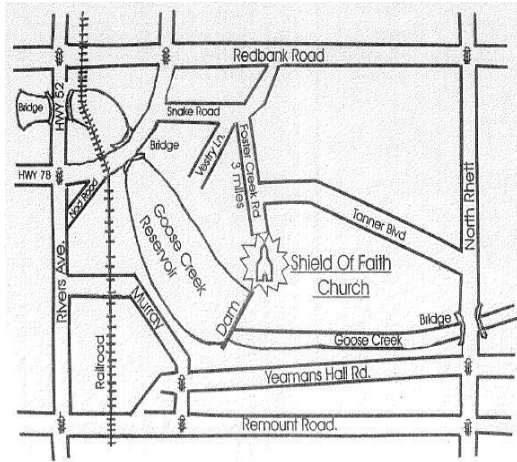


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Wednesday, December 14th**

**December 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Family Night	10
11 Christmas Dinner No Prayer Meeting or Sunday School	12	13	14 Articles Due	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Solice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 NO SERVICES Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Service 6-9pm

**JANUARY 1st THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES!**

**Ephesians 4:30-32**



“And **grieve** not the holy spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all **bitterness**, and **wrath**, and **anger**, and **clamour**, and **evil speaking** be put away from you, with all **malice**.

And be **kind** one to another, **tender-hearted**, **forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

**Grieve**—Afflict with deep sorrow; to cause to feel grief; to burden; be sad.

**Bitterness**—Having a sharp and disagreeable taste; sharp; causing or showing sorrow; pain.

**Wrath**—Intense anger; rage; fury; any action carried out in great anger; especially for punishment or vengeance .

**Anger**—A hostile feeling of displeasure that may result from injury; mistreatment or opposition.

**Clamour**—A noisy demand or complaint; a loud outcry; an uproar.

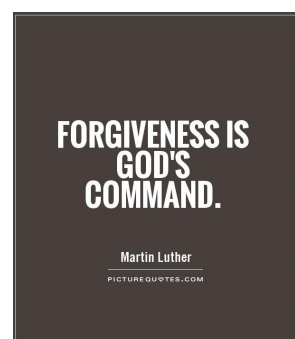
**Evil Speaking**—Harmful, injurious, or disastrous speaking about others.

**Malice**—Active ill will; desire to harm others; spite; evil intent. A deliberate intention and plan to do something unlawful.

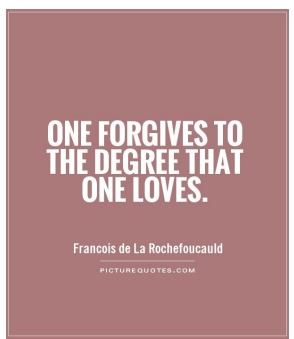
**Be Kind**—Sympathetic; friendly; gentle; generous.

**Tender-hearted**—Having a tender heart; easily moved to pity.

**Forgiving**—To give up resentment against or the desire to punish; to pardon; to overlook an offense; to cancel a debt.



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



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### Youth Talk “What Is God Saying?”

There are two things that we believe God is clearly speaking to us today. One of the main things that we have heard God saying lately was rehearsed in our ears while speaking with a dear pastor/prophet friend a couple of months ago. They mentioned that the **“greatest of these is love.”** I Corinthians 13:13.

Love is what everyone is looking for in life. Acceptance, embrace, and just someone who will listen without correcting behaviors. While teens are spreading their wings and learning the world around them, they want to talk about their fears, their doubts, their plans, their ambitions, their friends, their school, their teachers, their world, etc. Giving them our time and undivided attention is what we sometimes lack as parents.

How do you show someone that you love them? The same way Jesus did... Romans 5:8 says this, “But God commendeth (or showed) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” While we were still sinners He laid down His life to show us His love. So while those around you are still dealing with sin in their lives, you are to put your life down and show your love for others whether you feel like it or not!

Flesh MUST die in order to show love. We need to keep this in mind the next time our focus is on correcting someone’s behavior and not focused on putting our flesh down (or killing our flesh) so that God’s love can be shown to them.

