



Pastor and First Lady Hackett

GREATER SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH VISION

Submitted by Pastor Keith S. Hackett

Greater Salem Baptist Church seeks to “Make Disciples for Jesus Christ, one heart at a time, one family at a time” as commanded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ expressed in Matthew 28:18-20 – “Jesus came and told his disciples, ¹⁸I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and the son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you and be sure of this “I am with you always, even to the end of the age”. (NLT).

We (GSBC) hold fast to the truths of The Great Commission:

Christ is the authority who demands our obedience (Matthew 28:18; John 20:21).

Christ commissions us, and he is the focus of our message (Mark 6:15; Luke 24:46-47).

Preaching, teaching, and baptizing are strategies to fulfill the Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

The message we proclaim is for the world (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15).

Christ promises his power and presence as we go (Matthew 28:20; Acts 1:8).

We believe that a Healthy Church must have its foundation in Biblical/Theological truth of God’s Word.

(Ephesians 1:1-3:21).

We further believe the pillars of the church are built on the foundation of the word of God.

We Exalt God in worship (Matthew 22:36-37; Acts 2:43-37) in order to give the proper response of the created to the Creator; the necessary response from the redeemed to the Redeemer (Revelations 5:9).

We Evangelize, so that all the world will be drawn to worship a Holy and Merciful God. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41,42).

We Equip believers so that their lives might give worthy praise in service. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42).

We Edify others through ministry intended to be a practical expression of praise and adoration. (Matthew 22:39; Acts 2:44-45).

We Encounter God in Prayer as one worthy to hear our praises and confessions even as He responds to our petitions. (Acts 2:42).

We Encourage each other through fellowship, as part of our mandate to honor Him with our lives and uphold His standards. (Acts 2:42,46).

We believe that our Personal Walk with God (Ephesians 4:1-6-9) is to be evident in our family (Ephesians 5:22-6:4), our Church (Ephesians 4:1-32; 5:1-21), and our work (Ephesians 6:5-9).

Finally, we believe and understand that the Cross reminds us of our biblical mandate to proclaim the gospel to the world. We will continue to look beyond ourselves to fulfill the Great Commission.

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PRAISE GOD TODAY!!!

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AUGUST Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Julia Berkley Rodrionna Burns Jared Hyde Dorothy Ware	5 Rosella Green Antoine Harris	6 Patricia Sweatt	7 Camay Forbes Alysha T. Lesshaftt	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 Anthony Brown	21 Derrick Arnold Cheryl Henderson Weddie Lanier	22 Danielle Collins
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God amid pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of

how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, “Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you” (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland

[One-liners]

“Breathe the sweetness that hovers in August.”
—Denise Levertov

“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”
—Douglas Pagels

“Every saint has a past. Every sinner has a future.”
—Stanley Hauerwas



Patient attention--- Valuable discoveries !!!

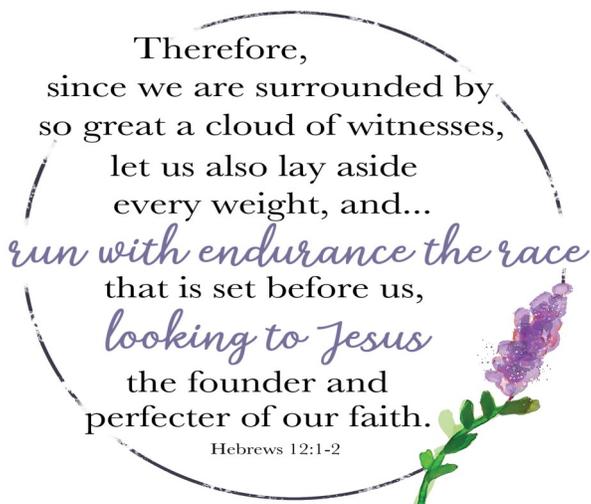
For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hyper-vigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his *annus mirabilis* (“year of wonders”) and reportedly said, “If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent.”

What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God’s presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as “I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope” (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?



Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Way of Wisdom

Unit 3 At A Glance

Way of Wisdom

In unit 3, James examines the interplay between following Jesus and possessing faith. James reaffirms God’s generosity in sharing his wisdom, which is especially needed in times of trouble. However, if a person’s faith is not marked by acts of obedience to God’s Word, then it is dead. Intellectual assent to God’s ways isn’t enough; wisdom is evidenced by a transformed life. According to James, the quality of a person’s speech and treatment of others is an accurate barometer for measuring one’s pursuit of wisdom. James revisits Solomon’s conviction that we are all presented with the choice of pursuing wisdom or folly. James details how possessing “wisdom that comes from heaven” (James 3:17) inevitably yields godly character. May we trust God’s generosity in sharing his wisdom with us as we study together this quarter.

Unit 3: Faith and Wisdom in James

Lesson 9, August 2 - Faith and Wisdom - James 1:1–11

Lesson 10, August 9 - Hearing and Doing - James 1:19–27

Lesson 11, August 16 - Living Faith - James 2:14–26

Lesson 12, August 23 - Taming the Tongue-James 3:1–12

Lesson 13, August 30 - Two Kinds of Wisdom - James 3:13–18; 5:7–12

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

From the GSBC Nurses Ministry

HEALTH NOTES FOR AUGUST 2020

Boost your Immune System to Help Fight Off Disease

Although there is still much to be learned about coronavirus, having a healthy immune system is one way to help your body fight off infection. The immune system is a complex network of cells, tissues, organs, and the substances they make that helps the body fight infections and other diseases. Eating an overall healthy diet will not only help your body, it will help your immunity as well.

Some foods are immune system boosters, however eating just one of these foods won't be enough to fight off infection. Variety is the key to proper nutrition. Below are a few examples:

Almost all citrus fruits such as oranges and lemons are high in vitamin C. Although they might help you recover from a cold quicker, there is no evidence yet that vitamin C is effective against the new coronavirus.

Broccoli is packed with vitamins A, C, and E as well as fiber and many other antioxidants. It's one of the healthiest vegetables you can put on your plate.

Garlic and ginger may help decrease inflammation in the body. Ginger may also help with nausea.

Spinach increases the infection-fighting ability of our immune systems. Spinach is healthiest when it's cooked as little as possible so that it retains its nutrients.

Look for yogurts that have the phrase "Live and active cultures" printed on the label, like Greek Yogurt. These cultures may stimulate your immune system to help fight diseases.

Almonds and avocados contain vitamin E and healthy fats. Vitamin E is important in regulating and maintaining immune system function. Dark leafy greens are another good source.

Green Tea is a powerful antioxidant that has been shown to enhance immune function.

Chicken and turkey are high in vitamin B-6 which is vital to the formation of new and healthy red blood cells. Stock or broth made by boiling chicken bones contains gelatin, chondroitin and other nutrients helpful for gut healing and immunity.

Other immunity boosters include:

Vitamin D – Get it in eggs, fatty fish such as salmon and tuna, fortified milk and cereal. Sunlight is a key source in the summer. Just 5-15 minutes of rays on your hands, face and arms 2-3 times/week is enough.

Get enough sleep. Your body releases certain proteins, cytokines, that help the immune system only during sleep.

Stress and worry can weaken your immune system.

Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. During this time of the year many are in season and are often on sale.

Be Safe from COVID-19

Face – Wear your face mask when out in public

Hands – wash hands frequently for 20 seconds

Distance – maintain at least 6 feet distance from others not in your immediate family.

Interesting uses for apples. You may have heard before that it's best to keep apples stored separately from other fruits and vegetables because they give off gases that speed up ripening. Well those same gases are actually useful for some things. An apple wedge in the bag will soften clumped brown sugar over night. It will also keep your potatoes from sprouting.

ZEAL

By: Denise L. B. Zellars

There's an old gospel song entitled "Take Me Back." The lyrics go on to say "to the place where I first received and believed You." Another song's lyrics says "I want to walk in the newness of life, so let me be a follower of Christ."

There's something special about newness. We all welcome new things in life. We love new clothes, the smell of a new car, new friendships, new job opportunities. These things represent a fresh start, they bring anticipation, excitement and make us feel good, but they are for a limited time.

One thing I often ask God for is to continue to allow me to keep the zeal of a new believer. Of course I need wisdom that God gives as we abide in Him. However, the zeal and faith we have in Him will propel us with hope and endurance to make it to the end (**Romans 15:4 NIV**).

