th at 1-3pm—Mad Science Saturday

Saturday, November 23rd at 2-4pm—Drawing Workshop (beyond the basics)

Wednesday, November 27th at 10-11am—Toddler Day—Being Thankful

***Some of these activities require reservations.

Please call (843)722-2996 ext 236 or 264 for Information



**Let's Support Sheila Adams and
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October 1st, 2013 through November 11th, 2013

Beautiful Shades wants to help give back to our community! Therefore, they are having a canned food drive to give to a well-known organization. It is sad when organizations whose primary goal is to help families have to turn families away due to lack of having.

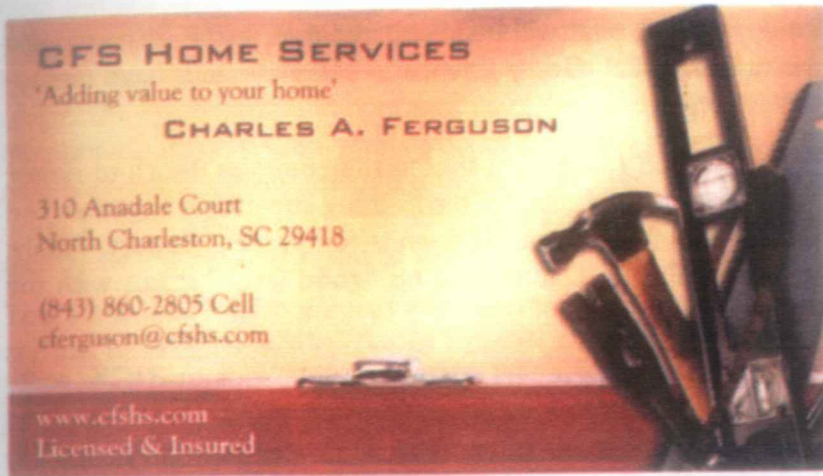
Beautiful Shades will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help support our local Salvation Army. No one should be turned away when they are in need of food. Please, help us by donating to this good cause. Hunger is real. Every can is a help.

Donations can be placed in the container provided in the back of the church during the drive dates listed above.

Thank you all in advance and God bless!

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Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of November, the children's Sunday school class will be starting Unit 3 in the Dare to be a Daniel training course. Unit 3 is our 3rd P and is titled "**PICK** Godly Friends". So far, the kids have memorized 6 verses out of 9 in this training course. Way to go!

In Daniel, he and his three friends (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) shared the common desire to honor God. Secondly, they were all willing to take the risk of the "diet test". Thirdly, they spent time together and even lived together (Daniel 2:17). Fourthly, Daniel could count on his friends for prayer support. Fifthly, Daniel turned to his friends for help in a time of crisis. Finally, Daniel used his "good favor" status with the king to benefit his friends.

Just like Daniel had godly friends to help him in difficult times, we will encourage your kids to **PICK** godly friends to help them in their walk today. When times are hard, it is nice to know that you have others on your side with a common goal, who will fervently pray for each other. Hopefully, our kids will have the boldness to band together and influence others for Christ instead of letting the world influence them. Sometimes it is hard to do the right thing when you are the only one doing it. Godly friends will encourage them and help them to remain faithful and see God do His work in their lives.

Most importantly, it is important to PICK friends who will stand up for what is right. These friends will help us to live a consistent, uncompromising life. When Daniel and his friends were threatened to death unless they bow down to the idol of Nebuchadnezzar, they instead took their stand and refused to bow. Our actions must line up to what we say we believe. If they do not, we are at risk of being labeled hypocrites and losing our testimony to others. Just think how difficult it must have been for these four friends to take this stand, especially since they had just been appointed administrators over Babylon!

