

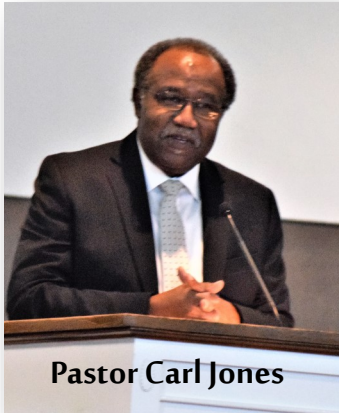
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GREATER SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

GOOD NEWS LETTER

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



Pastor Carl Jones

QUARTERLY

CHURCH BUSINESS

Meeting

JULY 6

7:00 PM

Notes from the "NewsletterNewsletter"

Liberty through surrender

To non-believers, talk of finding freedom through complete dependence on Jesus must sound foolish. How can surrendering your desires, time, heart — indeed, your entire life — lead to anything but bondage?

The answer is evident in Jesus' own life and ministry, writes Michael Card in *Immanuel: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. In a twist on Julius Caesar's motto "Veni, vidi, vici" ("I came, I saw, I conquered"), "Jesus lived by the motto, 'I came, I saw, I surrendered,'" Card notes. "By living out this unorthodox pronouncement, Jesus demonstrated that what the world regards as power is really impotence. True victory is only through surrender."

During the 16th century, St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote this prayer of surrender that's still relevant today: "Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess, Thou hast given me: I surrender it all to Thee to be disposed of according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen."

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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
					1 Sandra Adams Lee	2
3 Pentecost	4 Independence Day Donna Faye Smith	5 Chaqueita LaGantta	6 Dolores B. Johnson	7 Jada Johnson	8	9
10 Mildred Grant	11 Lester Crayton Charles Forbes	12 James Burks	13 Ricardo Leacock, Jr Roland Mitchell Rollin Mitchell	14	15 Mason Marshall	16
17	18 Whitley Roland	19 Veronica Daniel	20 Jamesha Mullins	21	22 Patricia Unseld	23
24 Kameron Dennison Kaylin Dennison	25 Mona Fleming	26 Reanna Lee	27	28 Gary Head	29	30 Helen Johnson Leroy Winston
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Sunday School Lessons
At-a-Glance

Grace and Truth

The Gospel of John pictures the ministry of Jesus as more than his journey to the cross. Jesus came as a light to the world, one that shines brightly for “grace and truth” (John 1:14, lesson 5). John sees this as one key to humanity’s return to the state God intended at the beginning.

Grace and truth are evident in Jesus’ miracles. One example is the healing of the official’s son (lesson 6) when Jesus’ statement of truth (John 4:48) was immediately followed by his gracious act of healing. Jesus came not to judge the world, but he told the truth of judgment to come nevertheless (12:44–50, lesson 7).

Another powerful example of the grace and truth combination is the resurrection of Lazarus (11:17–27, 38–44, lesson 8). The Holy Spirit Jesus promised to send is “the Spirit of truth” (14:17, lesson 9)..

Unit 2:



The Word: The Agent of Creation

- ◆ Lesson 5, July 3 – **The Word Becomes Flesh** – John 1:1–14
- ◆ Lesson 6, July 10 – **The Word Heals** – John 4:46–54
- ◆ Lesson 7, July 17 – **The Word Saves** – John 12:44–50
- ◆ Lesson 8, July 24 – **The Word Resurrects** – John 11:17–27, 38–44
- ◆ Lesson 9, July 31 – **The Word Gives Peace** – John 14:15–29

JULY DATES

- **Canada Day, July 1**
- **U.S. Independence Day, July 4**

Scholarship & Graduation News!!!

The GSBC Scholarship Ministry recognized the Class of 2022 High School graduates and 2022 Scholarship recipients on Sunday, June 26th. Kaylin Dennison, a Junior in the School of Nursing at Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina received a scholarship (Thanks to the generosity of her GSBC Church Family). Rodrionna Burns, a 2022 honor graduate of the Central High School, also received a scholarship from you. She will be a Freshman this fall at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, majoring in Nursing.

