

Rev. and Mrs. Jones

WHY EVANGELISM IS IMPORTANT

From Lifeway Adults Ministry website

Go. It's the last command Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:18-20. We call it the Great Commission. We also call it evangelism. Whatever we choose to call it, Jesus instructed us to do it.

At its core, the Great Commission, evangelism, is sharing the good news of salvation, forgiveness, and grace. Without those things, we would all be lost without hope, without a savior, and would have to endure the consequences of sin—death.

Our world is bombarded with the consequences of sin. Everywhere we turn, we see the effects of a fallen world and many who live without hope. Someone must share hope with them. Jesus said it's us. You and me.

We can be pretty good at participating in evangelism events. We go on mission trips. We donate cookies to Vacation Bible School. We financially support missionaries. Those are all great ways to further the gospel and are most definitely used by God for His glory. But we can't stop there. Do we, personally, tell others the good news of Jesus Christ?

It's not that we don't want to. It's that some of us think we don't know how. Or think we have to memorize a certain acronym in order to share the good news of salvation, forgiveness, and grace, and if we do it wrong God can't use it. Others feel confident in sharing the good news but don't know how to inspire others to do the same. It's time for that to change.

We can become confident in and passionate about sharing our faith as we go about our daily lives. And as we go, we can inspire others to do the same. Places like our offices, the grocery store, and the ball field are our daily mission field. We will change the world with the good news of the gospel of Christ when we are faithful to share with others.

Small groups are a great place to learn, encourage, and equip Christ followers to share the good news of salvation, forgiveness, and grace. Bible Studies for Life offers small group materials to remind us why evangelism is important and equips us to share with others. It can also give us a jump start in encouraging us to be passionate and consistent in telling others the good news. And what better place to practice sharing our own personal gospel story than in a small group of believers?

Take some time in your small groups to focus on Jesus' command to *go*. Evaluate together your personal passion for sharing salvation, forgiveness, and grace, and discuss practical ways to share hope in your daily life.

<https://adultministry.lifeway.com/2016/07/12/why-evangelism-is-important/#:~:text=Whatever%20we%20choose%20to%20call,the%20consequences%20of%20sin%E2%80%94death.>

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



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>OOPS!!! We listed June 3rd as the birthday for Shontae Chambers and Linda Wight—They however were listed correctly on the May birthday list as May 6th</p>						<p>1 <i>Canada Day</i> Sandra Adams Lee</p>
2	3	<p>4 <i>Independence Day</i> Donna Faye Smith</p>	<p>5 Chaqueita LaGantta</p>	<p>6 Dolores B. Johnson</p>	<p>7 Jada Johnson</p>	8
9	<p>10 Mildred Grant</p>	<p>11 Lester Crayton Charles Forbes</p>	<p>12 James Burks</p>	<p>13 Ricardo Leacock, Jr. Roland Mitchell Rollin Mitchell</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Mason Marshall</p>
16	17	18	<p>19 Veronica Daniel</p>	<p>20 Jamesha Mullins</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Patricia Unseld</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Kameron Dennison Kaylin Dennison</p>	<p>25 Mona Fleming</p>	<p>26 Reanna Lee</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Theron Exum Gary Head</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Helen Johnson Leroy Winston</p>	<p>31</p>					

JULY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AT-A-GLANCE

UNIT 2 - WORSHIPING IN JERUSALEM (PART 1)

This is a five-lesson study of Ezra. The lessons give us a perspective on worship in Jerusalem after a remnant of Israel returns home from exile in Babylon.

July 2 - Joyful Worship Restored
Printed Text EZRA 3: 1-7

July 9 - Temple Restored
Printed Text EZRA 3: 8-13

July 16 - Dedication of the Temple
Printed Text EZRA 6: 13-22

July 23 - Fasting and Praying
Printed Text EZRA 8:21-23

July 30 - Gifts for the Temple
Printed Text EZRA 8:24-30



SPECIAL JULY DATES

- **Canada Day, July 1**
- **Independence Day, July 4**



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2023 Graduates

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Class of 2023 Announces the Graduation of



Isaiah SMITH
May 6, 2023
with a
Bachelor of Science in
Broadcast Journalism

Commencement Will be Held At:
Florida A&M University
Al Lawson Center
2:00 pm



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Isaiah J Smith

earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Florida A & M University (FAMU) on Saturday May 6th.