Finally, we are to PICK friends who will face the fire with us. We can't be naïve into thinking that it will be easy or that our lives will always go smoothly. When we serve God, we will end up being persecuted and tested for what we believe and profess. We will be ridiculed, but ultimately, we will be the victors and our life will shine brightly for Him. This is the time when our kids will need to know how to do spiritual warfare for this battle called life. Sometimes there won't be enough time to prepare their thoughts or organize everything they want to say. Our children must learn that they need to pray and spend time in the Word to build their confidence when they face challenges. In this way, they can develop courage to face even harsh circumstances when they come.

Daniel 3:19 says that King Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Daniel and his friends for not bowing down to the idol, and he made the demand that they be thrown into the fire immediately. Because of their unwavering conviction, the Lord saved them, and their lives were a testimony to all that witnessed the outcome. They were ultimately promoted by the King! Isaiah 41:10 says, "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."

-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

This month begins with Lesson 10: Get Ready! Exodus 3:7-17. *The Lesson Focus* says, "Go Where God Sends You." *The Life Connection* talks about getting direction for our lives. *The Bible Exploration* will take us through a study of how God sent Moses back to Egypt. *The Bible Interaction* will help us understand how and why God calls us to go. *The Life Response* encourages us to be ready when God calls us individually or corporately. Maybe God wants you to be ready to go in some new directions – a new friendship, activity, or outreach. He may even want to disrupt your life a little to bring a new direction or purpose to pass for you. Are you willingly moving or (going) where He wants you to move or (go)?

There are times when we may get ourselves into a place of bondage; however, if we cry out to Him, He will rescue us from that bondage or even the hand of the enemy. We have to trust that He is capable and willing; all we have to do is allow Him. God chose Moses to deliver His people from the hand of the Egyptians; however, Moses was concerned that he was not the right person for the job and that God should choose someone else, but God assured Moses that He would be right there with him. God showed Moses that he was the right person for the job by building Moses' confidence continually. God even gave Moses the words to say when he returned to Egypt.

There is a quote that reads, "God does not call the qualified – He qualifies the called." When God sends you to do His work for Him, He will equip you in every way to do the task He has set before you. God will give you just what you need, right when you need it. Obedience is key in going where God asks us to go. Trust is also a major part of following God. We must trust God when He is sending us, trust that He will be with us wherever He sends us, and trust that He will also equip us to do the job. Trust God for everything and in everything. Let's remember that we are the feet of the Almighty God and we need to move swiftly when He is sending us somewhere. We must remain diligent in going through the scriptures so that the Word of God becomes engrafted upon our hearts so that we can know without a shadow of doubt when He is speaking to us and sending us places. **"He who breathes into our hearts the heavenly hope, will not deceive or fail us when we press forward to its realization."** -Anonymous

-Yolanda Wilson



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

August

Ephesians 4:29 (Amplified)

Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.

September

Ephesians 1:17 (KJV)

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him:

October

Colossians 3:23 (KJV)

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

November

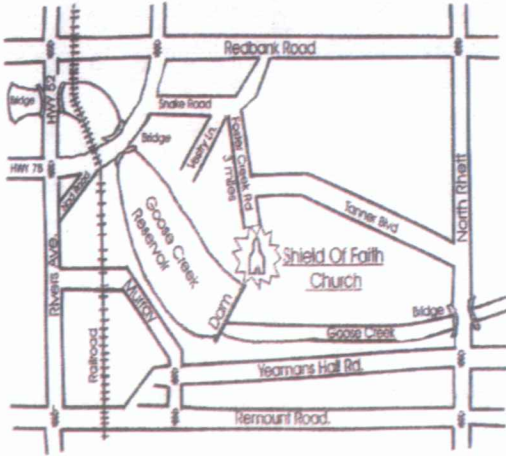
Colossians 3:1 (KJV)

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

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Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, November 13th

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					James Island County Park Festival of Lights Begins	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Last Day of Coastal Carolina Fair		Praise Team Practice 7-8pm	Article Deadline			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Celebrating the Tilton's 60th Wedding Anniversary 9:30am			Willie Preston Guest Speaker for Youth			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			No Services	Thanksgiving		