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MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST- ONE HEART AT A TIME- ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



Pastor and First Lady Hackett

How Does God Distribute Spiritual Gifts?

[Romans 12:3-8](#) and 1 Corinthians chapter 12 make it clear that each Christian is given spiritual gifts according to the Lord's choice. Spiritual gifts are given for the edification of the body of Christ ([1 Corinthians 12:7, 14:12](#)). The exact timing of the giving of these gifts is not specifically mentioned. Most assume that spiritual gifts are given at the time of spiritual birth (the moment of salvation). However, there are some verses that may indicate God gives spiritual gifts later as well. Both [1 Timothy 4:14](#) and [2 Timothy 1:6](#) refer to a gift that Timothy had received at the time of his ordination "by prophecy." This likely indicates that one of the elders at Timothy's ordination spoke about a spiritual gift that Timothy would have to enable his future ministry.

We are also told in [1 Corinthians 12:28-31](#) and in [1 Corinthians 14:12-13](#) that it is God (not us) who chooses the gifts. These passages also indicate that not everyone will have a particular gift. Paul tells the Corinthian believers that if they are going to covet or long after spiritual gifts, they should strive after the more edifying gifts, such as prophesying (speaking forth the word of God for the building up of others). Now, why would Paul tell them to strongly desire the "greater" gifts if they already had been given all they would be given, and there was no further opportunity of gaining these greater gifts? It may lead one to believe that even as Solomon sought wisdom from God in order to be a good ruler over God's people, so God will grant to us those gifts we need in order to be of greater benefit to His church.

Having said this, it still remains that these gifts are distributed according to God's choosing, not our own. If every Corinthian strongly desired a particular gift, such as prophesying, God would not give everyone that gift simply because they strongly desired it. If He did, then who would serve in all of the other functions of the body of Christ?

There is one thing that is abundantly clear—God's command is God's enablement. If God commands us to do something (such as witness, love the unlovely, disciple the nations, etc.), He will enable us to do it. Some may not be as gifted at evangelism as others, but God commands all Christians to witness and disciple ([Matthew 28:18-20](#); [Acts 1:8](#)). We are all called to evangelize whether or not we have the spiritual gift of evangelism. A determined Christian who strives to learn the Word and develop his teaching ability may become a better teacher than one who may have the spiritual gift of teaching, but who neglects the gift.

Are spiritual gifts given to us when we receive Christ, or are they cultivated through our walk with God? The answer is both. Normally, spiritual gifts are given at salvation, but also need to be cultivated through spiritual growth. Can a desire in your heart be pursued and developed into your spiritual gift? Can you seek after certain spiritual gifts? [First Corinthians 12:31](#) seems to indicate that this is possible: "earnestly desire the best gifts." You can seek a spiritual gift from God and be zealous after it by seeking to develop that area. At the same time, if it is not God's will, you will not receive a certain spiritual gift no matter how strongly you seek after it. God is infinitely wise, and He knows through which gifts you will be most productive for His kingdom.

No matter how much we have been gifted with one gift or another, we are all called upon to develop a number of areas mentioned in the lists of spiritual gifts: to be hospitable, to show acts of mercy, to serve one another, to evangelize, etc. As we seek to serve God out of love for the purpose of building up others for His glory, He will bring glory to His name, grow His church, and reward us ([1 Corinthians 3:5-8, 12:31-14:1](#)). God promises that as we make Him our delight, He will give us the desires of our heart ([Psalm 37:4-5](#)). This would surely include preparing us to serve Him in a way that will bring us purpose and satisfaction.

From Pastor Hackett


It's Back to School With Joy Time!!!



