



Rev. and Mrs. Jones

DOES GOD STILL DO WHAT HE USED TO DO?

- ◆ God blessed Sarah to give birth to a child at age 90.
- ◆ God divided the Red Sea so the children of Israel could walk through on dry land.
- ◆ God preserved the clothes and shoes of the people for forty years as they wandered in the wilderness.
- ◆ God multiplied the meal and oil of a widow during a time of famine after she gave the prophet the first serving of what she thought would be her last.
- ◆ God added fifteen years to Hezekiah's life after he prayed earnestly.
- ◆ God kept lions from attacking Daniel when he was thrown into their den.
- ◆ God Kept Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from being burned in the fiery furnace.
- ◆ God gave a Pittsburgh pastor ten cents to start a school for boys.

You know about the first seven events listed above. They are recorded in the Bible. But where did the eighth event come from? It came from the life of a pastor I met nearly seventeen years ago when I joined him and forty-nine other pastors from around the country in a peer-mentor network known as the Lott Carey Pastoral excellence Program. He is Rev. Dr. Darryl Canady. From 2006-2008 we engaged in missions ministry with pastors and churches in Guyana, South America; Jamaica; as well as South Africa. At the time of our meeting, Dr. Canady was pastor of Jackson Chapel First Missionary Baptist Church in Wilson, NC. A few years later he was called to Rodman Street Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, PA where he implemented ministries to reach the

men of the city. On September 11, 2014, God spoke to Pastor Canady and told him to "Save the boys." God directed him to intervene in their lives and lead them away from poverty, violence, and crime by starting a school. God gave Pastor Canady the name of the School, LIFE (Living Intelligently Fulfilling Expectation), the curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math. Arts was added later - STEAM), the school color (purple), and the school mascot (a lion king). The boys enrolled in the school are referred to as "young kings." God also directed him to where the school would be located. On September 15th, a few days after hearing God speak to him, as he was walking around the future school's site, he found a dime. God told him the dime represented ten million dollars for the school.

Today there are ninety middle school aged boys enrolled in the LIFE Male Academy and about a month ago the school received a 1.5 million dollars grant. Pastor Canady started the school in 2021 with a vision of possibilities, potential, and a promise from God. [How in the world](#) could he acquire the property, receive a charter, hire staff and faculty, equip the school, maintain the school, and do all the other things an academy might require? Well, God Himself says, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14) and "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?" (Jeremiah 32:27) Starting a school like LIFE Male Academy was no easy endeavor. But pastor Canady trusted

God who could turn a mere dime into millions of dollars. No, this did not happen hundreds of centuries ago. It is happening in Pittsburgh today. So, I ask again,

"Does God still do what He used to?" Let me answer. Yes! He Still does miraculous things in the lives of those who trust Him and follow His leadership.

Rev. Carl Jones



Dr. Canady holds up 1.5 Million Dollars check replica presented to LIFE Male STEAM Academy

Please let us know if you are celebrating your wedding anniversary in September



Please let us know if we fail to list your Birthday!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2023 Birthdays		1	2	3	4 Julia Berkley Rodrionna Burns Jared Hyde	5 Antoine Harris
		6 Patricia Sweatt	7 Alysha Thomas	8	9 Kenyontanay Morris	10 Jasmine Sutton Lakisha Watts
13 David Montgomery Kor'Rheon Smith	14	15 Deborah Mapp	16 James Toney	17 Bryce Johnson	18	19 Ashley Forbes
20 Corrine Armstrong Anthony Brown	21 Derrick Arnold Cheryl Henderson Weddie Lanier	22	23	24 Kiara Dennison	25	26
27	28 Ollie Hackett	29	30	31 Elaine Wright		

**AUGUST SUNDAY
SCHOOL LESSONS
AT-A-GLANCE**

WORSHIPING IN JERUSALEM AGAIN (PT 2)

The four lessons of Unit 3 are from the book of Nehemiah, and they are a continuation of the study begun in Unit 2

August 6 - Festival of Booths

Printed Text NEHEMIAH 8:13-18

Devotional Reading Exodus 23: 12-17



August 13 - Community of Confession

Printed text NEHEMIAH 9:, 6-7,9-10, 30-36

Devotional Reading Luke 15:1-10

August 20 - Dedication of the Wall

Printed Text NEHEMIAH 12:27-36 38,44

Devotional Reading PSALM 96

August 27 - Sabbath Reforms

Printed Text NEHEMIAH 13 :15-22

Devotional Reading Mark 2: 23-27

EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT



Deacon George Johnson

The Evangelism Team met during the months of June and July of this year.