Think about a person who is dying of a horrible disease... love doesn’t walk into a hospital room and start talking about how that person is dying and then focus all the communication on what is going to happen to their body as they continue to decay into nothingness. Love walks into that hospital room and starts talking about hope for tomorrow. Love has faith and prays for that person’s healing.

“Love covers over a multitude of sin,” I Peter 4:8. ‘Covers over’ means literally to hide, conceal, or keep secret. It also means to steal. God sent Jesus to steal our sins away not sit around and talk about them. He simply treated sin like this: “Go, and sin no more,” John 8:11.

The second thing that we’re hearing is that God gives us two choices. Deuteronomy 30:19 “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! <sup>20</sup> You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Directing our own lives and the lives of our children is about choices. We are to calmly explain to our children the two paths of decision that they must make, blessings or cursings, and then lovingly guide them to make the best decision.

Michele Dotter

### Calendars October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Columbus Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Family Night	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Cecil Paxton	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

### November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Leah and Derick's Bridal Shower 9-11am	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Daylight Savings Time	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Election Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Family Night Veterans Day	<b>12</b> National Pizza Day
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> NO SERVICES	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	1	2	3

## Sunday School Events

### Children's Sunday School

The children's Sunday school class will be continuing our Apologia curriculum study of Who is God? And Can I Really Know Him? We have been building on our **Foundation of Wisdom** which is **knowing, loving, and obeying God my Rock (God and His Word)**.

In the next month, we will wrap up, "What is God Like (Part 2)?" Specifically, we will be asking and answering these questions:

Does God ever sin?  
How old is God?  
Does God ever change?  
Where is God?  
How strong is God?  
And how much does God know?

We will match up scripture references to prove the following attributes about God:

God exists.	God is the one true God.
God is invisible.	God is a personal being.
God is eternal.	God is immutable.
God is holy.	God is omniscient.
God is omnipotent,	and God is omnipresent.

Finally, at the end of the first month, we will have laid the second stone in the House of Truth. Biblical Truth 2 says, **God is the only true and almighty God.** II Samuel 22:31 says, "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all them that trust in Him."

The last month of this quarter we will be studying, "Who are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?" Our memory verse for this month is II Corinthians 13:14, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." We will learn why the word Trinity describes the one true God in three Persons, and we will explore scriptures that tell us God the Father is God, His Son Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. We will also identify the special traits and responsibilities of each Person of the Trinity. Specifically, we will learn the terms **mystery, Trinity, Lord, Immanuel and loyalty**. Finally, at the end of this quarter, we will have laid the third foundational stone in the House of Truth. Biblical Truth 3 says, **God is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**

It is important that kids know why they believe what they do, so comparing everything to the Word of God is necessary. In the society we live in, we have to understand why others view the world the way they do (worldview) in order to help them and show them the truth. Although truth never changes, we personally can have a developing or changing Christian worldview as we dig deeper into the truth and into the Word of God. I encourage you to bring your kids to Sunday school. This is not your typical Bible story class. We are seeking truth and a lifetime of serving Christ. If these kids have a solid foundation and spiritual understanding now, they will most likely continue to serve the Lord in years to come.

Rachel Ferguson

## Jokes and Riddles

What do you get when cross a cocker spaniel with a poodle and a rooster?

*A cockerpoodledoo*

What did the light say when it was turned off?

*I'm de-lighted!*

Why did Cinderella get thrown off the basketball team?

*Because she ran away from the ball*

Why was Cinderella such a poor athlete?

*Because her coach was a pumpkin*

Can April March?

*No, but August May!*

## Recipe of the Month

### "Churro Bites"

#### Ingredients:

- 1 Sara Lee Angel Food Cake
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup cinnamon
- oil

#### Directions

- 1) Let your Angel Food Cake thaw. Once thaw, cube the cake. My cubes were about 1.5 inches x 1.5 inches.
- 2) Heat vegetable oil on low-medium heat. Fry cubes until golden brown.
- 3) Once golden brown, immediately put them in the bowl with cinnamon and sugar and toss around. Continue doing this until they're all done.
- 4) For even more flavor, mix 1 cup powdered sugar with a tablespoon of milk, mix and drizzle over the bites. ENJOY!