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AUGUST Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Julia Berkley Rodrionna Burns Jared Hyde Dorothy Ware	5 Rosella Green Antoine Harris	6 Patricia Sweatt	7 Camay Forbes Alysha Thomas
8	9 Kenyontanay Morris	10 Jasmine Sutton Lakisha Watts	11	12 Michael Abernathy, Jr. Joy Ford	13 Dynell Bush David Montgomery Kor'Rheon Smith	14 Katie Turpin
15 Deborah Mapp	16 James Toney	17 Bryce Johnson	18	19 Ashley Forbes Te'Shan Henry	20 Corrine Armstrong Amie Bonner AnthonyBrown	21 Derrick Arnold Cheryl Henderson Weddie Lanier
22 Danielle Collins	23	24 Kiara Dennison	25	26 Dorothy Logan	27	28 Ollie Hackett
29	30	31 Elaine Wright				



*To Greater Salem Church Family
I thank you for my monetary
gift, It will be used
toward my future.
James Nathan Garrison*

First Day of School 2021-2022 Dates

- Jefferson County KY, August 11, 2021
- Oldham County, KY, August 11, 2021
- Bullitt County, KY, August 10, 2021
- New Albany-Floyd County, IN, August 3, 2021
- Greater Clark County, IN, July 28, 2021

Please check for Opening Dates for your school if it's not listed above

A PRAYER ABOUT SLOWING DOWN

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer* (edited by Sarah Bessey)

SAVED FROM OURSELVES

"I do not do what I want," writes the apostle Paul in frustration, "but I do the very thing I hate" (Romans 7:15, ESV). Which of us hasn't felt disappointed in our own actions at some point? For spouting off instead of holding our tongue, turning in a mediocre assignment when we could have done better, turning away from a friend in need because of peer pressure or uncertainty?

Inner conflict is part of human nature. Consider part of William Cowper's poem-prayer "The Contrite Heart":

I sometimes think myself inclined
to love Thee if I could;
but often feel another mind,
averse to all that's good.

My best desires are faint and few,
I fain would strive for more;
but when I cry, "My strength renew!"
seem weaker than before.

So what can we do? "Who will deliver me from this body of death?" cries Paul in verse 24. But then his despair turns into a profound "aha!" moment: None of us can rescue ourselves. We are saved, again and again, by divine love and forgiveness. "Thanks be to God," we declare with Paul in verse 24, "through Jesus Christ our Lord!"



Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Unit 3—Faith Gives Us Hope

This unit explores the connections between faith and hope. Some form of the Greek originals behind those two words occur together in the same verse over a dozen times in the New Testament. Two such verses are part of lessons 7 and 8 in unit 2; two more are part of lessons 10 and 11 of unit 3.

As you study the inseparable connection between faith and hope, your appreciation of God's character and power will grow. His character and power are our confidence in troubling times. His sovereignty is our stability when the waves of life ebb and flow. His faithfulness is our fortress when tempted to despair. His righteousness is our refuge when the enemy attacks. To have conquering faith in God (lesson 12) is to have a faith that focuses on eternity (lesson 13).

Unit 3 Lessons: Faith Gives Us Hope

- **Lesson 9 - August 1** - Salvation Available for All - Romans 10:5–17
- **Lesson 10 - August 8** - A Necessary Faith - Hebrews 11:1–8, 13–16
- **Lesson 11 - August 15** - A Patient, Persevering Faith - Hebrews 10:23–36
- **Lesson 12 - August 22** - A Conquering Faith - 1 John 4:2–3, 13–17; 5:4–5
- **Lesson 13 - August 29** - An Eternal Hope - 2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10

We believe that the Sunday School Ministry helps the church in reaching the lost, in edifying the saved, and raising up spiritually healthy disciples for Jesus Christ .

Pastor Hackett



Now Open
for
In-Person
and Virtual
Classes.
Sundays at
10:00 AM

HEALTH NOTES : COVID UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2021

From the Nurses Ministry

WHY GET VACCINATED? Vaccine

COVID-19 (the Delta variant) is spreading fast. As of June 14, 2021, the delta variant has reached 74 countries -- just 6 months after discovery. Delta is anywhere from 30% to 100% more infectious than the first, alpha virus. In just a few weeks the positivity rate in Kentucky has increased from 3% to 8%.