We presently are blessed to have a team made up of 8 saints who are willing to share

the gospel with our unsaved brothers and sisters.

At our first meeting we all gave brief testimonies about why we feel that we were led to serve in this ministry. This ministry requires that we give of ourselves which is not always the most comforting situation. However, this gives us an opportunity to witness to someone who is unsaved and does not have a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This gives us a most joyful and fulfilling experience.

We are equipping ourselves with prayers to God for Him to open the doors and hearts of the unsaved. Through reading the scripture we find much joy and comfort. We are also soliciting the prayers of

the congregation that God will touch hearts and minds so that the unsaved will come willingly wanting to be saved by Christ. We also pray that the team will be able to produce much fruit by bringing lost souls into the kingdom.

'HOW TO MINISTER TO THE UNSAVED'

Give the Good News: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I corinthians15:3-5)

Explain the importance of "Mouth Confession" (Romans 10:9-14)

Explain the importance of Baptism (Mark 16:15-16)

Explain the importance of the "sinner's prayer"

'THE SINNER'S PRAYER'

Dear God, I believe your word is true. I am confessing my sins because I know I am a sinner. I come in prayer asking Jesus Christ to save me and to be Lord of my life. I believe that Jesus died for me and was buried and rose from the dead. I now accept Him as my personal Savior. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Deacon George Johnson, Reporting

Good News from the 6-8 Y. O. Class

Congratulations to Derrius Weaver and Trinity Sutton for Perfect Attendance for the month of June. Keep up the great work.

Parents, we encourage you to bring your youth out on Wednesday evening to Youth Bible Study. A delicious meal is served every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. Bible Study starts at 7:00 pm



AUGUST HEALTH NOTES FROM THE NURSES MINISTRY

Advice for Better Health Care & A Back to School Checklist

ADVICE FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE

Even healthy people make this mistake – Not telling your doctor the truth. Many people keep things from their doctor thinking they will get better or if you give too much information the doctor will *surely* find something wrong. If you smoke, don't exercise, or don't want to change your diet, be honest about it. If you are honest, you may be surprised that the doctor or nurse practitioner will find ways to work with you.

For example, too often, people wait until the pain gets really bad, the lump gets really big, or they can hardly walk a few steps without getting short of breath before telling the healthcare provider. Don't you make this mistake. Let your healthcare provider know when you first experience any unusual symptoms. The earlier it is recognized, the more likely a simple solution may help you. You'll get better care when you share more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST – A FEW HELPFUL REMINDERS FROM JCPS

Is your student ready to have a great school year? Here are a few helpful reminders to get your child ready for the first day of school **Wednesday, August 9, 2023:**

- Have you registered your child or verified his or her school assignment? Call 485-6250 if you need to find out which school your child will attend or what documents you will need in order to register.
- Do you know what time school starts for your child? At most JCPS elementary schools, the hours are 9:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. At most middle and high schools, hours are 7:40 am to 2:20 pm.
- Have you confirmed your child's transportation arrangements? If your child is walking or biking, have you discussed safety precautions regarding traffic and strangers? If your child is riding a bus, have you talked about safety issues and behavior expectations?
- Have you checked with the school about the supplies your child will need?
- Do you know if your child's school has a dress code? Will your child need different clothes for physical education or art classes?
- **Have you filled out health, emergency contact and other forms that have been sent home?**
- **Has your child developed any health problems during the summer that will affect his or her school day? If so, have you notified school staff? If your child needs to take medication at school, have you made arrangements?**
- Have you established an earlier bedtime to help your child get back on a school schedule?
- Have you talked to your child about starting the new school year with a positive outlook and a commitment to doing his or her best?

Have you signed up with the district's School Messenger alert system so you will receive emergency notifications and other important information?

Follow JCPS online on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Sources: www.jefferson.kyschools.us; www.webMD

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

Please be aware of any new start times for the schools in Jefferson County Public Schools

7:40 a.m.–2:20 p.m.

