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

Where we are and where we are going in 2020!!! ... Pastor Keith S. Hackett

Where we are

Our church is:

Seeking to "Make Disciples for Jesus Christ, one heart at a time, one family at a time" **Matthew 28:18-20**

Our purpose is to be relevant for eternity and the actions of our church are as follows:

Upon receiving salvation, our spiritual gifts and a calling from the Lord to teach, share the gospel, and live out our lives through the inerrant truth of God's Word through the unction of the Holy Spirit we shall be obedient to the dictates of our Father in heaven and to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We commit to evangelize the world, develop, encourage and equip disciples to live and love in the unity of peace as we walk worthy of the calling with all low-liness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love.

We further endeavor to join and knit together all followers of Jesus Christ to effectively do the work of the ministry in order for every person to do their share, resulting in the maturity (growth) of the body for the edifying of itself in the love of Christ Jesus.

We believe and understand that the Holy Bible was written by the divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instructions; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter.

The Holy Bible reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world.

The Holy Bible is the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.

For we know that the Cross reminds us of our biblical mandate to proclaim the gospel to the world and we will continue to look beyond ourselves to fulfill the Great Commission through exaltation in worship, encountering God in prayer, and encouraging each other through fellowship.

Where we are going in 2020

Lord Make Us Over according to thy word in 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. When was the last time you had a spiritual makeover, a physical makeover, and/or a home makeover in



your life? The word makeover is defined as a complete transformation or remodeling of something, especially a person's hairstyle or clothes. Other words that mean the same as

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February: Celebrating Black History Month

Also: Please sign Up for the J. L. Roberts School of Religion - Deadline February 27

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February is African-American History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Epiphany Marlon Dunkley	4	5 Corporate Prayer	6 Tonya Handley	7	8 Ronald Green
9 Dee Vaughn	10	11	12 Church Meeting Angela Cooper Steven Ellis	13 Richard Garrison, III	14Valentine's Day Cornelius Howard	<i>15</i> Jerry Wilson
16	17 President's Day	18 Melinda B. Grace Deron Palmer	19 N. Wayne Smith	20 Yolanda Jackson Barbara Mack	21 Keonia Hudson Starr Payne Davion Tate	22 Tetra Briggs William Harper Johnnie Mae Killebrew
23 Transfigura- tion of our Lord Gwen Mathis	24	25 Stefan Dennison Jesse Hatchett	26 Ash Wednesday Tiffany Forbes	27 Jacquelyn Austin	28 Kennedy Ellis	29 Leap Day



In Other Words

We're so accustomed to hearing the Bible's "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, at weddings and other occasions that we may not really hear its meaning anymore. It can help to listen to something familiar said in different words. What new understandings of love does this paraphrase from The Message Bible reveal to you?

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have

a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG).



SPECIAL DATES THIS MONTH

- African-American History Month February 1-29
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2020
- Presidents Day, February 17, 2020
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 23, 2020
- Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
- Leap Day, February 29, 2020



News from the Momen's Ministry

GREETINGS,

Giving God all GLORY for He alone is worthy! Thanking Him for 2019 and all that has transpired; for spiritual growth, and for transformation within the Women's Ministry! Words cannot express how humbled and excited I am for what is to come in 2020. Thank you to all my sisters who have been faithful and committed to this ministry, by exemplifying your diligence in studying, participating, serving, giving, and coming together to fellowship in bible study, but most of all thanks to our Lord and Savior.

We finished our last study which we started in September 2019, "What does the Word of God Say About Gossip?" Oh my, what a wonderful lesson we learned from God about this subject that is oftentimes ignored, taken lightly, not admitted to, and for some – not considered sin! Well, God's Word says differently. He considers gossip to be a serious sin which He hates. For confirmation on this profound truth, read "Romans 1:29-32" (NIV). I invite you to pay close attention to the fact that "gossip" is listed with the degenerate sins, and this confirms His hatred for gossip. The other points we expounded on through scripture are: How do I personally stop, or control gossiping and create a detour; How to deal with someone who is gossiping about you. We ended with awesome role-play as we will strive to be active in our learning. Thank God for a wonderful, powerful, and much needed lesson!

We will begin our new study book in 2020:

Beginning our study: (Book) – The Gentle Art of Discipling Women "Nurturing Authentic Faith in Ourselves and Others" by Dana Yeakley. We will begin this study on February 8th.