It is affecting younger people more often. Currently most hospitalized patients have not been vaccinated and a growing number are youth and young adults.

Symptoms appear to be more severe. People may be more likely to end up in the hospital if they have the delta variant. Studies suggest it might have almost double the risk of hospitalization and severe illness than the alpha variant.

Top symptoms reported include: headache, sore throat, runny nose, fever.

Researchers are concerned people may mistake symptoms for a bad [cold](#) and avoid [quarantine](#), helping the variant spread.

How to Protect Yourself

Getting vaccinated is your best bet. All three vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen) help to protect you from coronavirus (COVID-19) infections. Kentuckians aged 12 and up can sign up for vaccine appointments

Need help scheduling an appointment?

CALL THE LOU HEALTH HELPLINE 502-912-8598

- Get help finding a place to get vaccinated
- Get help scheduling a vaccination appointment
- Get a free ride to a vaccination appointment
- Learn about free drop-in childcare so you can get vaccinated
- Get a copy of your vaccine record
- Schedule a virtual or in person Q&A session about the vaccines with a medical provider

To request a mobile vaccination mission at your workplace, church, community site

Get vaccine information online:

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-covid-19-resource-center/covid-19-vaccine-information>

What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. These side effects **may feel like flu** and **may even affect your ability** to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days.

Common side effects

On the arm where you got the shot: Pain and/or swelling

Throughout the rest of your body: Fever, chills, tiredness, Headache

Helpful tips

If you have pain or discomfort, talk to your doctor about taking an over-the-counter medicine, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen.

To reduce pain and discomfort where you got the shot: Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the area. Use or exercise your arm.

To reduce discomfort from fever: drink plenty of fluids. Dress lightly.

In most cases, discomfort from fever or pain is normal. Contact your doctor or healthcare provider:

If the redness or tenderness where you got the shot increases after 24 hours

If your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days

If your side effects are very severe, such as chest pain or shortness of breath, call 911 or proceed to the nearest Emergency Room.

Remember

With most COVID-19 vaccines, you will need 2 shots in order for them to work. Get the second shot even if you have side effects after the first one, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you not to get a second shot. • It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines that require 2 shots may not protect you until a week or two after your second shot.

It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often. [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



Question: "The Fruit of the Holy Spirit - What is goodness?"

Answer: In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul lists the "fruit of the Spirit." "Fruit," here, means "beneficial results," the good things that come from the Spirit's indwelling. As the Holy Spirit works in our lives, our character changes. Where we had harbored selfishness, cruelty, rebelliousness, and spite, we now possess love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Everything in the list reflects the character of God, and goodness is one that relates directly to morality.

Goodness is virtue and holiness in action. It results in a life characterized by deeds motivated by righteousness and a desire to be a blessing. It's a moral characteristic of a Spirit-filled person. The Greek word translated "goodness," *agathosune*, is defined as "uprightness of heart and life." *Agathosune* is goodness for the benefit of others, not goodness simply for the sake of being virtuous.

Someone with *agathosune* will selflessly act on behalf of others. Confronting someone about a sin demonstrates goodness. So do giving to the poor, providing for one's children, visiting the sick, volunteering to clean up after a storm, and praying for an enemy. Expressions of goodness are as varied as the Spirit is creative.

Goodness is not a quality we can manufacture on our own. James 1:17 says, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." This certainly includes a life characterized by goodness. In letting the Holy Spirit control us, we are blessed with the fruit of goodness. As others see our good works, they will praise our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

From

www.GotQuestions.org

Submitted by Denise Zellars

*James 1:17(ESV):
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV): 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

*Matthew 5:16 (ESV):
16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

EDUCATING OUR KIDS

This is the first in a series of answers to questions posed by one of your GNL staffers interested in the education and development of our youth. This month's Q&A were asked of Sister Jacque Austin, a mother, grandmother, and aunt who is also a distinguished educator, who was raised here in the Greater Salem church family.



