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From our Pastor and his wife

We set aside time every week to worship God and learn from his Book, the Bible. In our Bible study time and worship services, both young and old learn principles for successful living that work not only on Sundays, but every other day of the week.

Another source of strength and joy is the support that we give each other. Lots of encouragement comes from being with people from a variety of backgrounds and interests who care about each other! How helpful it is to listen to the wisdom of older saints and enjoy the exuberance of our children. And what a comfort to receive encouragement and support from church friends in time of crisis.

As we worship God, learn from the Bible, and pray for one another, we develop a common bond. Families coming to church together are strengthened in their commitment to God and as well as to each other. And we're finding new answers to individual and family needs. All the benefits that we enjoy at our church are based on our commitment to Jesus Christ as our Savior, and the Word of God as our guidebook.

We welcome you to share the joy that we've found.

**Bishop John L Butler Jr
Sister Gwen Butler**

Scripture Reading:

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and
purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

James 4:8 KJV

Our Fundamental Doctrine

We believe in the Holy Bible as the standard of salvation. Which is baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues and perfecting Holiness.



Songs of Praise:

***Great is Thy Faithfulness
I Call Jesus My Rock
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Fill My Cup, Lord
Standing on the Promises of God
With God I Can
I Need Thee Every Hour***

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Greetings Saints, Family, and Friends,

Welcome June 2023 – celebrating our fathers. Father’s Day is celebrated in 111 countries around the world on dates from February to December. Fathers are so important to a child while growing up. Traditionally fathers have had certain roles in the family, very different from those of the mother: primary provider, enforcer, encourager, trainer, counselor. All characteristics that describe our heavenly Father. God so loved His creation that He came to us to be an example of what a great parent looks like. I am so thankful for what my earthly father taught me, but especially for spending time with me growing up. That thankfulness now pushes me to want to follow and trust my God in all things. Take time this month to consider how you are growing and showing your heavenly Father how much you love Him.

The Lord our God is One
We must love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and strength.
Love your neighbor as yourself.
Peace Be unto you all



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For Our Amazing Youth

Agape Love

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3:16, ESV)



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Media and Music Ministry

Please pray for our Music Department as they magnify the Lord during our Praise and Worship. We are thankful for our brethren Bishop Wilbert Pye, Jonathan and Joshua Butler, Briyaun Butler-Moore, Minister Cory Price, and Jahlani Agama. We also thank Sis Jennifer Agama and Sis Gwen Butler.

We Thank God for our Media Department who manage social media, upload content on our website, peacebe.org, and coordinate recordings, to continue to spread the Word of The Lord to all the earth.



Listen and Look for the music of Life

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Jesus I'm

Desperate

Hungry

Longing

for You

FOR THE HOLY GHOST

WHEN A PERSON'S MIND IS WELL MADE UP, THEY'RE LONGING TO SERVE THE LORD. NO OTHER CONVINCING WILL BE NEEDED. THEIR DECISION IS NOW, NOT HARD.

THEIR **MIND** HAVE CONCLUDED, THEY'RE READY, AND WILLING TO TAKE THAT STEP!

PURPOSED TO GIVE IT THEIR ALL, CALLING ON THE **NAME** OF THE LORD, WHICH COMETH THEIR HELP.

THEY PURPOSED THEY WILL RECEIVE, THE GIFT OF THE PROMISED HOLY GHOST!

THEN **THEY WILL CALL** WITH AN **EARNEST WANTING**, FOR THIS THING **THEY DESIRE THE MOST.**

THEY'LL DISCOVER, THEIR **DESPERATE SEARCH, BELIEVING** IT'S AN **URGENT NEED,**

THEY WILL **SEEK AND SEEK UNTIL THEY FIND, UNTIL THE HOLY GHOST THEY RECEIVE!**

BUT....

**THEY'LL FEEL NO GREATER PLEASURE,
ONCE THE HOLY SPIRIT ENTERS IN!**

AND IS ASSURED THE SEEKING IS WORTH THE FIND,

YET! THE GREATEST REWARD AWAITS THEM IN THE END

Written by: Sis Jewel

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Two stories from a woman who grew up learning about God from her father and then put that learning into action

Some of my happiest days came when it was decided that I could work in the shop as an assistant to my kindly, bearded father. I loved being with him and I loved the shop itself. It had a very special atmosphere, and gradually I began to overcome my shyness and insecurity in meeting people, and I enjoyed selling the watches and clocks to our customers.

There were many ups and downs in the watchmaking business. Father loved his work, but he was not a money-maker, and times were often hard. Once I remember we were faced with a real financial crisis. A large bill had to be paid, and there simply wasn't enough money. Then one day a well-dressed gentleman came into the shop and asked to see some very expensive watches. I stayed in the workshop and prayed, with one ear tuned to the conversation in the front room.

"Mmm ... this is a fine watch. Mr. ten Boom," the customer said, turning a very costly timepiece over in his hands. "This is just what I've been looking for." I held my breath as I saw the affluent customer reach into his inner pocket and pull out a thick wad of bills. Praise the Lord—cash! (I saw myself paying the overdue bill and being relieved of the burden of anxiety I had been carrying for the past few weeks.)