What is Zeal? It's great **energy, enthusiasm** and **determination**. This is what we need in everyday life, (*Right?*) and especially when studying and sharing God's Word. The Holy Spirit provides an abundance of zeal and His zeal can never be exhausted. Wow! **But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)**

We were all new believers at one point, when we were first saved. Are there any new believers in your life right now? They bring great energy, God has just done something awesome in their lives and they want the world to know (**1 Peter 2:9-10**). They send you blessings for a blessed day in text messages and emails. Every sentence they speak may end with "Praise God, look at God and God Bless!" They don't want to mess up and everything in their day is carefully structured to include God and life is *beautiful*.

New believers can sometimes be annoying, though. Are you annoying others? This annoyance is unintentional of course. But as believers in Christ, we will on occasion annoy others and even be despised by others. If not, then that must mean that everyone in the world is saved? We know this is not true.

I am always protective of new believers, as they can be vulnerable, too. New believers may not realize they will be under attack along with all believers due to Satan's jealousy /hatred towards God.

The reality is, we are born into this world under attack, all the more so as we follow Christ. **Romans 8:36** says *we are killed all the day long and accounted as sheep for the slaughter*. It can be rather daunting to think about one's life being under constant attack. *But look at God*; He goes on to say we are more than con-

querers through Him that loved us.

There will be times in our lives when we feel overwhelmed with trials and tribulations on this Christian journey. Do not be discouraged! Pray to God, find scriptures and make them your favorites-- this is how God communicates with us. Talk to godly people for encouragement.



When you know that you are saved, don't let anyone tell you that you are not a believer in Christ Jesus, or that you have no faith because you are feeling vulnerable (**see 2 Corinthians 12:9-10**).

When the disciples had fear, Jesus didn't tell them they weren't believers and had no faith; He said they had little faith. In other words, He was reminding them to exercise their faith.

This was "*encouragement!*"

We are each on different levels in our walk with God, but God loves us the same. No one has all the answers; those who can admit this are most admired and appreciated by others. The answers are in God's Word, but know that some answers we won't understand until Christ returns. This is something that will require patience. All the more reason we need zeal to the very end, *right?*

As believers, we should all have zeal for the newness in an awesome and eternal relationship in Christ Jesus, He Is our Creator, our Savior and Lord! He is always doing something beautiful in our lives. Even we private individuals find that we cannot keep God's goodness to ourselves.

For a huge burst of zeal read and receive my favorite scriptures **Romans 8:35-39** Think about how awesome God is when He says that even death cannot separate us from Him. This means He's got us covered in every situation we could possibly think of, and the things that cause His children distress, *don't stand a chance!* Praise God! **Look at God!**

Blessings,
-Denise

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)

Youth and Family News

Happy Birthday Celebration for Mrs. Mona Fleming!!!

For the first time in 4 months we all gathered together to celebrate the birthday of Sis. Mona Fleming. After we had celebrated with cake, we took Communion together.



Saturday in the Park with the 6-8 Y.O. Bible Study Class !!!

Saturday, July 18th, in Shively Park, was a special time and place for the 6-8 Year-old GSBC Bible Study Group. We had a wonderful and blessed afternoon studying God's Creations in the park. Thanks to all those who were able to come. Prayerfully, we will be able to do this again in the near future. Lynn and Mona!!!



Success !!!!

Highlighting Our Youth

My name is Caleb William Snadon. I am in the 12th grade at Ballard High School. I live with my mother and (3) siblings. Molly is 15 and attends Ballard with me, Conor is 6 and Royce is 1. I have been coming to GSBC for about (2) years I was a member at 3rd Central Baptist Church until the church moved. My mother suggested that I attend GSBC since we live in the neighborhood. I just kept coming Sunday after Sunday. I enjoyed the people, everyone was so nice. Kennedy Ellis and Ms. Hilda encouraged me to join church in January of 2020. They told me that I come all of time and I participate in a lot of the activities therefore, I need to become a member. In fact, Kennedy and Ms Hilda walked with me down the aisle when I joined church.

I have asked my family to attend GSBC with me. My sister Molly has been a couple of times and my entire family attended one Sunday.