Part One - Be His Disciple

Chapter 1: We Are Forgiven

Chapter 2: We Are Safe

Chapter 3: We Have Access

Chapter 4: We Are Becoming

Part Two - Make a Disciple

Chapter 5: How Do We Create a Life-Giving

Atmosphere?

Chapter 6: Whom Do We Help?

Chapter 7: What Do We Share?

Chapter 8: How does Discipling One-on-One Actually Work?



Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Jesus Teaches Practices of Honor

On Flag Day, June 14, 1923, representatives of over 60 organizations met to write the United States' National Flag Code. The code standardized practices for treating the flag to honor the nation it represents. Honor can be expressed personally, in an arranged location, but also by specific observances that can be held anytime and anywhere. The third unit in this quarter examines patterns Jesus established for honoring God. He showed us how to resist the temptation to give to others the honor that belongs to God alone, to reject superficial piety, and to pray with purpose and persistence.

This quarter's lessons encourage us to think more deeply about our relationship to God. We are honor-bound to do the honor of inviting Him to be the guest of honor in our lives.

Unit 3: Jesus Teaches About True Worship

Lesson 10. February 2 - Single-Minded Obedience - *Matthew 4:1–11*

Lesson 11, February 9 - God-Honoring Piety - Matthew 6:1-8

Lesson 12, February 16 - Kingdom-Seeking Prayer - Matthew 6:9–15

Lesson 13, February 23 - Ever-Persevering Petitions - *Luke 11:5–13*

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

As always, we invite all women ages 18 and up to come join us for fellowship and the study of God's Word through precept form. **You do not have to be a member of GSBC to attend.** Please invite someone to join you and we look forward to seeing you every 2nd Saturday at 10am. Please view our website for information concerning our class time, rescheduling, and content of study.

In His Hands, Sis. Tanisha Hackett Facilitator & Leader Women's Ministry "Devoted Women of God"

- Proverbs 31:30 "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised."

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From the Nurses Ministry

FEBRUARY HEALTH NOTES

February is Heart Healthy Month

Heart Disease: Can It Happen at Any Age?

The truth is that heart disease doesn't just happen to older adults. It is happening to younger adults more and more often. This is partly because the conditions that lead to heart disease are happening at younger ages. High rates of obesity and high blood pressure among younger people are putting them at risk for heart disease earlier in life.

- **High blood pressure** About half of people with high blood pressure don't have it under control. Having uncontrolled high blood pressure is one of the biggest risks for heart disease and other harmful conditions, such as stroke.
- **High blood cholesterol** Having diabetes and obesity, smoking, eating unhealthy foods, and not getting enough physical activity can all contribute to unhealthy cholesterol levels.
- Smoking More than 37 million U.S. adults are smokers and thousands of young people start smoking each day. Smoking damages the blood vessels and can cause heart disease.
- **Obesity**. Carrying extra weight puts stress on the heart. More than 1 in 3 Americans and nearly 1 in 6 children ages 2 to 19 have obesity.
- **Diabetes**. Diabetes causes sugar to build up in the blood. This can damage blood vessels and nerves that help control the heart muscle.
- Physical Inactivity. Sitting for long periods of time contribute to heart disease. Only 1 in 5 adults meets the physical activity guidelines of getting 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity.
- Unhealthy eating patterns. Most Americans, including children, eat too much sodium (salt), which increases blood pressure. Replacing foods high in sodium with fresh fruits and vegetables can help

lower blood pressure. Diets high in trans-fat, saturated fat, and added sugar increases the risk factor for heart disease.

4 Ways to Take Control of Your Heart Health

- **Don't smoke**. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United states. If you smoke, take steps to quit.
- Manage conditions. Work with your health care team to manage conditions such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol. This includes taking any medicines you have been prescribed.
- Make heart-healthy eating changes. Eat food low in trans-fat, saturated fat, added sugar and sodium. Try to fill at least half your plate with vegetables and fruits and aim for low sodium options.
- *Stay active*. Get moving for at least 150 minutes per week. You can even break your activity up the into 10-minutes blocks.