The customer looked at the watch admiringly and commented, "I had a good watchmaker here in Haarlem ... his name was van Houten. Perhaps you knew him." Father nodded his head. He knew almost everyone in Haarlem, especially other watchmakers. "When van Houten died and his son took over the business, I kept on doing business with the young man. However, I bought a watch from him that didn't run at all. I sent it back three times, but he couldn't seem to fix it. That's why I decided to find another watchmaker."

"Will you show me that watch, please?" Father said. The man took a large watch out of his vest and gave it to Father. "Now, let me see," Father said, opening the back of the watch. He adjusted something and handed it back to the customer. "There that was a very little mistake. It will be fine now. Sir, I trust the young watchmaker. Someday he will be just as good as his father. So if you ever have a problem with one of his watches, come to me, I'll help you out. Now I shall give you back your money and you return my watch."

I was horrified. I saw Father take back the watch and give the money to the customer. Then he opened the door for him and bowed deeply in his old-fashioned way.

My heart was where my feet should be as I emerged from the shelter of the workshop. "Papa! How could you?" Father looked at me patiently through his steel-rimmed glasses. "Corrie," he said, "you know that I brought the Gospel at the burial of Mr. van Houten." Of course I remembered. It was Father's job to speak at the burials of the watchmakers in Haarlem. He was greatly loved by his colleagues and was also a very good speaker; he always used the occasion to talk about the Lord Jesus. "Corrie, what do you think that young man would have said when he heard that one of his good customers had gone to Mr. ten Boom? Do you think that the name of the Lord would be honored? As for the money, trust the Lord, Corrie. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills and He will take care of us."

I felt ashamed and I knew that Father was right. I wondered if I could ever have that kind of trust instead of blind determination to follow my own stubborn path. Could I really learn to trust God?

"Yes, Father," I answered quietly. Whom was I answering? My earthly father or my Father in Heaven?

Cornelia 'Corrie' ten Boom
Written in August 1976 for *Guideposts Magazine*

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Learning to Forgive

It was in a church in Munich that I saw him, a balding heavy-set man in a gray overcoat, a brown felt hat clutched between his hands. People were filing out of the basement room where I had just spoken. It was 1947 and I had come from Holland to defeated Germany with the message that God forgives. ...

"You mentioned Ravensbruck in your talk," he was saying. "I was a guard in there." No, he did not remember me.

[My sister Betsie and I had been arrested for concealing Jews in our home during the Nazi occupation of Holland; this man had been a guard at Ravensbruck concentration camp where we were sent...]

"But since that time," he went on, "I have become a Christian. I know that God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did there, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. *Fraulein*, ..." his hand came out, ... "will you forgive me?"

It could not have been many seconds that he stood there, hand held out, but to me it seemed hours as I wrestled with the most difficult thing I had ever had to do.

For I had to do it — I knew that. The message that God forgives has a prior condition: that we forgive those who have injured us. "If you do not forgive men their trespasses," Jesus says, "neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses." ...

And still I stood there with the coldness clutching my heart. But forgiveness is not an emotion — I knew that too. Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart. "Jesus, help me!" I prayed silently.

And so woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out to me. And as I did, an incredible thing took place. The current started in my shoulder, raced down my arm, sprang into our joined hands. And then this healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes.

"I forgive you, brother!" I cried. "With all my heart!"

For a long moment we grasped each other's hands, the former guard and the former prisoner.

I had never known God's love so intensely as I did then.

Cornelia 'Corrie' ten Boom

Written in November 1972 for *Guideposts Magazine*



Hold everything in your hands lightly, otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open.