I attend Youth Bible study; I am a Junior Usher; I have been in Drama Ministry productions and I attend Teen Sunday School. It was fun going to Gattiland and Skate World with the Youth Department. The one place I would like our Youth Department to go is Main Event. They have bowling, laser tag and video games there.

When the YMCA on 18th and Broadway opened, I became a lifeguard there. I also worked at Kentucky Kingdom as a lifeguard. I worked approximately 30 hours a week. I picked up extra hours when I was not busy at school or I do not have other activities. Coaching is another responsibility that I have. At Kammerer Middle School. I coach discus throwing and shot put.

Everyone says I look like an athlete, and they are right! I started playing youth league football when I was 5 and played until middle school. Presently, I play defensive end and outside linebacker for Ballard's football team and I throw discus and shot put for the track team. My goal is to play college football and throw discus in college. I have invites from Fitchburg in Massachusetts, Puget Sound University in Washington, and Campbellsville in Kentucky.

The corona virus prevented me from attending football camps this summer. The camps are where coaches from different colleges can see a player's skills and scout you to attend their college/university on scholarship. This summer I have been lifting weights and working out to get stronger and to define the muscles in my body so that I can be ready for my senior year. My dream school is Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA.

I have a 3.2 overall Grade Point Average and earned a 4.0 GPA last semester. I also have taken the ACT. My best subjects are English and Math. My most challenging subject is Physics. I prefer reading over writing.

There is something that my church family doesn't know about me. I am in the theatre department at Ballard. I have been in productions of *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Annie*. I have played lead roles and I also sing and dance.

I am extremely disciplined in school. I study to get good grades and it is important to me to be a good student. I do not get into fights. I can usually brush off aggression if someone does not put their hands on me.



After I graduate from college, I would like to become an entrepreneur. I think I would like to run a restaurant. I can't cook right now, but I think it is the easiest way to make money.

I do need to strengthen my faith. I need to read my Bible and pray consistently. I am not comfortable praying in front of people. I get extremely nervous and forget my words. I am looking forward to getting back into the regular services on Wednesday nights. I miss seeing everyone.



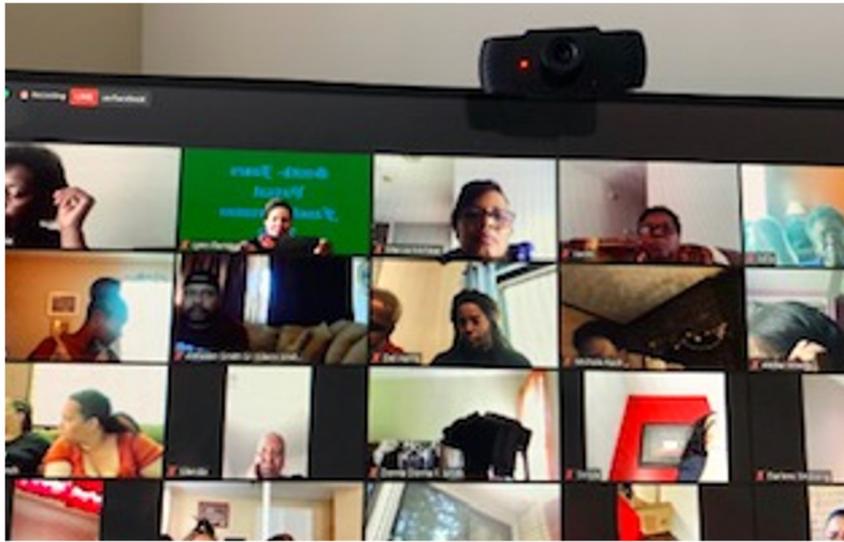
Caleb W. Snadon

News From the Pews

COVID-19 couldn't stop the Smith and Jones Family!!!! Day 2 of our Virtual Family Reunion was awesome! Our roots started in Athens, Alabama but we represented/called in from Cincinnati, Indy, Tennessee, Texas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky and all the way from Japan! We ended the night with a fun and hilarious game of Virtual Bingo!

Submitted by Lynn Fleming

Smith & Jones Family Gathers Virtually



Peace in the Valley

On May 2, 1976, 300 descendants of the feuding families known as the Hatfields and the McCoy's gathered together in a cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky.

Their goal was to end the feud which had caused numerous deaths and woundings in each family. Two ministers, one a Hatfield and the other a McCoy, were the catalysts for what they called "peace in the valley."