Want to know about your heart age? Go to https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heartage/index.html

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

The Nation Goes Red in February

National Wear Red Day® – Friday, February 7, 2020

On the first Friday of every February, which is designated as **American Heart Month**, the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. From landmarks to news anchors and neighborhoods to online communities; this annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke.

BLACK FOLKS, all folks

By: Denise L. B. Zellars

hat black history means to me:

It means love, strength and peace

Thank You Lord for the Victory!

and a struggle for equality.

It means a super natural power that only one man can give, and He enables His children so that they can live.

It means turning the other cheek when you have been mistreated, beaten and bruised, for standing up for humanity and giving Oneself to be used.

Used for a greater good for every generation;

Changing the dynamics throughout this entire nation.

Oh my God where would we be had You not intervened so long ago?

Without Your hand Civil rights and freedom would be nonexistent You know.

Thank You for the bravery you gave us way back then--- in a dark and turbulent time that was so full of sin.

You were present then and present today. Oh God, our Father we need You more now than ever, in every single way.

Thank You for allowing us to celebrate the many accomplishments of our forefathers as we remember to celebrate You;

We have many reasons to be grateful; Thank You for Who You are and for all that You do.

It was You Who carried us through since the beginning of time, the pre and post slavery era and Civil rights too;

You have blessed us so much, please help us to bless You.

Father God You made us many different colors and Your plan and purpose is not always understood;

You made us red, black, white, yellow and brown and You said it was Good.

You call all of these different shades of beauty our neighbor, and we are to love them all, a command from our Savior.

You said we are to first love You Father with our whole heart, soul, and mind;

This authentic love will require so much more than just simply being kind.

This is the first command, and is equally important as loving our neighbor above;

This can only be done with the help of Christ Jesus as He is the epitome of love.

Lord, You give us hope, strength love and endurance; You said You will never leave or forsake us, Thank You, Holy Spirit, for that Blessed Assurance.

As we Celebrate Civil Rights and all achievements; we have so much more to do;

let us remember You our Heavenly Father our Creator as You have been with us all along and You will carry us through.

Blessings,

-Denise



Theme for 2020 Black History Month: African-Americans and the Vote

The year 2020 marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. The year 2020 also marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and the right of black men to the ballot after the Civil War. The theme speaks, therefore, to the ongoing struggle on the part of both black men and black women for the right to vote.

https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/



Where We Are and Where We Are Going in 2020!!!

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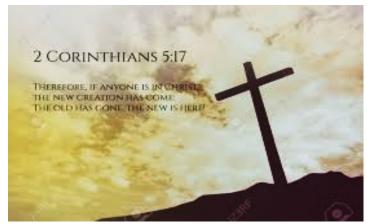
'makeover' are convert, transfigure, and transubstantiate (i.e. to change into another substance). I do not know about you but we all as believers can use some spiritual makeovers to transform us into being more like Jesus in order to be better ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us. And our statement of purpose for this makeover is "Be reconciled to God." What does this mean for us as believers?

Because of this new life (make us over) made possible by Jesus, old earthly attachments are far less important. We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen (2 Corinthians 4:16) and our earthly tent will be destroyed, but we will have a new body, eternal in the heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1). Also remember we walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7) because we do not glory in appearance, but we glory in heart (2 Corinthians 5:12). For all the above reasons, we do not look to the image and appearance of the flesh but to the substance of the heart which is in Christ Jesus. In other words, 'it is not about me!' Furthermore, all things have become new is the language of God's perfect, recreated work (Revelation 21:5) which has been given to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. God wants to do a new thing in our life!!!

We have been called, dispatched, and commandeered to the message and ministry of reconciliation. God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ: God initiated this ministry of reconciliation, even though He is the innocent party in the estranged relationship. He reconciled us to Himself; we did not reconcile ourselves to Him. Importantly, God did this through Jesus Christ. God did not reconcile us to Himself by neglecting His holy justice, or "giving in" to sinful, rebellious humanity. He did it by an amazing, righteous, sacrifice of love. God demands not one-bit less justice and righteousness from man under Jesus, but the demand has been satisfied through Jesus Christ.