Elementary

Binet School
Blake
Bloom
Cane Run
Chancey
Cochrane
Crums Lane
Dixie
Gutermuth
Hite
Layne
Lowe
Mill Creek
Schaffner Traditional
St. Matthews
Stonestreet
Tully
Waller-Williams Environmental/Riverview
Watterson
Wheeler
Wilt
Zachary Taylor

Middle

Barret Traditional
Binet School
Conway
Echo Trail
Grace James Academy of Excellence
Jefferson County Traditional
Johnson Traditional
Lassiter
Marion C. Moore School
Stuart Academy
Waller-Williams Environmental
W.E.B. DuBois Academy

High

Atherton
Binet School
Butler Traditional
Central High School MCA
duPont Manual
Grace James Academy of Excellence
Louisville Male
Marion C. Moore School
Waller-Williams Environmental
W.E.B. DuBois Academy

8 a.m.–2:40 p.m.

Elementary

Auburndale
Camp Taylor
J. Graham Brown School*
Trunnell
Wilder

Middle

J. Graham Brown School*

High

J. Graham Brown School*

Specialty

Pathfinder School of Innovation*

*These schools do not have bus transportation. There are a small number of community partner programs that will remain at current times.

8:10 a.m.–2:50 p.m.

Elementary

Luhr
Sanders
Smyrna
Wilkerson

Middle

Knight
Minor Daniels Academy

High

Minor Daniels Academy

Specialty

Liberty High

8:40 a.m.–3:20 p.m.

Elementary

Chenoweth
Field
Norton Commons
Portland

Middle

Academy @ Shawnee
Carrithers
Crosby
Farnsley
Highland
Hudson
Kammerer
Meyzeek
Newburg
Noe
Olmsted Academy North
Olmsted Academy South
Ramsey
Thomas Jefferson
Western Middle School for the Arts
Westport

High

Academy @ Shawnee
Ballard
Breckinridge Metropolitan
Doss
Eastern
Fairdale
Fern Creek
Iroquois
Jeffersontown
Mary Ryan Academy
Pleasure Ridge Park
Seneca
Southern
Valley
Waggener
Western

Specialty

Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program
Newcomer Academy
Phoenix School of Discovery

Early Childhood Centers

Gheens

9 a.m.–3:40 p.m.

Elementary

Blue Lick
Kerrick
Laukhuf
Stopher

9:10 a.m.–3:50 p.m.

Elementary

Bates
Coral Ridge
Kenwood
Shacklette

9:30 a.m.–4:10 p.m.

Elementary

Dunn
Eisenhower
Greenwood
Hartstern
Johnsontown Road
Middletown
Rangeland

9:40 a.m.–4:20 p.m.

Elementary

Alex R. Kennedy
Atkinson Academy
Audubon Traditional
Bowen
Brandeis
Breckinridge-Franklin
Byck
Carter Traditional
Churchill Park School
Cochran
Coleridge-Taylor Montessori
Engelhard
Fairdale
Farmer
Fern Creek
Foster Traditional Academy
Frayser
Goldsmith
Greathouse/Shryock Traditional
Hawthorne
Hazelwood
Indian Trail
Jacob
Jeffersontown
Kennedy
King
Klondike Lane
Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School
Maupin
McFerran Preparatory Academy
Medora
Minors Lane
Norton
Okolona
Perry
Price
Rutherford
Semple
Shelby Academy
Slaughter
Wellington
Young

Middle

Churchill Park School

High

Churchill Park School

Early Childhood Centers

George Unsold Early Childhood Learning Center
Thomas Jefferson
Westport Early Childhood Center

10:40 a.m.–5:20 p.m.

Early Childhood Centers

Dawson Orman Education Center
DuValle Education Center

Black History HighLights

<https://www.blackhistoryedzone.com/August-black-history-facts/>

FOR AUGUST

This Month in Black History!!!



Jesse Owens
Olympic Medalist, Track

IN **AUGUST 1936**, JESSE OWENS WON FOUR GOLD MEDALS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN BERLIN, GERMAN, MUCH TO THE DISMAY OF A. HITLER AND THE NAZIS.. OWENS WON GOLD MEDALS IN THE 100M, 200M, 4X100M RELAY AND LONG JUMP.

Jesse Owens was a track and field athlete who specialized in the sprints and the long jump. Known as "The Buckeye Bullet," Jesse was born in Oakville, Alabama in 1913. He was the son of a sharecropper and the grandson of slaves and was a frail child, who was often ill with chronic bronchial congestion and pneumonia. By the age of seven he was picking up to 100 pounds of cotton a day to help support his family. When he was nine years old his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he set records in high school in the 100 and 200-yard dashes as well as the long jump.