Three other 2022 high school graduates were recognized and received an honorarium from GSBC!!! **Rodanay Burns**, graduated early (December 2021) from Central High School. **Tatianna Lee** is a 2022 graduate of Fern Creek High School. She will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall. **Lee Roland** is now a graduate of Eastern High School.

Thank You, Greater Salem for investing in our youth. *In response to being notified of their scholarship awards Kaylin and Rodrionna replied thusly:*

Kaylin Dennison - "Thank You so much for the scholarship! Having my church family on this journey with me is truly a blessing. I'm so thankful for you my Greater Salem family. I also want to thank the whole scholarships committee for considering me a good person for the scholarships.

Love,

Kaylin Dennison.

Rodrionna Burns - "Thank you very much. I am super excited and feel really blessed to receive this scholarship."

Members of your Scholarship Ministry include Jacque Austin, chairperson, Benjamin Abernathy, Hilda Kendrick Apiah, Dr. Theosious Fuqua, and Harold E. Gilmer. Deacon Richard Garrison is the designated deacon for the ministry.



L-R Ben Abernathy, Rodanay Burns, Lenette Dennison (Kaylin's Mother) Rodrionna Burns, Hilda Apiah, Tatianna Lee, Dr. Fuqua

May 2022 Health Notes: Men's Health

From the Nurses Ministry

IMPORTANT HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR MEN

Detecting health problems early makes it easier to treat them and can lead to better outcomes. Consequently, men should get certain health screenings regularly. Check with your doctor or nurse practitioner to get the screenings that are important for your health.

BLOOD PRESSURE – Elevated blood pressure is the biggest risk for heart disease and can cause other serious health problems.

BLOOD CHOLESTEROL – If you're overweight or obese, have a family history of heart attacks or have diabetes or heart disease, you should test at a younger age and test more frequently.

DEPRESSION – A mental health disorder that can be successfully treated. Untreated depression can lead to an unhealthy lifestyle that contributes to health issues such as heart disease.

PROSTATE CANCER – This cancer is treatable, especially if caught early. In the early stages there may be no symptoms. Later symptoms include frequent urination (especially at night), difficulty starting or stopping urination, weak or interrupted urinary stream, painful or burning sensation during urination or ejaculation, blood in urine or semen. Both a digital rectal exam and a blood test for prostate-specific antigen (PSA) can detect prostate cancer.

OBESITY – Achieving and maintaining a healthy weight reduces your risk of many other health issues such as diabetes, certain cancers and heart disease.

COLON CANCER – You should begin colon cancer screening by at least age 50, and earlier if you have a family history of the disease. Signs and symptoms of colon cancer include a persistent change in your bowel habits, including diarrhea or constipation or a change in the consistency of your stool; rectal bleeding or blood in your stool; persistent abdominal discomfort (such as cramps, gas or pain); a feeling that your bowel doesn't empty completely.

DIABETES – Diabetes can affect a variety of systems in the

body. Symptoms of diabetes include frequent urination, persistent thirst, or tingling in your hands and/or feet.

SKIN CANCER – African Americans do get skin cancer. Consult your doctor if you see any changes in your skin including new marks or changes in the size, shape, or color of existing ones.

HIV – If you're 65 or younger, you should be tested for HIV, regardless of what you perceive to be your risk level.

HEPATITIS C – If you were born between 1945 and 1965, you should be tested for the hepatitis C virus. Hepatitis C is the leading cause of liver cancer in the U.S.

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM – A rupture of this large blood vessel can lead to serious or fatal internal bleeding.

REGULAR VISITS TO THE DENTIST – The condition of your teeth and gums can have an important impact on your health. Poor oral health can lead to heart disease and pneumonia. Gum disease can be more frequent and severe among people who have diabetes.