<http://lilluna.com/angel-food-cake-churro-bites/>



Thank you for sharing this with us Alisa Wetzig!



**Chillie's Corner****“They're Boasting About Race Records”**

Some race horses were staying in a stable. One of them starts to boast about his track record. In the last 15 races, I've won 8 of them! Another horse breaks in, well in the last 27 races, I've won 19! Oh that's good, but in the last 36 races, I've won 28, says another, flicking his tail. At this point, they notice that a greyhound dog has been sitting there listening. I don't mean to boast, says the greyhound, but in my last 90 races, I've won 88 of them! The horses are clearly amazed. Wow, says one, after a hushed silence. A talking dog!!



The first ever cordless phone was created by God. He named it “prayer” and it never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it.



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**Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!**

- A) Both the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts are addressed to Luke's friend named *what*?
- B) Luke writes that when Jesus began his ministry, he was *what*?
- C) Luke 3 traces Jesus' lineage back to *whom*?
- D) In Luke 10, what does Jesus say to Martha?
- E) In Luke 13, Jesus heals a woman who for eighteen years had been *what*?
- F) In Luke 16, Jesus told a parable of a rich man and of a beggar named *what*?
- G) In Luke 8, Jesus healed the synagogue ruler Jairus' *what*?
- H) Luke 8 mentions Joanna's husband (manager of Herod's household) whose name was *what*?
- I) In Acts 27, how many passengers eventually shipwrecked off Malta.

(See page 6 for answers)

**Upcoming Events At The Shield Of Faith Church****October 30th, Sunday from 9:00am until 11:00am**

Leah and Derick's Bridal Shower

Bring your special dish to share

They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond under

Leah Knoepfel and Derick Funderburk registry # 543869277

**November 23rd, Wednesday—NO SERVICES****November 24th, Thursday—NO SERVICES****December 11th, Sunday—Our Christmas Dinner**

There will be no prayer meeting and no Sunday School

Dinner will be after the 11:00am Service

Bring your favorite dish to share

Church will provide the chicken, rolls, ice and drinks

Bring a guest

**December 25th, Sunday—NO SERVICES—Merry Christmas!****December 31st, Saturday—6:00pm until 9:00pm**

We will have communion, praise and worship, and

God-testimonies

Bring your favorite finger food to share during our

fellowship time after the service

**ALSO REMEMBER:**

Every 2nd Friday night we have our Family Movie Night at 6:30pm.

Bring your favorite dish to share as we fellowship

before the movie begins around 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

*We Are Fearfully  
And Wonderfully Made!*



This teenage girls mentoring program meets monthly to discuss different topics (ex. alcohol and drugs, eating healthy, suicide, self-esteem, etc).

Field trips are taken and the teens also give back to the community during certain times of the year.

This organization is standing on the scripture: "I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." - Psalm 139:14 NIV

We are here to teach, encourage, empower, build self-esteem and grow. Addressing issues like: bullying, peer pressure, health, healthy relationships, drugs, and self worth. Therefore, providing a community resource list for those in need to seek professional help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 14, 2016—Giving Back to the Community for Thanksgiving

December 2, 2016—Ceremony and Dinner

A) Review of the year (Has this program made a difference in your life and how?)

B) Hand out certificates

**If you have any questions, or need directions to our meeting,  
please don't hesitate to contact us at (843) 509-1653.**

Check out our new web-site:  
[www.beautifulshadesmentoring.com](http://www.beautifulshadesmentoring.com)

**Thank you again for your prayers and support!**

-Sheila Adams

Our Thoughts Matter

***"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself  
against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity  
every thought to the obedience of Christ;"  
-2 Corinthians 10:5***

Have you ever noticed that it's not always easy to let our minds rest? Our outer body might be resting while our minds head full speed in various directions. Our thoughts can head down a pleasant track and steam roll into out-of-control fantasies, or head down a track of worry, bitterness, discontent, covetousness, pride, etc.--all disguised, of course, in good-sounding terms. Fantasies are often couched as future goals or dreams, worry as concern/responsibility, bitterness as a right response to injury, discontent as a natural response to suffering--we're experts at renaming our thoughts to make them sound good.