Jacque Austin

How do you stress the importance of education at a young age?

The importance of education can be stressed at an early age by instilling in children the concept: the more we know, the more we grow! It is just as important for us to grow intellectually as it is for us to grow physically. The best way for us to grow intellectually is to "feed" our brain. We need to learn as much as we can about as many things as we can. Parents should identify the things their child is interested in and provide multiple opportunities and activities for them to learn about their interests. Establishing early learning habits and making learning fun will communicate how important learning is. Trips to the library to check out books on their topic of interest are important. Trips to the zoo, to museums and art galleries are experiences that will help them explore this world we live in and develop new interests. Spend time reading every night. Be an example, let children see you reading and doing educational things. Allow children to explore and discover the joy of learning, as they learn various skills (skills that include math skills, reading skills and vocabulary skills). Play educational games together, work puzzles together. Tell your child how smart he or she is and how you want them to be as smart as they can be!

When your student is not motivated, how do you encourage them?

We can encourage students by giving them positive learning experiences that help them feel successful. When they experience success and feel successful, they will be more motivated to try! The key is to find out what is blocking their understanding. This can involve a series of steps or strategies. Once we can "unlock the block" the light bulb will come on and students will become enthusiastic about learning. If students are not excited about learning, it's our responsibility to find a way to engage them in the learning process. Establish realistic and high expectations for students. Help them to evaluate their work and identify what mistakes they made and what they need to do to correct them. Once students begin to experience a sense of accomplishment and success, they will be motivated to do their work.

Do you promise, bribe, threaten or shame students that are not trying or working up to their potential? What works, what doesn't work?

It's never effective to promise, bribe, threaten or shame students in any situation. In order to get students to work to their potential, we have to show them they can be successful. This can be done effectively by setting goals that are realistic and obtainable. These goals must be measurable and monitored. It is important to show the students how close they are to reaching their goals. Small steps of success will keep them encouraged and not wanting to give up. Progress Monitoring is the key to helping students reach their goals. Use pre-tests to establish base line data. Use on going assessments to determine if they are learning the concepts that are being taught. Once concepts have been taught in small segments, administer a post test to determine if the concepts and goals have been attained.

When the student states "the teacher doesn't like me" or "the teacher is not being fair" or "the teacher is not respectful", how do you address that with the student? How far up the chain (of command) do you go? Who do you believe? How do you fact check (what really happened)?

Always listen to your child! Engage in lots of conversation, ask questions to find out why the student feels that way. Ask the student to share specific examples. If the teacher is not being respectful, this should be addressed in a parent-teacher conference with the student present. If no resolution is reached, don't hesitate to take your concerns to the next level, the principal. Make sure you get a clear understanding regarding your expectations about how your child is to be treated.

How do you speak with teachers, assistant principals, and administrators in a Christian and calm manner and still get your point across and feeling like you are being heard?

This can be accomplished effectively by being very specific about your concerns and staying focused on those concerns in a conference. It's very easy to get off topic and start discussing other items, which will in most situations cause confusion. Be a true advocate for your child, but remain open-minded and willing to hear all sides of the story. Remain calm and don't allow any comments made to upset you. Have the teacher, principal or administrator document the conference in writing by stating the purpose of the conference (state the specific concern). Identify solutions: specifically what will the teacher do, what will the parent and the student do as you move forward. Identify a date to check back in and follow-up to ensure things are still going well or that another conference needs to be scheduled. Don't accept subjective data or statements about your child. Establish the expectation for transparency and objectivity. Request frequent (weekly if necessary) progress reports.

How do you make teenagers complete homework, complete projects, and work on their virtual classes without standing over them? How do you get them to be responsible and independent?

Most importantly, we must start teaching responsibility and independence long before they become teenagers! Unfortunately, if we have not laid a solid foundation and established an environment that is structured with behavioral and academic expectations before they become teenagers, it will be very, very challenging to get them to "get on board at this point." Entering into a student contract that identifies expectations, consequences and rewards can be effective in addressing these issues, however, these contracts must be created on an individual basis. The goal is for students to work independently, without someone making them do their work. We want them to be self starters and independent workers. These are skills we must teach early in life.