He is pictured to the Left with his father, Bro. Wayne Smith on that day.

Wayne and the entire family are very proud of this young man who as a young child was a part of the GSBC Youth & Family.



Robert Wheeler, Jr.

Son of Bro. Robert Wheeler, Sr. and the Late Sis. Sandra Wheeler, received his B. A. degree in Informatics from Indiana University SE on May 8th, 2023. He holds A. S. degree In Business Administration also.

CLASS OF
Graduate
2023



ROBERT WHEELER JR

Indiana University SE
Informatics, BA
Business Administration, AS

Bob grew up in Greater Salem. His graduation Information was submitted by his Aunt, Monica Thurston.

July Health Notes from the Nurses Ministry

Benefits of Watermelon, Green Tea, and Garlic & 8 Warning Signs of Pancreatic Cancer

Yes, we love it, and it has real health benefits. . .

WATERMELON

- Watermelon contains vitamin A to keep eyes healthy.
- Naturally sweet hydration. Gives your body water that it needs.
- Won't spike your blood sugar because it has few carbs.
- Easy to digest (Don't eat the rind or seeds if you need to limit fiber)
- That old tale we heard as kids is not true. If you swallow a seed, it will not grow in your stomach. However, if you swallow a seed(s) just know that they are actually full of nutrients.
- To pick a good one – pick one free of dents, nicks and bruises. To get a ripe watermelon, look for a yellow (not white) spot on the bottom. It should sound hollow when you thump it.
- Besides eating a slice, watermelon is great in salads. Top a salad with cubed melon and crumbled feta cheese. Toss the seeds with olive oil and sea salt to roast them for a tasty (and healthy) snack.

GREEN TEA

This comforting drink does more than keep you awake and alert. It's a great source of some powerful antioxidants that can protect your cells from damage and help you fight disease. It may even lower your odds of heart disease and certain kinds of cancers like skin, breast, lung, and colon.

GARLIC

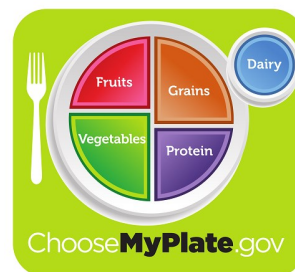
Some studies show that people who eat more garlic are less likely to get certain types of cancer (garlic supplements don't seem to have the same effect.) It may also help to lower blood cholesterol and blood pressure levels.

8 WARNING SIGNS OF PANCREATIC CANCER

Be sure to let your doctor know if you experience any of the symptoms below. Treatment is more likely to be effective the sooner the cancer is caught.

- Abdominal discomfort in the mid to upper abdomen that often radiates to the back
- New onset diabetes or worsening blood sugar levels, especially with weight loss
- Darkening of urine and lightening of stool
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes)
- Itching
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite and unintentional weight loss

Source: www.WebMD.com



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Smith-Jones Family Reunion

Praising God for safe travels to and from Charlotte, NC for our 49th Smith-Jones's Family Reunion. June 16-18-2023. (First Gathering since the Pandemic) We also Celebrated Juneteenth and Father's Day during our reunion.



LYNN and ZEL FLEMING preparing group for photo



Smith Jones Family - 2023



Good Friends and Family Fellowship -

What a wonderful time we had hanging out in the backyard at The Pitts home!!! "BFF

Friends Day Out with our Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.



Our dear friend Harriet Johnson (Far-Right above) was home from North Carolina. She was a Long-time faithful member of GSBC.