The 1936 Berlin Olympic Games were expected to be a German showcase and a statement for Aryan/White supremacy for Adolph Hitler and the Nazis. Hitler criticized the United States for including black athletes. But it was the African American participants who helped America's success. Owens was the most dominant athlete to compete at the 1936 Olympic Games. He won four gold medals and broke two Olympic records. His record for the world broad jump lasted 25 years. Hitler stormed out of the stadium when Owens won the 100-meter event.

Owens later worked in public relations and marketing and spoke around the country. He wrote, "The battles that count aren't the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself—the invisible, inevitable battles inside all of us—that's where it's at." Owens, who smoked cigarettes a good deal of his life, died of lung cancer in Tucson, Arizona in March of 1980.



ON **AUGUST 28, 1963** APPROXIMATELY 250,000 PEOPLE GATHERED IN WASHINGTON DC FOR A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION TO PROMOTE CIVIL RIGHTS, JOBS, AND EQUALITY FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS. IN WHAT IS STILL REFERRED TO AS **THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM**, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DELIVERED HIS MOST FAMOUS "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH!!! HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS 60 YEARS AGO, THIS AUGUST. **GOD IS STILL GOOD!!!**



Black History HighLights

Continued

Black Churches & The Civil Rights Movement

The Civil Rights Era | The Black Church

Despite the guarantees afforded in the 15th and 19th Amendments, the right to vote was still a distant dream for many African Americans in the post-World War II era. This was especially true in the South where Jim Crow laws, poll taxes, literacy tests, and violent terror tactics were used to intimidate and block African Americans' access to their right to vote.

Black churches have historically been the center of strength and faith in the Black community and this put them as natural leaders in the fight for civil rights, Black church leaders provided venue space and hosted meetings, supported and attended rallies and marches, and provided the emotional, moral, and spiritual support for their congregations.

Four Georgia Churches Pivotal to the Civil Rights Movement (only 2 detailed here)

Atlanta's [Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church](#) is the epitome of what the African American church gave to the civil rights movement. Its most famous leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. grew up in this influential church and took over pastoring it after his father retired after 44 years. Dr. King helped to motivate his congregation to fight against oppression, just as he motivated the rest of the country in his many speeches.

But Dr. King was not Ebenezer Baptist Church's only contribution to the movement. It was also the site of a NAACP gathering in 1956 to discuss segregation. The church hosted many other civil rights events during the 1950s and 1960s.

Today, Ebenezer Baptist Church is still a vibrant part of the African American community in Atlanta. This historic church building has been restored and now is part of the [Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park](#). Free self-guided tours are available daily.

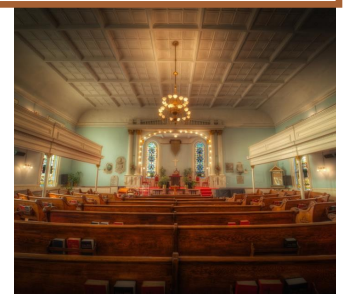
The oldest continuously operating African American church in North America, [First African Baptist Church - Savannah](#), is another church that gave vital support to the civil rights movement. Dating back to 1773, the church was once a refuge for slaves. The current building was constructed brick by brick by slaves and free blacks who worked at night after toiling in the fields all day.

The First African Baptist Church did not just cater to African Americans during slavery and reconstruction, though. It held protest meetings and — despite the threat of violence — hosted civil rights visionaries like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Adam Clayton Powell.

While still continuing as an active church, there is also a museum inside that holds memorabilia dating back to the 18th century. Tours are given at specific times and days throughout the year.

Two other Georgia Churches featured on what's called the Civil Rights Trail, Old Mt. Zion Baptist and St. James African Methodist Episcopal are pictured below. For more details go to the Explore Georgia website and search for the others. -

(Churches Shown L-R Below) The Freedom Singers perform every second Saturday at Old Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia; Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta; St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus; First African Baptist Church in Savannah — Founded in 1773.