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Are sports or other extra curricular activities a help or a hindrance to academic studies?

Sports and extra curricular activities are helpful to student development and growth. Our goal is to educate the whole child, in order for that to happen, we must address not only the academic needs, but the physical, emotional and behavioral needs as well. Striking the balance is the key!

What do you do if you student is performing better in athletics than in academics? How do you help?

Again making academics a priority is important. We want students to participate in sports, this is also important. Teaching students to make sure they are maintaining a balance will ensure they perform well in academics and sports. Most sports teams and coaches embrace the rule that students must perform well and successfully in the classroom or they will not be able to participate in the sport. Providing tutoring can be a successful strategy to help students maintain the proper balance. We must communicate to students, "Performance in the classroom will determine if you get to perform on the field or on the court!"

How do you teach your student to avoid distractions (inappropriate relationships, rebellious spirit, overruling parental wishes?)

This is a life lesson that students and parents will have to deal with as children and teens get older. There is no magic formula. If you have established a good relationship with your child, including good communication between you, it will make things somewhat easier, however these things will still be challenging. Establishing clear rules for behavior and clear and specific consequences for not following those rules will allow you to provide the structure that will be needed to keep students focused on the right things, without being distracted. Remember, there will be challenges and many of these situations will have to be dealt with according to the individual situation....there is no one answer that will be appropriate for all situations. So much depends on the rapport and relationship you have with your child.

How do you celebrate academic achievements vs birthdays, State Tournament wins, etc.?

Academic achievements should be celebrated on an ongoing basis. One effective strategy is to have students identify something they would like to earn...they get to choose. At the beginning of the grading period, determine what they will earn if they achieve a certain grade point average. Another way to celebrate students accomplishments is to set a monetary amount they can earn for each grade. For example, you could agree that every A they achieve, they could earn \$5, every B could earn \$4 and every C \$3. The list of rewards is endless for student achievement, the most important thing to remember is the reward must be something the student WANTS to work for or earn.

When do you allow your student to get a part-time job? What are the requirements of grades vs. hours worked?

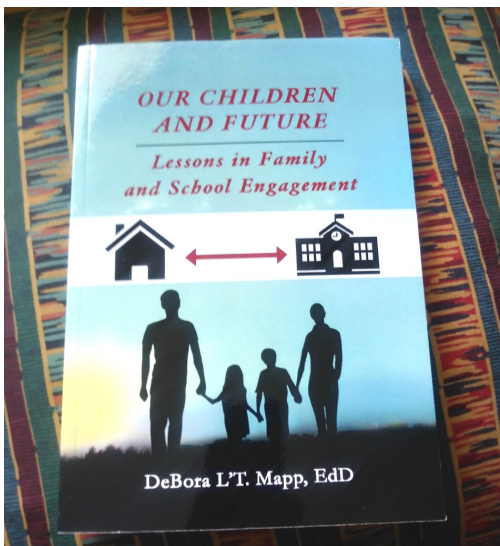
Working a part time job can be very beneficial for students. This decision should be made on an individual basis. Some students are able to handle working part-time without their grades suffering, some students are not. School performance and grades should take priority. It's fair to give students the opportunity to work and earn their own money, however, if working proves to be too much to handle, the student needs to understand that working, not even part time will be an option. Enter into an agreement/understanding that acceptable grades must be maintained, if not, they will no longer have the opportunity to work.

If your student has "fallen off the track" and made some mistakes, how do you get them headed back in the right direction?

We get students back on track by showing them the same type of GRACE and MERCY God shows us. It's not productive to dwell on mistakes. We get them back on track by forgiving and focusing on moving forward. It's important to start over everyday without bringing the problems from yesterday into today! Catch students being good and doing the right thing!! Positive reinforcement and attention will go a long way!! Give lots of specific and positive praise for things the students do correctly.