We often need a good application of the "breaks of truth" to stop our destructive "thought trains" and get us back on the track of truth. The truth is that no matter what's going on in our life, Jesus fought the battle with sin and triumphed, and He offers us His victory. There will be pain. People will hurt us. Circumstances will disappoint us. But God is with His children in it all--He chose to enter this fallen world and bear the cross. And one day Jesus is returning to take those who have trusted Him to a world of eternal joy, where tears cannot enter.

**So here are two "thoughts on thoughts" to ponder:**

- 1) Jesus's death took the punishment for every evil thought and deed. There's no need to sugar-coat sin. Instead, we'll find freedom in admitting our sin, recognizing that Jesus claimed it as His own (1 Peter 2:24), and knowing that if we believe in Him, then His righteous thoughts and deeds are credited to our account (Romans 4:23-25).
- 2) What we put into our mind--the things we see, hear, and read--are like coal in our "thought burners," encouraging us to head down a track of truth or one of lies. What kind of inputs are in our lives? Sin is very deceitful, and we all need help fighting it. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin," Hebrews 3:13.

***"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,  
whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things  
are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue,  
and if there be any praise, think on these things."***

**-Philippians 4:8**

**-Thank you for sharing this Willie Preston!**



Forgive**A Believer's Notes**

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Forgive. Don't step from under God's protective covering into the devil's territory. In his territory there's darkness where he can take a shot at you. Don't let anyone's mistreatment of you push you out into the darkness.

Just honor the blood, forgive them and keep right on walking in the light. To walk in forgiveness is to walk in victory. Speak the word, "I honor the blood of Jesus by choosing to forgive. Therefore, I walk in victory and power."

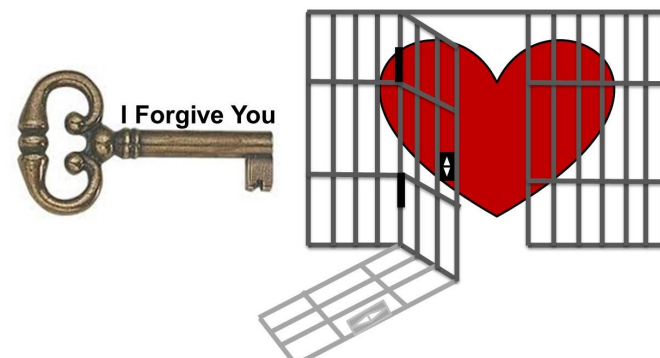
"I prosper in everything that I put my hand to. I have prosperity in all areas of my life; spiritually, financially, mentally, and socially."

**Luke 9:17:3-4**—<sup>3</sup>Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup>And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

**Revelation 5:1**—And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

**Choosing to Forgive . . .**

Unlocks the Cell to the Prison inside your heart – it sets YOU free!



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

- |  |   |                             |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| A) Theophilus<br>Acts 1:1                  | D) Only one thing is<br>necessary<br>Luke 10:42 | G) Daughter<br>Luke 8:49-55 |
| B) Thirty-three years old<br>Luke 3:23     | E) Crippled<br>Luke 13:11                       | H) Chuza<br>Luke 8:3        |
| C) Adam, the son of God<br>Luke 3:23-38 nj | F) Lazarus<br>Luke 16:19-20                     | I) 276<br>Acts 27:37        |

**Darren Cole Butcher**

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

When you read this passage, picture a long hallway with a door at the end that reads, "The Kingdom of God," and to each side there are many doors along the way. If at anytime you want to go into one of them, you can if you want to. But if your goal is 'The Kingdom,' you need to stay out of those doors. If we enter these other doors we never know if we'll come back out or not. Many don't. Stay on the path. Fail to enter into perdition, if you fail at anything. Perdition means to leave the path. Go to the end door and do all you can to enter that door. That door is eternal in its reward.