There have been many reunions of the two families since that date. There have even been several marriages between members of the two families.

You never know what peace in the valley might bring forth.



August Puzzle!

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

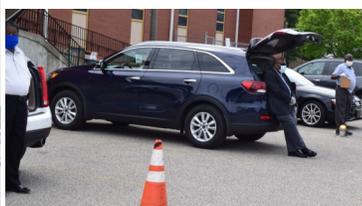
- Genesis 2:15
- Genesis 11:9
- Genesis 35:1
- Exodus 13:18
- Ruth 1:1
- 1 Kings 18:19
- 1 Chronicles 11:4
- Isaiah 23:1
- Isaiah 23:2
- Isaiah 23:3
- Jonah 1:2
- Matthew 3:6
- Matthew 4:18
- Matthew 26:36
- Luke 24:13
- John 2:1
- Acts 8:5
- Acts 11:22
- Acts 17:16
- Romans 1:15

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 T O W E R O F B A B E L

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

Pastor and First Lady Hackett and a small cadre of Ministers, Deacons, lay members, and Musicians have helped provide a continuation of regular worship services, Weekly Bible studies, Sunday School, and Prayer Services. How are they accomplishing this???

- ⇒ **Sunday Worship services are now 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 continues on Facebook Live each Wednesday at 5:30 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 Min. Kern Richardson, Sister Sara Toney and all classes for the weekly Sunday School lesson via conference call at 9:30 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 are holding classes via Conference Call. They are meeting 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 tanishahackett@gmail.com**
- ⇒ **Pastor Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study by Conference call on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 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#**
- ⇒ **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.**
- ⇒ **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.**



SOCIAL DISTANCING ;;;;;

The Lord's Supper is being served on the First Sundays on the Parking Lot to those unable to attend services.

August 2020!!!

PUZZLE

Compete for the crown

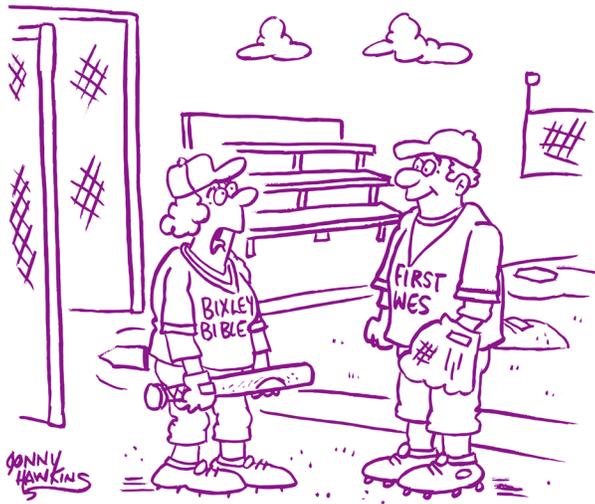
 The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown. 

Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

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FINISH

“Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

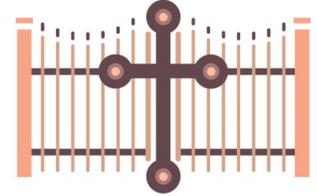


“We’re short a couple players. Mind if we use Holy Ghost runners?”

Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos’ vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: _____ (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)

Christian



Symbols

WILLOW

— The billowing branches of the “weeping willow” symbolize mourning, especially of the Israelites as they endured captivity. The willow, which grows well in marshy areas, is associated in the Bible with fruitful, well-watered land (see Ezekiel 17:5). In descriptions of Old Testament festivals of praise, God’s people were told “to take branches from luxuriant trees — from palms, willows and other leafy trees —

GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year’s Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue

What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick “handle” to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those “leaves” to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!

FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY—USE THIS PAGE

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

As He began His ministry, Jesus called two fishermen, Simon Peter and his brethren Andrew, and said, “Come, follow me...and I will send you out to fish for people” (Matt 4:19). Through the ages, the same call has gone out to all those who put their faith in Jesus Christ. He reaches the lost today through faithful witnesses like you. The Apostle Paul said that God has “committed to us the message of reconciliation and that “we are therefore Christ’s ambassadors” (2 Corinthians 5:1-20).