Is it do as I say and not as I do or leading by example?

It's definitely always leading by example. We must remember our ACTIONS speak much louder than any WORDS. We need to always SHOW, not TELL students what is good, right and acceptable! They will always remember and do what they see us do.



Editor's Note: Thank You Sis. Austin for your for your timely and invaluable input

When the same questions above were posed to our member, Dr. Debora Mapp, she offered to share a copy of one of her latest books which deals with these issues. She has provided a copy of this book, **Our Children and Future**, which provides pertinent "Lessons in Family and School Engagement". You may contact the church office if you are interested in reading /perusing this copy. You can also speak with Dr, Mapp if you have further interest in the book.

Sis. Mapp is involved with the youth of Greater Salem and has herself raised five very successful children who continue to excel in their chosen fields of endeavor.

Stay Tuned Next Month: We'll hear from another one of our outstanding educators, **Sis. Hilda Kendrick Apiah**.



Dr. Debora L'T. Mapp

Greater Salem Baptist Church - A New Way to Contribute Your Offering "Online Giving is Here"

Dear GSBC Members and Friends,

The way we have come together to worship during the past year is different since we shifted to virtual ministries due to the pandemic. Despite social distancing, we are very blessed to have our church family continuing to thrive, and we thank the Lord for allowing us to continue serving, i.e., "Make Disciples for Jesus Christ, one heart at a time, one family at a time." *Matthew 28:18-20*

We have exciting news about a new way you can contribute. We have partnered with Vanco Services which is an electronic giving resource which will assist members and friends who prefer another option to contribute to GSBC.

GSBC now offers electronic giving using the Vanco Online and Vanco Mobile app to make Tithes, Missions, Building Fund, Sunday School, Scholarship and Capital Campaign contributions. The following is a description of the electronic giving options.

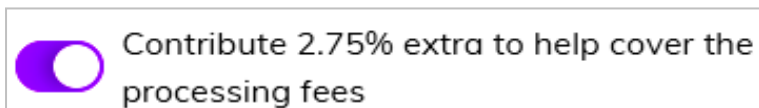
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Vanco Online giving is on the GSBC website greatersalembaptist.org under the **HOME/GIVE** heading. Click on the link and it is a simple step-by-step process, and you can sign up to track your giving.

Vanco Mobile is a free app you can download from the Apple App Store or Google Play and the app allows you to contribute via your mobile phone.

- After you download the app, open the app and search for the church by entering **Greater Salem Baptist Church**.
- After you locate the church name, enter the following Invite Code – **YMU4J5**
- You will need to complete your profile to register to make contributions by entering your name, address, phone number and email address.
- Completing the registration steps allows you to receive a receipt for your contribution, review contribution history, etc.
- Online/mobile contributions will be credited to your annual contribution statement during the month they are received.

There are processing fees associated with online/mobile contributions. Please help GSBC cover the processing fees by clicking on the following in the Basket:



The percentage (%) listed above is for MasterCard/Visa/Discover processing fees. Checks are 1%. We discourage using American Express due to higher processing fees.

Also, you can continue to give during attendance at Sunday worship service, dropping your contribution off at the church or by mailing it.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Larry Austin or Sis. Monica Little at m1little@bellsouth.net.

Thank you for your ongoing support of GSBC through your prayers and financial support.

Blessings,
Pastor Keith S. Hackett & the GSBC Finance Ministry

A Glimpse of Grace - "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!" (Isaiah 55:1, NIV). I thought of this verse when I read about a seven-acre farm in Atlanta where people can pick fruits and veggies straight off the trees and vines, like a fresh-air produce market but bigger — and all free!

The Food Forest at Browns Mill, located amid a "food desert" in a city where one-fourth of the population experiences food insecurity, offers 2,500 edible and medicinal plants for anyone in need. People take only what they can use, and volunteers harvest extras to distribute in the community. It's one of about 70 free-food forests in the United States. To me, it looks like a glimmer of God's kingdom.