I love how it ends, 1 Corinthians 6:11—"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

Such WERE some of you! Stay that way. Gain a distaste for "vomit." Learn to desire 'The Kingdom' and all God has.

2 Peter 2:20-22—"For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: 'A dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.' "

Allow God to change your nature. Learn the "former way of life" and NEVER even peek through the key hole of what was behind. Don't be identified as the door you came out of. If you still need persuasion to exit your door, think about the eternal rewards and gifts verses a fleeting pleasure with a cost.

It's your call, just wanted to give you some options.

Peace & blessings,

Darren

Darren Cole Butcher and  
his beautiful wife Stepheny



## HEALTH CHECK



*The right toy can help build imagination and coordination, but the wrong toy can do more harm than good.*

*The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that in 2011, U.S. hospital emergency departments treated more than 118,000 injuries to the head and face related to toys and play activities.*

*While many toy makers follow mandatory and voluntary safety guidelines for their products, some do not. The challenge is to find a toy your child will love and one that you know is safe.*

### How do I select a safe toy?

- > Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. Slingshots and even water guns are dangerous because they invite children to target other kids. BB guns should not even be considered toys.
- > Inspect toys for solidness. Your child's toys should be durable with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact.
- > Look for the letters "ASTM." This designation means the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

### What should I consider when buying toys?

- > Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking.
- > Read directions carefully and follow suggested age guidelines. Ask yourself if the toy is right for your child's ability and age.
- > Remember that age labeling is for ability levels and for the safety of your child.

### How can I keep my child safe after buying a toy?

- > Explain how to use the toy.
- > Repair or throw away damaged toys.
- > Keep toys meant for older children away from younger ones.
- > Don't let your child misuse toys in ways that could be dangerous.

### Are there other things I can do to help prevent eye injuries?

- > Store or give away toys that your child has outgrown.
- > Keep your child away from unsafe areas in the home.
- > Make sure your child plays in an open area and, if necessary, under your supervision.
- > Make a list of safety rules and share them with your child.
- > If your child is playing with friends, tell everyone your safety rules.

#### References:

<http://healthfinder.gov/NHO/>

<http://www.preventblindness.org/fact-sheets>

## Fun Page Jesus was Amazed?!

Everywhere that Jesus went, people were amazed by the things that He did. But did you know that there were two times in the Bible when Jesus was amazed by something someone else did? Circle the two people or groups of people below that you think amazed Jesus.

- |                                      |               |                               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| A. Simon Peter                       | C. King Herod | E. The people in His hometown |
| B. The Centurion with a sick servant | D. Superman   |                               |

(Read Mark 6:6 and Luke 7:9 in the NIV to find the answers.)

## Don't Forget!

Psalm 103:5 tells us not to forget God's benefits. See if you can find five of His benefits contained in the lines below.

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nebiblkehredeemsxnotpelcihtiehcrownsyoulekhbk

## With this little lesson you will discover that some things that look impossible, really aren't

1. Get a piece of plain paper and cut it into a square about 6 inches wide and 6 inches long. Find the center of the piece of paper and place a dime in the center and trace around the edges. Cut out the hole in the center with scissors.
2. Show your friends that a dime can easily go through the hole that was cut in the paper. Give them the opportunity to slip the dime through the hole.
3. Then have one of your friends try to put a quarter through the same hole. They will be unsuccessful because the hole is too small. Announce that you can make the quarter pass through the hole without tearing the paper or doing any "hocus-pocus," but you will not do it unless your friends "have some faith" in you.
4. When they show that they have faith that you can do it, simply fold the paper in half and place the quarter into the hole. A small edge of the quarter will appear through the hole. Then hold the folded paper on both ends of the fold and gently bend the edges upward. The hole will widen as it is stretched and the quarter will easily drop through the hole. Tell your friends that Jesus faced a situation just like yours. He had the ability to do things that to others seemed impossible, but He couldn't do it in His hometown because they didn't believe Him.