Because of the message and ministry of reconciliation we have been given, we have

the blessed privilege to be Ambassadors for Christ. **Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ**: Paul sees that he serves in a foreign land as the representative of a King. The King has a message, and Paul is delivering that message **as though God were pleading through us**. An ambassador does not speak to please his/her audience, but the King who sent them. An ambassador does not speak on his/her own authority; his/her own opinions or demands mean little. They simply say what he/she has been commissioned to say. But an ambassador is more than a messenger; he/she is also a representative, and the honor and reputation of their country are in their hands. The Kingdom of God is in our hands, are we representing Him or representing us?



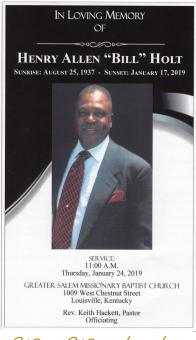
Again, "Be reconciled to God." The late Charles H. Spurgeon says, "We are not commanded to do the work of reconciliation between man and God. He has done the work; it is merely ours to embrace and receive. "It is not so much reconciling yourselves as 'be reconciled.' Yield yourselves to him who round you now the bands of a man would cast, drawing you with cords of love because he was given for you... Submit yourselves. Yield to the grasp of those hands which were nailed to the cross for you."

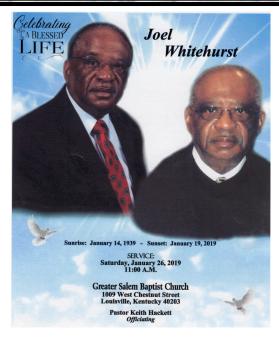
The work has been done; we are to be living ambassadors of this makeover that we might become the righteousness of God in Him - Jesus *took* our sin but *gave* us His **righteousness**. It is a tremendous exchange, all prompted by the love of God for us!

Pastor Hackett



IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED GSBC MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2019





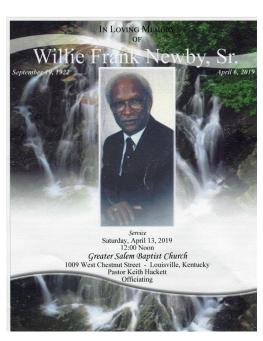


Henry Holt 1/17/19

Joel Whitehurst 1/19/19

Florence Payne 2/11/19





Dea. Willie Newby 4/6/19



Katy Duncan 5/3/19

Mary Sublett 2/23/19

How a heritage of black preaching shaped MLK's voice in calling for justice

Nation Jan 20, 2020



The name Martin Luther King Jr. is iconic in the United States. President Barack Obama mentioned King in both his Democratic National Convention nomination acceptance and victory speeches in 2008, when he said, "Indeed, much of King's legacy lives on in such arresting oral performances. They made him a global figure".

King's preaching used the power of language to interpret the gospel in the context of black misery and Christian hope. He directed people to life-giving resources and spoke provocatively of a present and active divine interventionist who summons preachers to name reality in places where pain, oppression and neglect abound.

In other words, King used a prophetic voice in his preaching – the hopeful voice that begins in prayer and attends to human tragedy.

So what led to the rise of the black preacher and shaped King's prophetic voice?

King brought Americans from every corner of this land to stand together on a Mall in Washington, before Lincoln's Memorial...to speak of his dream."

In my book, "The Journey and Promise of African American Preaching," I discuss the historical formation of the black preacher. My work on African American prophetic preaching shows that King's clarion calls for justice were offspring of earlier prophetic preaching that flowered as a consequence of the racism in the U.S.

From slavery to the Great Migration

First, let's look at some of the social, cultural and political challenges that gave birth to the black religious leader, specifically those who assumed political roles with the community's blessing and beyond the church proper.

In slave society, black preachers played an important role in the community: they acted as seers interpreting the significance of events; as pastors calling for unity and solidarity; and as messianic figures provoking the first stirrings of resentment against oppressors.

The religious revivalism or the Great Awakening of the 18th century brought to America a Bible-centered brand of Christianity – evangelicalism – that dominated the religious landscape by the early 19th century. Evangelicals emphasized a "personal relationship" with God through Jesus Christ.

This new movement made Christianity more accessible, livelier, without overtaxing educational demands. Africans converted to Christianity in large numbers during the revivals and most became Baptists and Methodists. With fewer educational restrictions placed on them, black preachers emerged in the period as preachers and teachers, despite their slave status.

Africans viewed the revivals as a way to reclaim some of the remnants of African culture in a strange new world. They incorporated and adopted religious symbols into a new cultural system with relative ease.