COVID UPDATE

CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommends COVID-19 primary series vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older, and COVID-19 boosters for everyone ages 5 years and older, if eligible.

The COVID-19 Hotline (800) 722-5725 can answer general COVID-19 vaccine questions.

Resources: www.share.baptisthealth.com; www.sharecare.com; mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Prevention, www.CDC.gov/COVID-19 and www.kycovid19.ky.gov



Attention: All Greater Salem Members!!!

The Next Quarterly Business Meeting is on Wednesday- July 6, 2022.

Everybody Needs to Be There to make an Important Decision as well as to receive Updated Information!!!

Pictorial Review of Father's Day 2022



Marchelle W. Green read a poetic tribute to all Fathers including her father, Phillip Weaver, and her husband, Ronald Green.



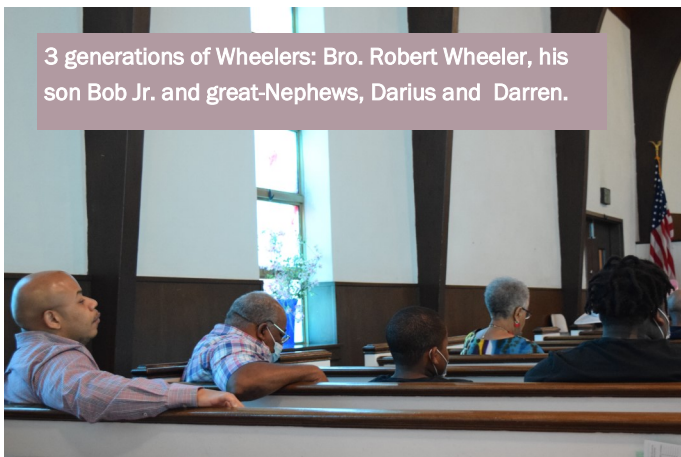
Bro. Cornelius Howard with daughter, Angela Thompson and his granddaughters



Minister Kern Richardson delivered the message, "Pictures of A Church " from Ephesians 2: 19-22



Dea. Willie Glover with daughter, Patricia Unsel



3 generations of Wheelers: Bro. Robert Wheeler, his son Bob Jr. and great-Nephews, Darius and Darren.



Bro. Phillip Weaver is surrounded by family

GSBC Women's Ministry at Watson Memorial



What a wonderful celebration we had with the Watson Memorial Women's Ministry. The event was held on Saturday June 11th.

The Women of Grace Women's Ministry had a great time today fellowshiping with our sisters from Watson, Bates Memorial, Forest Baptist, Greater Salem, St. Stephen and other churches at our Virtuous Woman Paint Party!!! God was glorified and for those who were not in attendance, you were missed.



KIDS & TEENS CAN WIN BIG DURING
SUMMER READING!
JUNE 1 - AUG 6
 LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
SIGN UP TODAY!

LFPL's annual Summer Reading Program for kids and teens is now under way at all 17 library locations. Help the young people in your life WIN BIG this summer -- **sign up for Summer Reading today!**

Every child who completes the program will receive an LFPL adventure pack and every teen will receive a journal. All completers will also collect free passes to these local attractions: Kentucky Science Center, Frazier History Museum, Locust Grove, Squire Boone Caverns, Hwang's Martial Arts, a Racing Louisville FC women's soccer game, a Louisville Bats baseball game, and select UofL sports. As well as these free treats: an Ehrlers Ice Cream, a Fazoli's Lemon Ice, a lemonade from Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, and a cookie or cupcake from Georgia's Sweet Potato Pie Co. Plus, every completer is automatically entered for a chance to win one of our amazing Grand Prize giveaways.

Reunion was Back On for The Smith-Jones Family!!!

HONORING OUR ROOTS!!!