### Things To Keep n Mind As You Prepare To Share Your Testimony

There is not (per se) a “right” way or a “wrong” way to share your testimony. As you allow yourself to be led by the Spirit, what you share and how you share it may shift and change depending on the needs of the person with whom you are speaking. However, we must never lose site of the point we are conveying: we saw our need, we turned to Jesus, we are living for Jesus, and we are now part of His story of redemption on the earth.

**The Gospel not only does something in us, but through us, to be passed on to others. Four (4) Questions to answer when preparing your story:**

- **What has God used in your story to draw you into His?**
- **How do you see God’s power at work in your life changing you?**
- **What are you doing to cultivate intimacy with Christ?**
- **How are your engaged with Christ in His mission?**

An effective testimony is not an argument! Sharing your faith must be a loving desire to help another become aware of the Gospel; and perhaps see their need for Jesus Christ.

An effective testimony must be supported by a Christian lifestyle. Consistent Christian living substantiates your testimony and gives credibility to your witness. It is difficult for a person to believe the claim of a Christian whose life runs contrary to the standards of Christ (William Fay).

Avoid using religious words. We live in an “unchurched” culture; therefore church jargon is meaningless when sharing with an unchurched person. You must explain what you mean. For Example:

<u>Religious Words</u>	<u>Possible Substitutes</u>
Believe	Chose to commit my life to Christ
Accepted Christ	Chose to walk away from the way I was living
Sin	Broke God’s morals standards, violated my conscious
Went forward	Responded to the move of God in my life
Saved/born again	Began a relationship with God through Jesus
Became a Christian	Surrendered my life to Christ as both Lord and Savior

-Handout provided by Sister Gailry Bagley

### Grace In, Grace Out

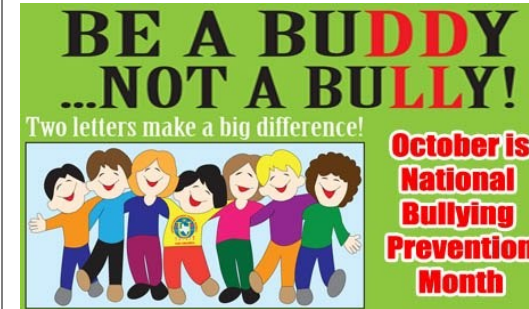
The computer acronym GIGO - "Garbage in, garbage out" - describes how putting wrong code into a machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Matthew 15: "What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person" (v.18, ESV)

GIGO works the other way too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) "in" our hearts, Jesus' goodness will shine "out" through our lives. And when God's grace enters and changes us, we'll also reach out and share that good news with others.

### Health Check

#### **Join the movement!**

Celebrate a Decade Together Against Bullying



National Bullying Prevention Month is a nationwide campaign founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. The campaign is held during the month of October and unites communities around the world to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.

Over the past 10 years, this campaign grew from a small week-long event to a worldwide effort with multiple activities throughout October. National Bullying Prevention Month is supported by hundreds of schools, major corporations, and celebrities.

Be a part of this exciting anniversary and spread the message:  
**The End of Bullying Begins With Me!**

### **Bullying Prevention and Awareness Facts**

The time is now to recognize that bullying has gone on too long and too many have suffered as a result.

One out of every four students will be bullied this year, chances are this is happening to someone you know and care about.

Bullying is a communitywide issue that must no longer be ignored or thought of as a rite of passage.

Every child has the right to feel safe and supported.

Bullying directly affects a student’s ability to learn. Students who are bullied often do not want to go to school. They often find it difficult to concentrate, show a decline in grades, and lose self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth.

Students who are bullied report more physical symptoms, such as headaches or stomachaches, and mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety, than other students.

In some cases, bullying has led to devastating consequences, such as school shootings and suicide.

Bullying affects witnesses as well as targets. Witnesses often report feeling unsafe, helpless, and afraid that they will be the next target.

Students who bully can also be negatively affected, showing higher rates of physical and emotional health issues.

Bullying is not only devastating while it’s happening, research shows that the negative effects last a lifetime.

Students can be especially effective in bullying intervention. More than 55 percent of bullying situations will stop when a peer intervenes. Student education of how to address bullying for peers is critical, as is the support of adults.