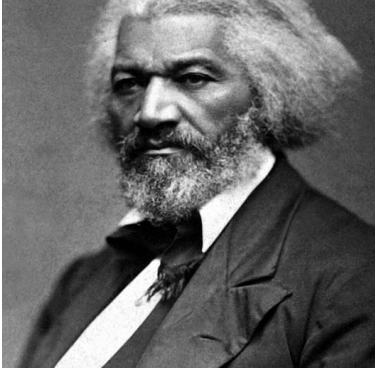
Black History HighLights

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

FOR JULY

This Month in Black History

July 1852



On **July 5, 1852** Frederick Douglass gave a speech that is now known as the “*What To The Slave Is The 4th Of July*” speech. Douglass was asked to give a speech on July 4th during a commemoration of the Declaration of Independence. How-

ever he choose to give one on July 5th instead. When Douglass gave his speech he acknowledged the signers of the Declaration of Independence but he made it clear that there was too much work to be done before the 4th of July would be a day of celebration for Blacks. (See excerpts, etc. below



July 1943

The Tuskegee Airmen had its first aerial victory when Lieutenant Charles B. Hall, of the 99th Pursuit Squadron, shot down a German fighter plane.

July 1948



Althea Gibson became the first Black woman to win the tennis championship at Wimbledon.

July 1905



In **July 1905** a group of Black activists and intellectuals met on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls to

discuss the issue of civil liberties for African Americans. That meeting was the start of *The Niagara Movement*. The group had planned to meet on the New York side of the Falls, but were forced to change location after being denied accommodations. The organization, formed by W.E.B Du Bois (l) and William Monroe Trotter (r), was made up of critics of Booker T. Washington, President of Tuskegee Institute. During this period, Washington was viewed by most as the authority figure on issues that concerned Black Americans. Washington’s view that Black Americans should help themselves, while being patient and accommodating, was denounced by members of the Niagara Movement, who demanded that blacks be granted the same rights and liberties as whites.

July 1975



Arthur Ashe became the first Black man to win the tennis championship at Wimbledon

Frederick Douglass (1818–1895) was a former slave who became a nationally recognized abolitionist orator during the antebellum period. During the Civil War

Black History HighLights

Continued

Frederick Douglass (1818–1895) was a former slave who became a nationally recognized abolitionist orator during the antebellum period. During the Civil War he worked tirelessly for the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and during the decades following the war, he was arguably the most influential African American leader in the nation.

What is now known as the "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" speech was delivered on July 5, 1852 as an address to the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society in Rochester, New York.

Historical context on Frederick Douglass's speech in July 1852, just 76 years after the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain was signed.

At the time of the delivery of this speech, Douglass had been living in Rochester, New York for several years editing a weekly abolitionist newspaper. He was invited to give a fourth of July speech by the Ladies Anti-Slavery Society of Rochester. In the early 1850s, tensions over slavery were high across the county. [The Compromise of 1850](#) had failed to resolve the controversy over the admission of new slaveholding states to the Union. [The Fugitive Slave Act](#) passed by Congress as part of this compromise was bitterly resented by the Northern states. Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel about slavery, [Uncle Tom's Cabin: Or Life among the Lowly](#) had been published a few months before and unexpectedly became a national bestseller. Across the country, people were thinking and arguing about slavery, abolitionism, and the future of the nation.

This is a very small but critical portion of that speech often cited as "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?"

What, to the American slave, is your Fourth of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your cele-

bration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parade, and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy—a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices, more shocking and bloody, than are the people of these United States, at this very hour.

Ed. Note: Please-try to find the time to explore the entire oration this Summer at:

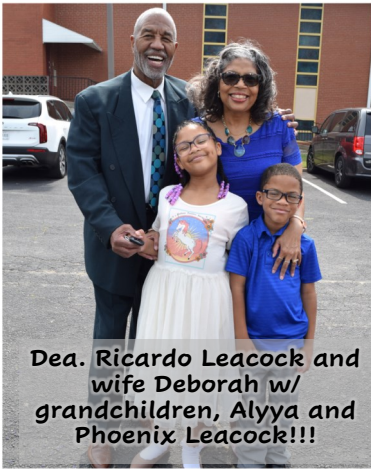
<https://edsitement.neh.gov/student-activities/frederick-douglass-what-slave-fourth-july#:~:text=The%20rich%20inheritance%20of%20justice,may%20rejoice%2C%20I%20must%20mourn.>

Or just go to the edsitement.neh.gov website and search for the speech.

Next Month—*Black Churches and the Civil Rights movement including info on the oldest African-American church in the U. S. (Hint: It was Built in*



2023 Father's Day 2023 at GSBC Snapshots



Dea. Ricardo Leacock and wife Deborah w/ grandchildren, Alyya and Phoenix Leacock!!!