As you seek to be a witness for Christ, your life is a key part of your witness. Because you are a new creation, you need to demonstrate your new faith by your conduct. Jesus said, “Let your light shine before other’s, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt 5:16). This means your habits and lifestyle should commend the Lord Jesus Christ and help to draw others to Him. It does not mean that you must become perfect before you can witness. You surely will stumble from time to time. As you are learning to walk. But God is willing to forgive your sins and put you back on your feet again.

But living as a good example will not, in and of itself, make you an effective witness. You also need a power beyond yourself. That is the work of the Holy Spirit, who indwells all believers.

The Bible says, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you,” and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

When your life is clean and you walk under the control of the Holy Spirit, He is able to witness through you. For example, we read in Acts about a man named Phillip who was chosen to serve the church because he was “full of the Spirit and wisdom” (Acts 6:3). Phillip was having a successful ministry in Samaria (Acts 8:4-13) when an angel summoned him to go to Gaza (Acts 8:26). Where an Ethiopian official was returning from Jerusalem and reading from Chapter 53 of Isaiah. Using his God given wisdom, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Phillip “began with that very passage of scripture and told him the good news about Jesus” (Acts 8:35).

Your life is an essential part of your witness, and the Holy Spirit is indispensable in witnessing. But there is a third ingredient without which there can be no effective witness: the Word of God. In the witness of Phillip, we saw how God had sovereignly placed the appropriate Scripture in the hands of the Ethiopian.

The Bible says that we have been “born again...through the living and enduring word of God” (I Peter 1:23). When the seed which is God’s Word, is planted in a prepared heart, it produces the fruit of a new believer in Christ.

The question now is, “How do I start witnessing for Christ? What do I say?” To begin with, you can always share how Christ changed your own life. There is great power in a simple and honest personal testimony. It is also helpful, however, to have a practical outline in mind as to how you will present the facts of the Gospel.

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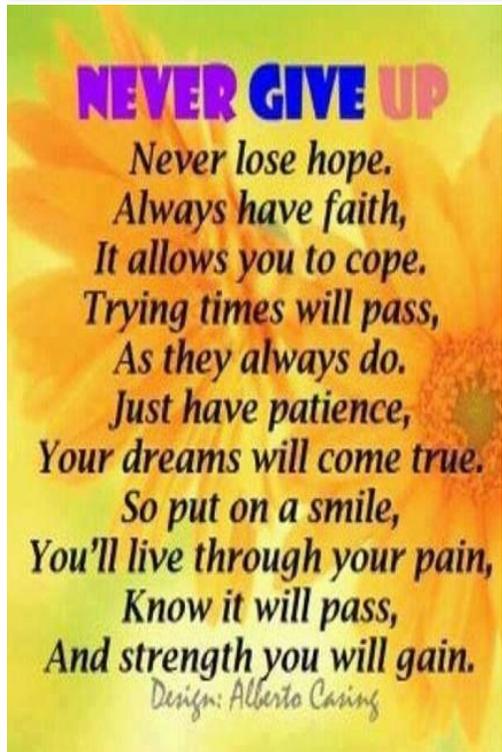
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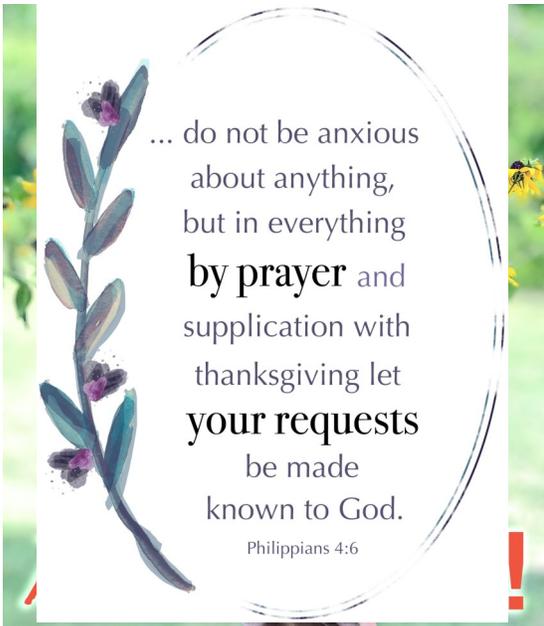
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