Rise of the black cleric-politician

Despite the development of black preachers and the significant social and religious advancements of blacks during this period of revival, Reconstruction – the process of rebuilding the South soon after the Civil War – posed numerous challenges for white slaveholders who resented the political advancement of newly freed Africans.

As independent black churches proliferated in Reconstruction America, black ministers preached to their own. Some became bivocational. It was not out of the norm to find pastors who led congregations on Sunday and held jobs as

schoolteachers and administrators during the work week.

Others held important political positions. Altogether, 16 African Americans served in the U.S. Congress during Reconstruction. For example, South Carolina's House of Representatives' Richard Harvey Cain, who attended Wilberforce University, the first private black American university, served in the 43rd and 45th Congresses and as pastor of a series of African Methodist churches.

Others, such as former slave and Methodist minister and educator Hiram Rhoades Revels and Henry McNeal Turner, shared similar profiles. Revels was a preacher who became America's first African American senator. Turner was appointed chaplain in the Union Army by President Abraham Lincoln.

To address the myriad problems and concerns of blacks in this era, black preachers discovered that congregations expected them not only to guide worship but also to be the community's lead informant in the public square.



Slave shackles are seen in a display case during a media preview at the National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall in Washington September 14, 2016. Photo by Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

The cradle of King's spiritual heritage

Many other events converged as well, impacting black life that would later influence King's prophetic vision: President Woodrow Wilson declared entrance into World War I in 1914; as "boll weevils" ravaged crops in 1916 there was widespread agricultural depression; and then there was the rise of Jim Crow laws that were to legally enforce racial segregation until 1965.

Such tide-swelling events, in multiplier effect, ushered in the largest internal movement of people on American soil,

the Great "Black" Migration. Between 1916 and 1918, an average of 500 Southern migrants a day departed the South. More than 1.5 million relocated to Northern communities between 1916 and 1940.

A watershed, the Great Migration brought about contrasting expectations concerning the mission and identity of the African American church. The infrastructure of Northern black churches were unprepared to deal with the migration's distressing effects. Its suddenness and size overwhelmed preexisting operations.

The immense suffering brought on by the Great Migration and the racial hatred they had escaped drove many clergy to reflect more deeply on the meaning of freedom and oppression. Black preachers refused to believe that the Christian gospel and discrimination were compatible.

However, black preachers seldom modified their preaching strategies. Rather than establishing centers for black self-improvement focused on job training, home economics classes and libraries, nearly all Southern preachers who came North continued to offer priestly sermons. These sermons exalted the virtues of humility, good will and patience, as they had in the South.

Setting the prophetic tradition

Three clergy outliers - one a woman initiated change. These three pastors were particularly inventive in the way they approached their preaching task.

Baptist pastor Adam C. Powell Sr., the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (AMEZ) pastor Florence S. Randolph and the African Methodist Episcopal bishop Reverdy C. Ransom spoke to human tragedy, both in and out of the black church. They brought a distinctive form of prophetic preaching that united spiritual transformation with social reform and confronted black dehumanization.

Bishop Ransom's discontentment arose while preaching to Chicago's "silkstocking church" Bethel A.M.E. - the elite church - which had no desire to welcome the poor and jobless masses that came to the North. He left and began the Institutional Church and Social Settlement, which combined worship and social services.

Randolph and Powell synthesized their roles as preachers and social reformers. Randolph brought into her pro-

phetic vision her tasks as preacher, missionary, organizer, suffragist and pastor. Powell became pastor at the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem. In that role, he led the congregation to establish a community house and nursing home to meet the political, religious and social needs of blacks.

Shaping of King's vision

The preaching tradition that these early clergy fashioned would have profound impact on King's moral and ethical vision. They linked the vision of Jesus Christ as stated in the Bible of bringing good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind and proclaiming liberty to the captives, with the Hebrew prophet's mandate of speaking truth to power.

Similar to how they responded to the complex challenges brought on by the Great Migration of the early 20th century. King brought prophetic interpretation to brutal racism, Jim Crow segregation and poverty in the 1950s and '60s.

Indeed, King's prophetic vision ultimately invited his martyrdom. But through the prophetic preaching tradition already well established by his time, King brought people of every tribe, class and creed closer toward forming "God's beloved community" - an anchor of love and hope for humankind.