Fathers and Children spend time at the altar together



Bro. Cornelius Howard worshipped with His daughter, Angela, and granddaughters, Kadence(L) and Cassidy

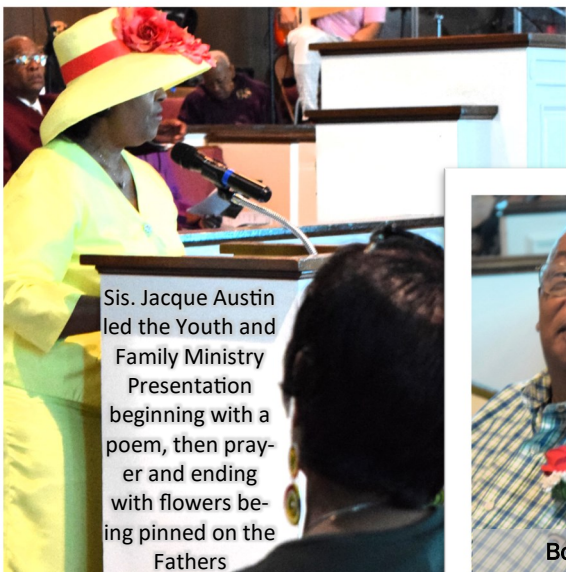


Bro. Michael King, daughter Miranda; Grandsons, Jeremiah and Malcolm; and wife Connie worshipped on Fathers Day



Min. Robert Grievous delivered the message: "What's Going On" from Luke 7:11-15

Fathers Leroy Winston and Charles Forbes enjoyed Father's Day worship & Fellowship



Sis. Jacque Austin led the Youth and Family Ministry Presentation beginning with a poem, then prayer and ending with flowers being pinned on the Fathers



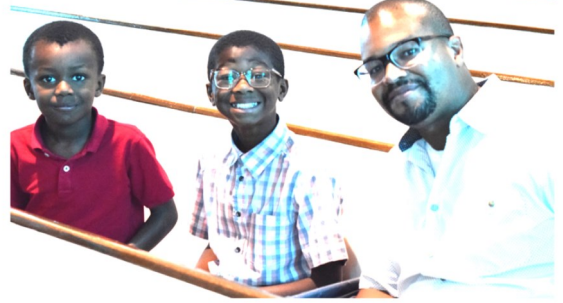
Both Robert Wheelers (Bob Sr. and Bob Jr.) worshipped on Fathers Day

Father's Day 2023 Views from the Pews and Pulpit



Bro. Stefan Dennison and Family—The 2 littles one in the front-Tatum (cousin) & Troi (niece). 2nd row—Mother June, daughter Kiara, Kennedy, (Twins-daughter, Kaylin, and son, Kameron), Stefan, and wife, Lenette

Min. Chris Fleming with sons, Christian and Chris Jr. Fleming



DeMarcus Woods with parents, Latonya and Tyrone Thomas



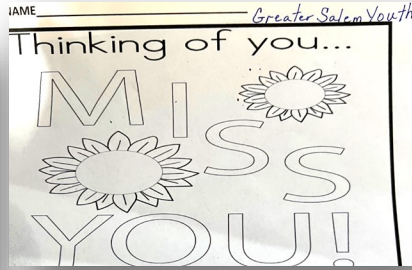
Pinning Flowers on Fathers

Min. Monae Thomas (in yellow) led the Prayer for fathers on Father's Day



FOR FATHERS and OTHER GOOD & FAITHFUL MEN
in our lives, Heavenly Father,
we give you thanks!