2023 YOUTH SUNDAY #3 - THEME: STAY PLUGGED IN - GOD IS THE PLUG, STAY CONNECTED TO HIM !!! JOHN 15:5-7

Worship Leader - Nathan Garriss

Order of Worship July 30, 2023

- Song - Youth Choir- Yes Jesus Loves Me
- Scripture Reading and Prayer- Richard Garrison III
- Welcome - Jeremiah King-Shorts
- Song - "None Like You " Youth Choir led by Kiyana Kidd.
- Intercessory Prayer and Scripture for Youth and the entire Church - Kaylin and Lenette Dennison
- Offertory Scripture and Prayer - Taylor Garrison
- Poem "God Is" - Malcolm King-Shorts
- Instrumental Musical Selection - Min. of Music Cleo Joiner
- Introduction of Guest Speaker - Kameron Dennison
- Song - "I Just Want to Thank You" Youth Choir directed by Regina Burns
- Preached Word - Rev. Michael Jackson
- Call to Discipleship - Rev. Carl Jones
- Remarks -Deacon Theron Exum of Youth & Family Ministry
- Benediction & presentation of gift to Youth- Rev. Jackson



Richard Garrison III and Nathan Garrison



Kennedy Anthony, Lenette & Kaylin Dennison



Jeremiah King-Shorts



Very Inspirational Youth Choir Singing Praises



Malcolm King-Shorts



Taylor Garrison



Kameron Dennison



Rev. Michael Jackson delivered the message from Judges 7:2-7, 16-21

"You Can't Take Everybody with You!"



FROM THE PEWS

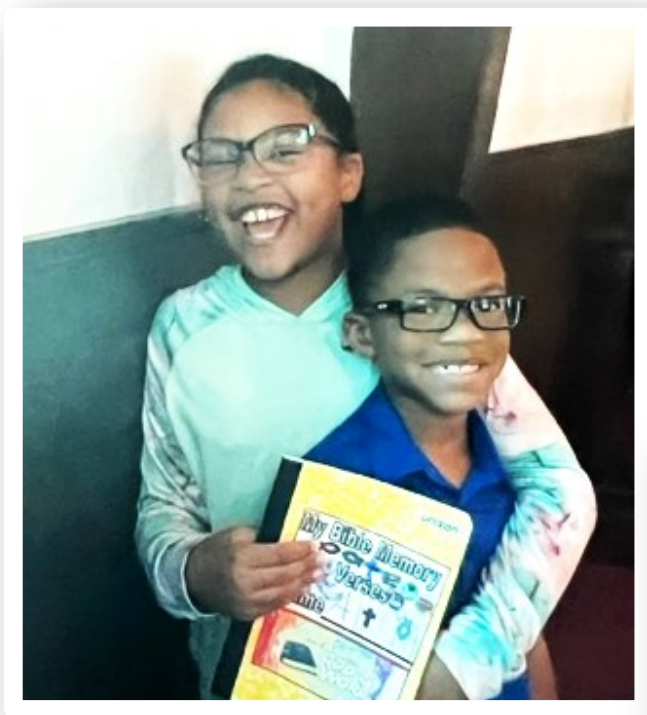


Family and Friends worshipping with
Brother Leroy Winston on his Birthday
7/30/2023

Greater Salem helped Sis. Mona Fleming celebrate her 70th Birthday on Saturday July 22nd. Her Actual Birthday was on Tuesday, July 25th. Praise God for another year of Life. The celebration had a "70's Theme"
Lynn Fleming



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



What A Joy and A Blessing it was to have Alyya and Phoenix Leacock (Above) to be a part of The Youth and Family Ministry this Summer. They were in regular attendance in Youth Bible Study on Wednesdays. We will truly miss them. We're praying for safe travels as they head back to Texas as will their grandparents, Deacon Ri-

What a wonderful Saturday morning was July 8, 2023 as Bethel Baptist Church held their Women's Day Annual Prayer Breakfast.

What A Blessing came from the Keynote Speaker: Min. Virginia Barger: In her message on "Living the Abundant Life' (John 10:10-11), she gave us 3 points to focus on

- ◆ Be Still -Psalm 46:10.
- ◆ Cast Your Cares and stop worrying and
- ◆ Stay In Your Lane



Pictured above (L-R) Betty Williams, Clara Fugua, Weddie Pitts, Mona Fleming, Elizabeth Cooper, Lynn Fleming, Belinda Chandler



Left -Weddie Pitts shows her winning smile after receiving one of the door prizes at the prayer breakfast whose Theme was **"Women of God Empowered to Serve "** Deuteronomy 13:4

CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS....Completed and Proposed