Imagine a world where everyone's basic needs are met: food, clean water, shelter, clothing, health care, education, meaningful work, love — and the fulfillment of assisting and supporting one another. Isaiah envisions this reality coming true. Sometimes, even in our troubled world, we catch a glimpse of God's abundant grace, tangibly lavished on all. Even better, sometimes we're blessed with the privilege of helping it happen.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!

- ⇒ *Sunday Worship services are held in the sanctuary and streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.*
- ⇒ *The weekly Bible study led by Pastor Hackett will be held live in the Sanctuary and continue on Facebook Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page.*
- ⇒ *Bro. LeRoy Winston & Sis. Rosa Battle will be leading the weekly Wednesday Prayer Service at 12 noon via conference call. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#*
- ⇒ *You can join in with Pastor Hackett and all classes for the weekly Sunday School lesson in the Sanctuary or via conference call at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Just call 978-990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code 721799#*
- ⇒ *Sis. Tanisha Hackett is facilitating the Women's Ministry's Bible Study . They will hold classes in the Sanctuary and via Conference Call. They will meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 10:15 AM. For Audio only please call 978-990-5000, access code 703263# to be a part of the class. If you'd prefer audio and video go online at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett> . All women, ages 18 and over, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Tanisha Hackett at tanisha.hackett@gmail.com*
- ⇒ *Pastor Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study by Conference call and In Person in the sanctuary on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month at 10:15 AM. The dial-in number is (978) 990-5432—The access code is 3331448#*
- ⇒ *Rev. Hall and Sister Mary Stoddard will be leading the weekly Friday Bible Study via conference call at 11:30 am. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#*
- ⇒ *The Children's Bible Study (Ages 6-8) is held every first and second Wednesday, from 7:00 -7:30 P.M. The teachers for this class are Sister Lynn Fleming, and Sister Mona Fleming. To join this class on zoom, please go to This link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/.4825671779?pwd=NIhhZ3B1cEFKYXVhYzB3N3lZSzdKUT09>. Pass Code:8420*
- ⇒ *Bible Study Classes for the pre-teens, ages 9-12, are held every first and second Wednesday from 7:30-8:15 P.M. The teachers are Sister Renita Ennels and Sister Brenda Hackett. To join the class on zoom, please go to the following link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/456907761?pwd=WjgveENIMmhNU25nempWRHQzWEZIUT09> Meeting ID: 456 907 7761 Passcode: JY8LRQ*
- ⇒ *The Youth Bible Study Classes are every second and fourth Saturday at 5:30 P.M. The teachers are Deacon Theron Exum and Deacon Stefan Dennison. Youth may join this Bible Study by conference call at (425) 436-6355 Access Code 10092020# The youth in this class are also studying The Fruit of the Spirit. They will alternate participating in a spiritual development class and a social development class each month.*
- ⇒ *Tithes and offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings. (See Page 8 for info on online giving via VANCO)*
- ⇒ *If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)*
- ⇒ *You can get a paper copy of the GoodNewsLetter via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.*

PUZZLE



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



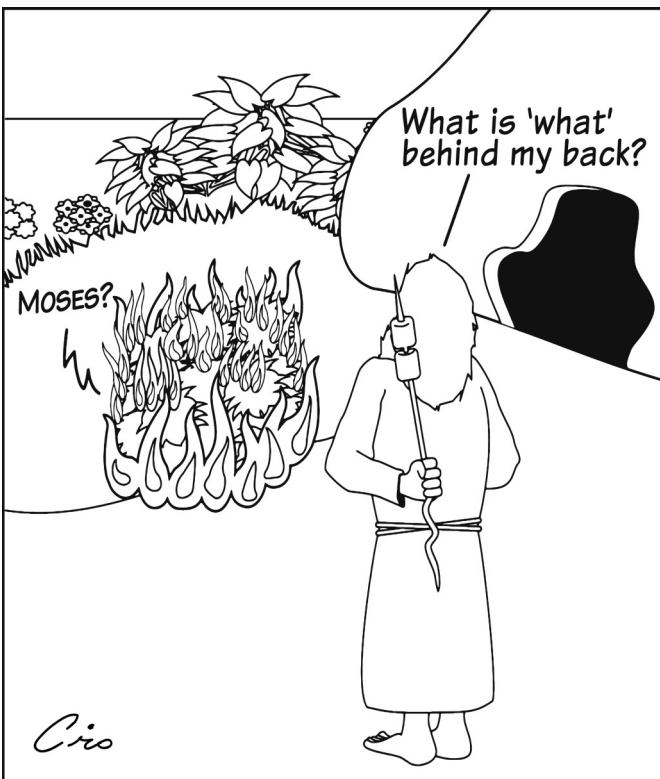
Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