~ Corrie ten Boom

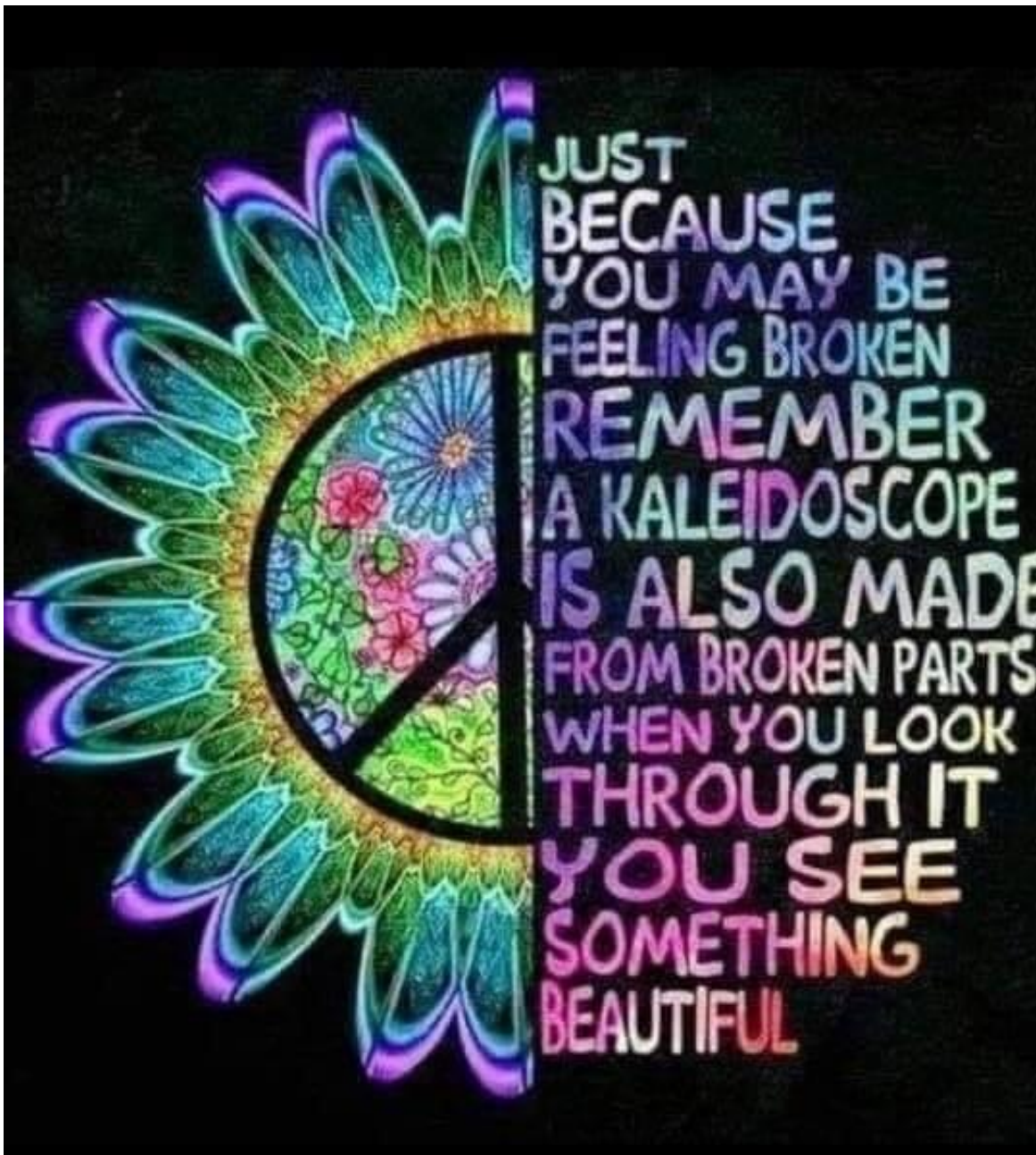
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But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
Matthew 5:44-45 KJV

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
Ephesians 4:31-32 KJV



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Prayer

Prayer List

Pray for all of those in our church family who have requested prayer. Pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones. Pray for those struggling with addictions and are imprisoned. Be mindful of those in great need, and be ye always kind.

Remember all of our groups:

Helping Hands, Media, Choir, Youth and Young Adults, the BOUs and SOUs, and our Fruit of the Spirit teams.

Pray daily as our church grows to reach our community and to show the love of God to so many in need.

Forgive me Lord, that I have not sought You, for peace and patience. Thank you for helping me anyway!

Prayer and Fasting

We invite you to join us weekly in prayer and fasting. The Lord laid on our Pastor's heart to call for prayer. As we see in these last days there's an urgent CRY to draw closer to God. We have so many things to pray for.

Join with us **Wednesday & Friday each week**

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Pray for our elders. Pray for our youth. Pray for the poor and sick among us.
At all times, our neighbors need prayer.
Keep lifting each other up in prayer and with supplication.
Love is the greatest commandment!!



“Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old”.

Lamentations 5:4

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1 st Saturday	Church Cleanup Day
1 st Sunday	Fellowship Dinner (after service)
2 nd Sunday	Newsletter
3 rd Sunday	Gainesville, FL Temple Service
4 th Sunday	Youth Program

All trips, meetings, and events are subject to change per Pastor Butler’s discretion

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Giving

Please visit our website, peacebe.org, to sign up for online giving.

You may also send your tax-deductible donation to the address at the top of this page or via cash app \$4952CHURCH or P.O. Box 6253 Attn: Pastor Aid Committee.

Above all, please attend our services to give in person.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8



Face-to-face services are held in our sanctuary at
4952 Old St Augustine Road in Tallahassee, Florida.

We are respectfully following health guidelines to minimize exposure and spread of Covid-19.

Sunday morning service begins with prayer at **11:00AM**, followed by Praise and Testimony.

The word of God, read from the King James Version of Holy Scripture, is then brought forth.

Wednesday evening service begins at **7:30PM**, with similar format.

Prayer and Fasting observed every Wednesday and Friday as the Lord prompts you.

Radio broadcast Sundays at 3:00PM on WSTT, 730AM dial

Please call the Church Office, (850)656-7708 or email churchoffice850@gmail.com,
with any questions, concerns, or prayer requests.

Please visit our website, peacebe.org, to download our monthly newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter,
please contact Sister Cheryl Pye, agrefieri@gmail.com

Thank you to our **Brothers of Unity** for continuing to
maintain and make repairs in and around our sanctuary and other facilities.

Thanks also to our **Sisters of Unity** and **Youth Department** for cleaning
after each service to promote our continued health and safety.