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February

First, write the opposite of each listed word. Then transfer letters to the correct numbered blanks to discover Jesus' messages about love.

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February 2020 **At Greater Salem**

Worshipping Together - Standing Strong -**Dressing In Unity - All Month Long**

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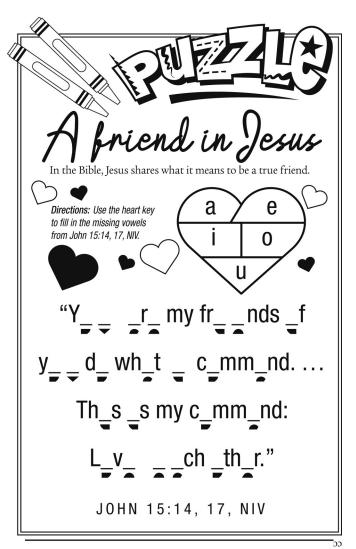
1st Sunday - February 2nd -Wear Black And White for "Black Bridge Builders Appreciation Sunday"

2nd Sunday - February 9th - Wear Black And Red on "Keep A Spiritual In Your **Spirit Sunday"** (Bring 5 People to Church with You)

3rd Sunday - February 16th - Wear Black And Animal Print on "Strength In Unity Sunday"

4th Sunday - February 22nd - Wear African Print or Red, Black, And Green on "Soul Food For the Body And Soul Sunday" Everyone is asked to bring a soul food dish and/or a dessert on the 22nd!!! Dinner will be served immediately after morning worship.

February 2020!!!





?? Bible Quiz???

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900



Answer: C

Christian Symbols



SHEPHERD'S CROOK

— The shepherd's crook is a symbol for Jesus, the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). The crook also symbolizes the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. It's also used in connection with King David, who worked as a shepherd when he was young.

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

- 1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
- 2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
- 3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
- 4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
- 5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

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FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY-REMOVE & SHARE THIS PAGE

THE BRIDGE

For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)



Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but it's end is the way to death.

John 14:6

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

2 Corinthians 7: 10

Godly sorrow produces a repentance that leads to Salvation without regret but worldly sorrow brings death.

Luke 13:3

I tell you: but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Since the Bible says that we are all sinners (Romans 3: 23: 1 John 1:10); that our sins have separated us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and that only Jesus Christ can reconcile sinful men to a holy God (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18), then you see why it is that we urge you to repent and turn to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ will give you a new heart and new desires. (John 3:3)

Salvation cannot come through a church, for no church ever died for your sins. Salvation cannot come through your good deeds, for the Bible says that in God's sight there is none that does good (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 64:60. Salvation must come through Jesus Christ, for He did what no church, no religion, no Pope, or priest, or preacher can do. He died for your sins, was buried, and rose again the 3rd day (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Only Jesus can take away your sins. (1 John 3: 5, 1 John 1:7)

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!!!

Burden bearers

Bear one another's burdens, the Bible says. It is a lesson about pain that we all can agree on. Some of us will not see pain as a gift; some will always accuse God of being unfair for allowing it.

But, the fact is, pain and suffering are here among us, and we need to respond in some way. The response Jesus showed was to bear the burdens of those he touched. To live in the world as [Jesus'] body, his emotional incarnation, we must follow his example.

The image of the body accurately portrays how God is working in the world. ... We announce his message, work for justice, pray for mercy ... and suffer with the sufferers.

—Philip Yancey, Where Is God When It Hurts?

Love-ly superlatives

To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the greatest human achievement.

—St. Augustine

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Hours of Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

Service of Communion

1st Sunday

11:00 am Morning Worship

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Opportunities to be in the presence of God through the study of His word and In the Center of Prayer

High Noon Prayer Service

Wednesdays 12:00 PM

Evening Prayer Service Wednesdays

6:15-7:00 PM

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (Open

to All) Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 PM

Bible Study for Youth & Adults

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM

Bible Study for Adults Fridays

11:30AM -12:30 PM

Men's Bible Study Saturdays

10:00-11:30 AM

Women's Bible Study 2nd Saturdays

10:00 AM

Sunday School for All Ages Sundays

9:30-10:30 AM

Study to Show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. rightly dividing the word of truth.

Timothy 2:15

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Please remember to join us for **Corporate Prayer Night** Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 PM!!!

God Is Awesome!!!

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