YOUTH NEWS - 6-8 Y. O. CLASS



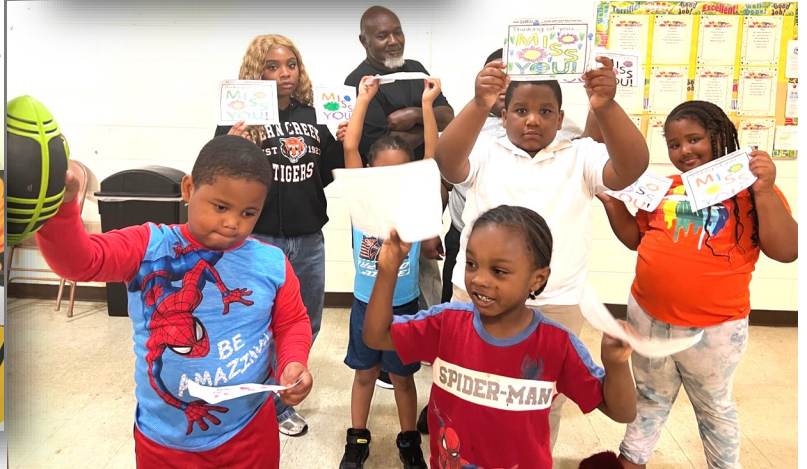
The Youth worked diligently on "Thinking Of You" cards. They were mailed to all the sick and shut in members of Greater Salem.

For The month of May our Theme was: "Giving"

2 Corinthians 9:7. Teaching the youth that giving is not always in the form of money. We can also give by being kind to someone and



showing love to our Family and Friends



2023 GSBC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Scholarship were awarded to two Greater Salem Scholars on Sunday, June 25th. Sis. Dana Burns (C) accepted the scholarship for her daughter, Rodrionna Burns, a Dean's List sophomore Nursing Major at Tennessee State University. Kaylin Dennison, a Senior Nursing major at Winston-Salem State University in NC (Pictured below w/Sis. Brenda Hackett) received a scholarship as a 4 yr. Honors Student.



Sis. Hilda Kendrick-Apiah of the Scholarship Ministry, led the congregation in the cheer for our grads, promotees, students and scholars: "Ichi, Ni, San" "God Bless the students!!!"



PROMOTION/GRADUATION SUNDAY!!!

Striving for Excellence

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

Christian Fleming – promoted to the 3rd grade at Audubon Traditional Elementary School :: **Yahlie Ford** – promoted to the 2nd grade at Schaffner Traditional Elementary School :: **Michael Jones Jr.** - promoted to the 4th grade at Carter Traditional Elementary School :: **Kiyana Kidd** - promoted to the 2nd grade at Kerrick Elementary School :: **Phoenix Ricardo Leacock** - promoted to the 1st grade at Clarke Elementary School at Fort Hood, Texas :: **Alyya Leacock** – promoted to the 3rd grade at Clarke Elementary School at Fort Hood, Texas :: **Malcom King Short** - promoted to the 2nd grade at Middletown Elementary School :: **Jeremiah King Short** – promoted to the 5th grade at Middletown Elementary School :: **Derrick Weaver** - promoted to the 5th grade at Shelby Traditional Academy :: **Derrius Weaver** - promoted to the 4th grade a Shelby Traditional Academy

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

Christopher Fleming Jr. - promoted to the 6th grade at Jefferson County Traditional Middle School :: **Zayden Ford** promoted to the 7th grade at Jefferson County Traditional Middle School ; **Kaamiya Kidd** - promoted to the 6th grade at Farnsley Middle School :: **Kaaliya Kidd** - promoted to the 7th grade at Farnsley Middle School :: **Day'Myiah Lowe** - promoted to the 6th grade at Dr. J. Blaine Hudson Middle School :: **Ja'Cara Moss** - promoted to the 7th grade at Highland Middle School **Jermir Wilson** - promoted to the 6th grade at Saint Andrew Academy

HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

Ra'Nya Handley – promoted to the 9th grade at Louisville Male High School :: **Ke'airia Lee** promoted to the 11th grade at Fern Creek High School :: **Justice Lee** promoted to the 12th grade at Fern Creek High School

COLLEGE GRADUATIONS

Jaylynn Brown - graduated from University of North Carolina Charlotte (UNCC) with a bachelor's degree in history. She plans to get her master's degree in history in the fall. She has also been offered the opportunity to play pro basketball in Portugal. **Jared Hyde** graduated from The University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's degree in Information Communication Technology





IT'S JULY INSPIRATION



FINDING FREEDOM

What does freedom look like to you? In *GraceLaced*, Ruth Chou Simons lists examples such as running unhindered, viewing a mountaintop overlook and enjoying iced tea with lemon. Because our good, creative God made us each different, our descriptions of freedom vary too. I think of deep breaths, an unhurried pace, genuine smiles, lack of regrets and deep belly laughs.