Church Building Projects That Have Been Completed

1. Repaired soft panels in overhang (12 ft total) on east side of building corner only.
2. Installed dirt in low spot -on east side of building only. Grade area once dirt is installed. If leak continues where area has been repaired, additional costs will be necessary to explore the problem.
3. Removed & replaced entry place on roof. Church/owner supplied the door.
4. Removed old ceramic tiles and replaced with Pergo floor vinyl flooring (7x8) area only.
5. Eastside of Church entrance only, installed vinyl soffit panels in a (4x8) window sash inside & outside. Total of four window sashes only.
6. Removed existing shingles, old nails & drip edge from roof. Replaced with 3-dimensional roof shingles.
7. Installed underlayment, drip edge & flashing on shingle roof that is being repaired only.



Commitment forms for replenishing funds utilized in replacing the sanctuary roof and other recent building repairs are available. 25 Thousand+ Dollars in pledges have been made so far. You can make a one-time, weekly, or monthly gift toward your total annual gift.

Proposed Projects

- Inside drywall repair on east side.
- Drywall repair on ceiling going up to balcony.
- Lighting in Sanctuary.
- Update cameras inside and outside.
- Recap all stairways.
- Facelift on front of church.
- Seal windows on eastside stairwell
- Repadding pews
- Ventilation in bathrooms
- Handrails going into choir stand
- Replace defective Doorstops

IT'S AUGUST INSPIRATION

DAILY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Poor August, the only month without holidays!

Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



THY WILL BE DONE!!!

Placing ourselves completely into God's hands can be challenging. If you need help in that area, pray these words from Thomas à Kempis: "Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me.

Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor.

"Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you."

SAVE-WORTHY

I was teaching a junior high Sunday school class about salvation and that age-old question, "Are you saved?" Before diving in, I asked the students what they collect and why. Answers included sports cards,

coins, stamps and rocks — items you may have saved as a child too. We save because items seem special or interesting to us. Collecting implies worth and a desire to keep something safe.

In our class, that led to discussion about what it feels like to be saved by or for Jesus ... to be the "savee" instead of the "saver." How amazing that God deems us special, interesting and worthy of safekeeping. We are God's precious, well-loved "collection," and he's reserving space and preparing a place for each one of us.
—Julie Lee

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking

12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow

28 42 7 8 27 37

A present

1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears

19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room

40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)

34 17 41 30

To take a long walk

14 2 9 38

A high body temperature

45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things

13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea

10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee

6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

AUGUST 2023 WORSHIP - STUDY - PRAY

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Noon Day Prayer Service - in the Sanctuary Weekly Youth* and Adult Bible Studies - Adults 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary -Via Fa- cebook Live or via confer- ence call at 978-990-5000 Access Code 7032638 Prayer Service - 7:00 PM In Sanctuary or via 605-472- 5736 Access code 2239663	3	4	5
6 Sunday School - 10AM In Sanctuary or via conference Call at 978-990-5000 access code 721799# Morning Worship -11:15 AM - In person or on GSBC Face- book Live	7	8	9 Noon Day Prayer Service 12:00 PM Weekly Bible Studies 6:00 PM Prayer Service - 7 PM	10	11	12 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In at 605-468- 8738 Access Code: 5398693 Women's Bible Study 12Noon in person or dial-in at 605-313-5598 Access code 6671487
13 Sunday School -10:00 Am Morning Worship -11:15 AM	14	15	16 Noon Day Prayer Service 12:00 PM Weekly Bible Studies 6:00 PM Prayer Service - 7 PM	17	18	19 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In
20 Sunday School - 10:00 AM Morning Worship -11:15 AM	21	22	23 Noon Day Prayer Service 12:00 PM Prayer Service - 7 PM	24	25	26 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In Women's Bible Study 12 Noon in person or dial in
27 Sunday School -10:00 AM Morning Worship -11:15 AM	28	29	30 Weekly Bible Studies 6:00 PM Prayer Service - 7:00 PM	31		

Please Note:

