

thrive! Newsletter

Central Baptist Ladies Ministry

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Persecuted...Not Really



Today we as Christians so often feel that we are being persecuted. No doubt, with all the things going on in the

world and so many other religions out there, true Christianity is mostly likely a minority. When we share our faith with someone, they see us reading our Bible, or maybe saying a prayer before we eat, and then hear someone talking about us we tend to just back into a corner a lot of times. We then feel as if we have been persecuted for our faith. While no one enjoys being talked about or laughed at, is that really persecution?

Many people from Bible days until as recently as yesterday died because they stood up and refused to be backed into a corner. Fox's Book of Martyr's mentions Thomas (the disciple) being martyred with a spear and Matthew beaten to death with a halberd (a spear and battle ax combined).

More relevant to today is the Columbine shooting in 1999 when a young girl absolutely refused to deny Christ.

If one young girl can be so bold and grounded in her faith then where is our faith to not be ashamed... Our faith to bow our head before a meal, to carry our Bible with us, to speak on godly things?

At the end of the day, does it matter if someone smirked at you or made a rude remark? Jesus says himself in John 15:18 "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." We should look at being "persecuted" in a different light and see it as an opportunity to share our faith with someone and possibly lead them to Christ or at least pray for that person, that their eyes will be opened to the truth. Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 9:37 "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Let's go work in the field for Jesus.

~ Miranda Lyles

August Calendar

White Rose Ministry 8th & 22nd

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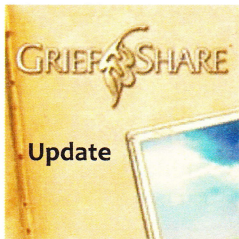
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Coming Up

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY	3	4 Fall Bible Study "Gideon" 6:45 p.m..	5	6 Fall Bible study "Gideon" 10:00 a.m.	7
8	9 Grief Share Begins 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Faith Community Health Ministry (Parish Nursing) Office Hours Begin 5p.m.-7 p.m.	12 White Rose Ministry Meets 6:30 p.m.	13	14
15 HOMECOMING	16 GriefShare 6pm	17	18 Parish Nursing 5-7pm Gideon Bible Study 6:45pm	19	20 Gideon Bible Study 10am	21
22	23 GriefShare 6pm	24	25 Parish Nursing 5-7pm	26 White Rose Ministry Meets 6:30 p.m.	27	28
29	30 GriefShare 6pm					



Central Baptist GriefShare Fall Session

Mondays, Sept. 9-Dec. 9
6:00-8:00pm

Classes will meet in Pastor Dean's SS room.

Registration required. Cost: \$17.00

Contact Julia Pope at juliaannpope@yahoo.com
or the church office at 704/933-8006 to register.

You Light Up My Life

By Julia Pope

You light up my life,
Lord Jesus,
I lift up my candle to You.
You give me oil by Your Spirit
For power in all that I do.

You light up my life,
Lord Jesus,
To be placed upon a hill;

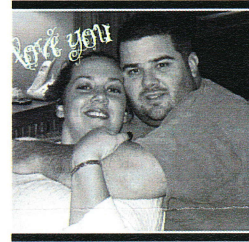
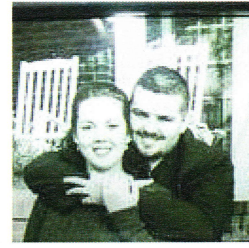
For others to see your beauty
That in me You reveal.

You light up my life,
Lord Jesus,
I humbly bow at your feet.
Let me bring forth your light,
Until in eternity we meet.

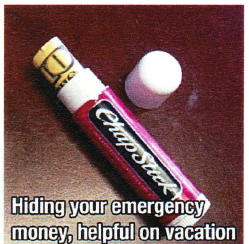
Marriage Monday

Marriage is a gift.... a gift that should not be taken lightly! Some people wait forever to marry that right person while others jump right into marriage with anyone that offers a proposal. I am so thankful that God allowed me to find that special someone and to have a relationship that was not rushed or regretted but was long awaited!