“ ___ on’t let any ___ ne ___ oo ___ down o ___ you ___ ecaus ___
 you ___ re youn ___, but set an exa ___ ple for the bel ___ evers
 in spec ___, in ___ onduct, in love, in ___ aith and in ___ urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV



Bible Quiz

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

- A. Esther
- B. Jael
- C. Vashti
- D. Milcah



Answer: (See Esther 1:12.)

Christian Symbol



LION

A lion represents watchfulness and alertness. It also symbolizes Christ, the Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:4-5). A winged lion is the symbol of St. Mark, whose gospel focuses on Jesus' royalty and resurrection.

FAITHFUL followers



Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.



FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY—SHARE THIS PAGE

THE GREATEST QUESTION EVER ASKED!!!

Are you 100% sure that Heaven is your home?

There are big questions that haunt all of us. What happens when I die? Is there a Heaven? Is there a hell?..... Where will I spend eternity?

The most important question you will ever answer is this, "If I were to die today, am I 100% sure that I would spend eternity in heaven with God?" Consider the following things.

#1-God loves you!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God loves you and desires to have a relationship with you. He wants you to spend eternity with him in Heaven.

#2 - But there is a problem.

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23a

All men have sinned, including you, and this sin separates us from the sinless holy God and keeps us from entering heaven.

#3 - There's a penalty for our sin.

For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6: 23

Wages are money earned, like a paycheck at the end of the week. Our sin earns us death and hell. If we continue in our sin and die without Christ, we will be separated from God forever.

#4 Good News, Jesus Christ paid for our sins!

...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord Romans 6:23

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,

while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Romans 5:8-9

Here's the good news, when Jesus died on the cross, he paid our sin debt to God. Christ's death satisfied God's wrath that was toward us because of our sin. Nothing else can save us from our sin Not church membership, not communion, not baptism, even living a life of good works. None of these left heaven and died on the cross for our sins. Jesus did!

#5 - You must personally receive Jesus as your savior.

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

Whosoever includes you. If you will by faith trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for your soul's Salvation, you can be 100% sure that you are going to heaven. Call on him today, confess your sins, and ask Him to be your savior.

Pray and Receive Christ as Your Personal Savior!!!

That if thou shall confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved ... for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10: 9, 13

If you are ready to trust Christ as your personal savior, you can pray this prayer or one like it with all of your heart:

Dear Lord, I know that I'm a Sinner and I believe that Jesus died for my sins and that God raised him from the dead. I now repent of my sins trusting Jesus and him alone to save my soul and to take me to heaven, Amen!!!

Submitted by Deacon Marshall Merrill

If you need to talk to someone about this, you can contact the Church office at 502-587-8869 and speak with Deacon Merrill or a member of the Evangelism Team!!!

The GoodNewsLetter is available online at greatersalembaptist.org



Opportunities to be in the presence of God through the study of His word and In the Center of Prayer (See Page 9 for updated schedule of online audio or video opportunities)



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God's Gifts Equip Us for Ministry

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

Romans 8:35-39.

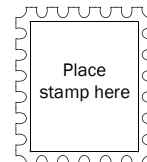
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