- * The Weekly Bible study is led by Interim Pastor Carl Jones
- * The Women's Ministry Bible Study Classes are led by Min. Monica Thomas
- * The Men's Bible Study is led by Bro. Walter Holbrook
- * *Youth Bible Study follows a 6:00 PM Meal prepared for them by the Kitchen Ministry.
- * Sunday Worship services begin at 11:15 AM
- * Tithes and Offerings can be delivered to the church office between 10 AM and 2:00 PM or placed in the Mail slot at any time. VANCO Online Giving can be accessed on the church website, greatersalembaptist.org under the HOME/GIVING heading. You can also call the church at 587-8869 if you'd like someone to pick up your offering.
- * The Lord's Supper is served on the 1st Sunday at the end of morning worship.
- * Paper copies of the GoodNewsLetter are available each first Sunday following the morning worship. Call the church office if you need a copy mailed to you. If you'd like to receive a digital copy please contact the editor via email at hegilmer1@msn.com



PUZZLE



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

_ _ ○ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

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The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

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The heave_ s declare the _ lory _ f _ od;
the ski_ s _ roc_ aim the wo_ k of his ha_ ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV



Bible Quiz

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



Answer: (See Revelation 2-3.)

Christian Symbols



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



HARP

This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 ("And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps").



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE?

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Sitting on the deck on a balmy evening, my daughter asked again for more clarity on the most important question she could pose: “Dad, what does it really mean to believe in Christ?” I commended her for that question, because it is not asked by most people in the world, nor is it examined closely enough by those who have some of the language of Christianity.

Here’s what I told her while sitting under the Big Dipper.

“Do you ever think about how I care for you? You don’t worry about your food or a place to sleep. And even if somehow we were to be taken away from our home, you still wouldn’t worry much about having what you need every day. You know I’ll take care of you.”

“But suppose you did worry about it. Suppose that you would not trust me even though I have not changed. What would you do? You would fret about your needs every day. I’m sure you would save your money and count every penny you could find. Then you would have to discover some way to get to a store to buy what you could to eat. Your money would not last long, so you would have to find ways to sell some of the items you own. You would eventually have to go to your neighbors and friends and see if you could do some labor for them so that you could make more money for food. And if this did not work after a while, maybe you would become a beggar, all because you were not willing to trust me. You would make a difficult life for yourself.”

“But you don’t worry about all of that because you do trust me. You don’t question for one minute that I will provide all you need because you know that I love you so much that I will take care of you the best I can—always.”

“There are two types of people in the world—those who believe or trust Christ and those who don’t. Among those who don’t are the rebellious people who run from Christ and don’t want to have anything to do with Him. There are also people who rebel in a different way. They refuse to trust Christ and prefer to try to accomplish salvation their own way even though they want to be called ‘Christians’.”

“These people try hard to do whatever they can to save themselves, but even though they are sincere they are actually disobedient to God’s Word. Some of them worry about whether they are doing enough and fret about not being sufficient to earn eternal life, but others actually think they are doing plenty at the moment. That, of course, is a mistake. Their emphasis is on doing enough to earn God’s love, and they live a stressful life trying to be accepted by God.”

“On the other hand, there are some who reject their self-reliance and all the awful disobedience that it brings, and they trust Christ and what Christ has done on the cross for them. Jesus died to purchase the full pardon for their sins. They rest in that and have full confidence that everything is done by Christ for their salvation. They trust that Christ’s life and death and resurrection is sufficient to satisfy God’s requirements and to provide pardon and a future in heaven. They are amazed that such a great gift could be theirs, but that does not keep them from trusting Christ for it. After all, that’s what God tells them to do.”

I had more to say to my precious daughter about how a person who trusts Christ demonstrates the “marks” of a true Christian once she begins the life of trust. But my first and most important job was to make Christ’s death and resurrection abundantly clear, and then to show my daughter the path to Him through faith alone.

It is amazing that something so coherent, uncomplicated, and wonderful is dismissed by most people. Many cannot bring themselves to give up on the impossible “works” way of salvation. Children are no different. If American parents are religious about anything, it is their insistence on building up a child’s self esteem. It is almost impossible for most children to understand that they cannot impress God with how good they are. Yet, when those children gain a clear picture of their sinfulness and complete inability, they will understand better what reliance on God is all about.

Interestingly, a child’s trust is the same trust that any young person or adult must have in order to come to Christ.

One day a jailer asked the apostle Paul, “What must I do to be saved?” The answer was the same one it has always been. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved . . .” (Acts. 16:31).

Faith is not complex, but it is absolute—that is, it is a whole turning from any shred of confidence you have in yourself to be saved, and a full, or total resting on Christ alone. And that may be the most difficult and humbling thing you will ever do.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life (John 6:47)

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