When I met my husband things could not have been more perfect- we knew right away that we were each other's soul mate. Now 10 years later I look at our life and our marriage and though there have been ups and downs (there always will be), there is not a moment I would trade for anything in the world. He is my gift, the one God took time to create just for me and there is no one else that could ever take his place. I am so grateful to the Lord that He knew exactly who needed to be my counterpart, my missing piece, my match made in heaven. Thank you Lord for my gift—my love of a life-time!!!
~ Jessica Harless



Useful Ideas:



Hiding your emergency money, helpful on vacation



USE A SODA-POP TAB TO OFFSET HANGERS AND SAVE SPACE IN YOUR CLOSET



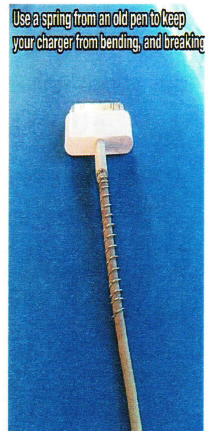
A frozen, saturated sponge in a bag makes an icepack that won't drip all over when it melts



USE A STAPLE REMOVER TO SAVE YOUR FINGERNAILS WHEN TRYING TO ADD THINGS TO YOUR KEY RING



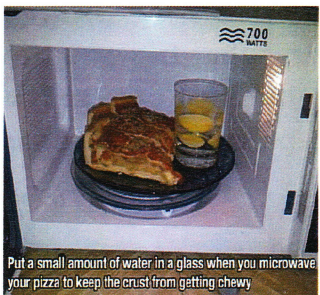
If you're at a hotel and run out of chargers, the tv usually has a usb plugin



Use a spring from an old pen to keep your charger from bending, and breaking



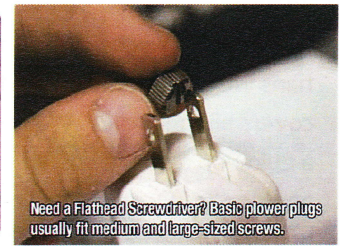
Use a Magnet to Find Nails and Studs in Your Wall



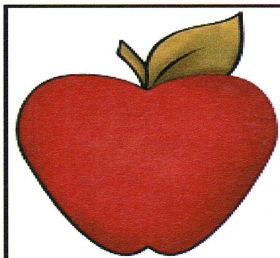
Put a small amount of water in a glass when you microwave your pizza to keep the crust from getting chewy



Use a bread tab to hold your spot on a roll of tape



Need a Flathead Screwdriver? Basic power plugs usually fit medium and large-sized screws.



Back to School for the Christian

“Study to show thyself approved unto God...” II Timothy 2:15

Christian Back to School tips:

1. **Get enough sleep.** (*Rest in the Lord*)

As parents we all know the benefits of getting our children to bed early on a school night. They need that added rest in order to get up early in the morning. A good night's sleep will work wonders on your attitude the next day and it will help your whole disposition. Resting in the Lord will also make you fit and ready for the day. It will recharge you.

“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him...” Psalms 37:7

2. **Get a healthy breakfast.** (*Have prayer and Bible study*)

The experts all agree that giving a child breakfast before school helps in knowledge retention, test scores, and overall learning. As Christians we need to get a healthy breakfast of Bible study and prayer. Having some type of personal devotions will fuel you for the day.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalms 5:3

3. **Follow the Rules.** (*Use the Bible as your guide*)

School couldn't be productive if it weren't for the rules. We can all remember some of the basics. *No fighting. No talking during class. No chewing gum.* As Christians we have the best rule book of all. It covers all the basics. We need to use it as a guide on a daily basis. All of those do's and don'ts in God's Word are there to help us live productive lives.

But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Luke 11:28

4. **Develop good work and study habits** (*Develop good Bible study habits*)

Children that develop good study habits are the ones who sail through school without major problems. We as Christians need to develop good study habits when it comes to God's Word. Knowing the Word is what is going to make or break us. We've got to know the Word of God in order to live it.

Study to show thyself approved unto to God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

5. **Try you best.** (*Do your best for Christ*)

Teaching our children to their best will bring results and they can be proud of themselves. It's rewarding to do your best. As Christians we need to strive to our best in whatever we do. After all we are doing it to honor God.

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

6. **Get along with your classmates** (*Fellowship with other Christians*)

When children are taught to get along together at school it causes such a good atmosphere for learning. When we as

Christians get along and fellowship with one another, it causes more productive lives, which helps further the cause of Christ.

But if ye walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son cleanseth us from all sin. I John 1:7

7. **Get to know your teacher** (*Know Christ more*)

One of the first things a student needs to learn is what is expected of them from their teacher. How does that teacher deal with homework? Classroom policies? Grades? We need to know what Christ expects from us. Getting to know God will help us serve Him better.

And thou Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all imaginations of the thoughts; if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. I Chronicles 28:9

Start this school year off right and be a prepared, productive student of the Lord.

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