I love to laugh. Recently, during a demanding season of family celebrations, hardships and surprises, I realized I was laughing less. I felt bound to the next task on my long to-do list, but even good efficiency can shackle our spirits.

A good laugh — beyond a quick chuckle — offers many physical and emotional benefits. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter relieves stress and pain, boosts the immune system and stimulates organs and endorphins. So today I'm determined to laugh loudly and joyfully while remembering my freedom in Christ.

Janna Firestone

has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith" (The Small Catechism; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



THE GLADDEST THING OF ALL

Turn around and believe that the good news that we are loved is better than we ever dared hope, and that to believe in that good news, to

live out of it and toward it, to be in love with that good news, is of all glad things in this world the gladdest thing of all. Amen, and come Lord Jesus.

—Frederick Buechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*

GOD'S GOT YOU

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith? Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

BWJITJHQHOB LZD GBOOK

DKFQROMTBHJOBSQEXZT

OKXWJHOBMIZTIJSDQKU

EWXBHEQNITKISIZNYOU

RPJZOWBEQRTOAXCZTXJ

DO NOT _____

_____ , _____

_____ .

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

JULY 2023 WORSHIP - STUDY - PRAY

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
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2 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 Facebook Live	3	4 I N D E P E N D E N C E D a y	5 Noon Day Prayer Service - in the Sanctuary Weekly Youth* and Adult Bible Studies - Adults 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary -Via Facebook Live or via conference call at 978-990-5000 Access Code 7032638 Prayer Service - 7:00 PM In Sanctuary or via 605-472-5736 Access code 2239663	6	7	8 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
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23 Sunday School -10:00 AM Morning Worship -11:15 AM	24	25	26 Prayer Service - 7:00 PM via 605-472-5736 Access code 2239663	27	28	29 Men's Bible Study 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In
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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 Rev. 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



SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.
What does God do for people who fear him?

Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.

FROM as is can	NORTH from far	at the EAST FROM
is South AS	as do EAST	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is East	far down WEST	THE be AS West



... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV



"No, the River Jordan was not named after Michael."

Bible Quiz

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12. How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

Christian Symbols



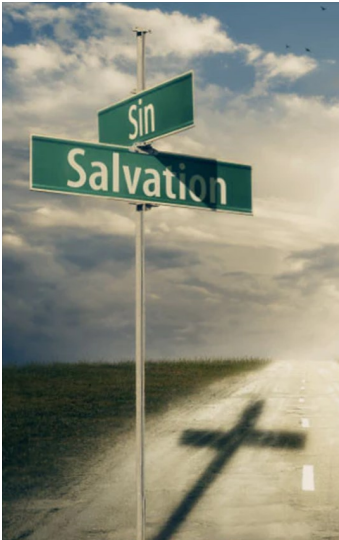
DOLPHIN

Because dolphins often swim alongside ships, they've been used to symbolize Christ's presence, guiding people through earthly life and into eternal life. Although they're mammals, dolphins have been depicted as the fish that swallowed Jonah. Jesus compared his three days inside the tomb to Jonah's three days inside the fish, so dolphins also came to symbolize resurrection.

THIS I KNOW,
that God is for me.

PSALM 56:9

SIN OR SALVATION



THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD TO MAN

“And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (*Genesis 2:15-17*)

MAN’S DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” (*Genesis 3:4-6*)

THE SINFULNESS OF ALL PEOPLE

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (*Romans 5:12*)

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.” (*Romans 3:10*)

“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (*Romans 3:23*)

THE PENALTY OF SIN

“The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (*Romans 6:23*)

GOD’S LOVE FOR SINNERS

“God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (*Romans 5:8*)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (*John 3:16*)

THE CALL TO SINNERS

Jesus said, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (*Matthew 11:28*)

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.” (*John 6:35*)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” (*John 14:6*)

“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (*Romans 10:9,13*)

THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

“Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” (*John 6:37*)

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.” (*John 6:47*)

“God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (*1 John 5:11-13*)

Sin or Salvation: which one defines your life?

If you’ve read this and need to talk to someone about it and your salvation, you can contact the Church Office at 502-587-8869.

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God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7, ESV

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