Silence is no longer an acceptable response to bullying. Adults, students, and educators can no longer look away when they see bullying. Ignoring it won’t work. Everyone needs to be empowered with options to respond.

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### A Very Insulting Parrot

This elderly lady, recently widowed, decides to see if a pet will ease her loneliness and goes to the pet store. She decides against puppies, kitties, etc., and is about to leave the store when she hears a voice saying, “My, do you look lovely this afternoon, madam.”

She turns around quickly to see who has spoken, but there is no one. All she sees is a big green parrot, resting on his perch in his cage.

“Did you say that?” she asks.

“Why, yes, I did,” he replies. “And may I add that dress is a very nice color for you.”

The lady suddenly realizes how nice it would be to not only have a talking parrot, but one that paid such nice compliments. So she pays for him and takes him home.

On the way, she says, “You know, I am so proud of you that I believe I’ll take you out for dinner! Would you like that?”

The parrot says, “Why yes, that would be delightful. I know a charming place on 7th Street.”

So they arrive home and the lady progresses upstairs to her room to change for dinner, bringing the parrot along, of course. When the woman enters the room, the parrot begins complaining, swearing, and even bit her once. Well, the woman is flabbergasted! She grabs the parrot by the throat, marches down the stairs into the basement, and stuffs the parrot in the freezer. She leaves him there in the freezer for five long minutes before taking him back out. The parrot is very cold. She says, “Well have you learned your lesson? I will not tolerate such language in my house!”

The parrot says, “Okay, okay, I promise it won’t happen again. I am deeply sorry.” Within five minutes, he is cursing again and bit her once on the arm and once on the finger. The lady is absolutely stunned. She rips the parrot out of his cage, goes down the stairs, into the cellar, and, slam, into the freezer. This time, she leaves him in there for fifteen minutes.

When she finally takes him out, the parrot is one step away from death. He is shivering and has light frost on the beak. “I swear it will never ever happen again! I will never insult you again! I promise!” As he thaws, he looks up at the lady and says, “I do have one question though. That turkey in there, what’d he do, attack you?”

### Joseph Prince

#### “Rest Yields Far More Results”



*“So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another...Again he said, “Give me the cloak that is on you and hold it.” So she held it, and he measured six measures of barley and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.”*  
**Ruth 3:14–15, NASB**

When Ruth worked from morning to evening in the field of Boaz, a wealthy relative, she collected only one measure of barley. That’s about 10 days’ supply. But when she simply rested overnight at his feet, he gave her six measures of barley—about two months’ supply!

Boaz, Ruth’s kinsman redeemer, is a picture of Jesus our Redeemer, whom we are to rest in. This rest refers to an inner posture of trust and quiet confidence in Jesus’ finished work and in His ability to give you increase and good success as you go about doing what you need to do. Rest is not sitting around doing nothing and waiting for His blessings to fall into our laps.

Beloved, what God doesn’t want you to do is worry and do things out of fear. He wants you to rest at Jesus’ feet and listen to His words of love and life. Let Him drive out your fears and lead you to good success!

### Question And Answer Animal Jokes

Why did the chicken cross the road?  
*To show the armadillo that it was possible.*

Why did the chicken cross the road?  
*To get away from Colonel Sanders!*

Why did the chicken cross the road twice?  
*Because it was a double-crosser.*

Why did the Iraqi chicken cross the road?  
*To take over the other side.*

Why did the chicken cross the playground?  
*To get to the other slide.*

Why did the chicken cross the beach?  
*To get to the other tide.*

Why did the dinosaur cross the road?  
*Chickens hadn't evolved yet.*

**Kids' Corner**

**Because He Lives, I Can**

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 Jordan  
 Joseph  
 Lord  
 Love  
 Mary  
 Passover  
 Redeemer  
 Redemption  
 Revelation  
 Risen  
 Sacrifice

Salvation  
 Savior  
 Servant  
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 Tabernacle  
 Temple  
 The Light  
 The Truth  
 The Way  
 The Word  
 Trinity

**Kids' Corner**

**"He is the Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and the End"**