This was the 48th Year Smith and Jones Family Reunion. It was held June 17-19, 2022, in Cincinnati, Ohio

We had a wonderful reunion this year. After 2 years of not having a reunion God Blessed us to meet this year in person. We were able to hug and "Love" on each. We Thank God for Traveling Grace to and from Ohio.
From: Lynn Fleming



Pop-Up Drop-Off Waste Disposal Events

Pop-Up Drop-Offs are free recycling and large item disposal events for residents of Jefferson County.

2022 Pop-Up Drop-Off Schedule for the remainder of 2022. All events 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on a Saturday

July 16	Shawnee Park, Southwestern Pkwy/River Park Dr
August 27	Eastern High, 12400 Old Shelbyville Rd
September 24	Sun Valley Park & Ashby Lane Baptist Church, 10401
October 29	Metro Fleet Services, 3515 Newburg Rd
November 19	Fern Creek Elementary/High, 8815 Ferndale Rd



Accepted Items:

Up to 3 [electronic](#) items (recycled)

- Metal & appliances, no refrigerators or any items containing coolant (recycled)

- Up to 4 passenger tires (recycled)

Household recyclables, follow [curbside rules](#) (recycled)

Yard waste, follow [curbside rules](#), wooden pallets (composted)

- Large household items (landfilled)
- Documents for shredding (recycled)

Prescription medication (disposed properly)

Items must already be separated into categories for easy off-loading so as much can be recycled as possible.

Not Accepted:

- Garbage, loose debris (use curbside garbage collection or take to landfill)

- Concrete, bricks, rocks

Construction materials (take to [Waste Reduction Center](#), fees apply)

Refrigerators or items containing coolant (take to [Waste Reduction Center](#), or metal recycling facility)

Latex paint ([disposal information](#))

Batteries, light bulbs, oil-based paint, varnishes, stains, and other household hazardous waste (take to [Haz Bin](#))

- Tree trunks
- Boats, hot tubs
- Items from businesses

Trailers greater than 10 feet in length (larger loads can be taken to the [Waste Reduction Center](#))

Be blessed,
Veronica Daniel

Surprise Birthday Celebration!!!

For former First Lady Tanisha Hackett



...And yes, she was indeed
Surprised!

A Surprise 50th Birthday Celebration for Tanisha was held on Saturday June 4th in Indianapolis IN. What a glorious blessed celebration it was. A number of Greater Salem Church family members shared in this special occasion.



Tanisha with members of the Mapp and Hackett Family.



Submitted by Lynn Fleming



This day
is holy.

Nehemiah 8:9

The Ten Commandments in verse

Thou shalt have no gods but me.
Before no idol bow thy knee.
Take not the name of God in vain,
Nor dare his Sabbath to profane.
Give both thy parents honor due,
And see that thou no murder do.
Abstain from thoughts and deeds unclean,
Nor steal, though thou be poor or mean,
Nor make a willful lie and love it.
What is thy neighbor's, never covet.

Remember the Sabbath

O day of all the days the best,
When — laid aside each earthly care —
We meet with God's dear saints so blest,
And in their praise and worship share.
Not by a rigid code we're bound
With death to all who disobey;
But through God's love within us found,
We keep this precious worship day.

—Charles W. Naylor

Black History Highlights:

**Details on Dr. Jerome Adams who was introduced to us during
Black History Month by Bro. Wayne Smith**

Dr. Jerome Adams

Doctor **Jerome Adams** was appointed as the 20th Surgeon General of the United States, in 2017 by the President. He was the **FIRST** anesthesiologist, to be named Surgeon General and only the second African American male to hold this position. The Surgeon General serves as the Nation's Doctor. He is responsible for explaining to the American public the best ways to improve our general health and wellness, especially when it comes to protecting our nation.

Prior to becoming Surgeon General, Dr. Adams served as the Indiana state health commissioner. While working for then Governor Mike Pence, Adams gained notoriety for tackling Indiana's HIV outbreak due to needle infections.

Jerome Adams was born on September 22, 1974 in the southern Maryland town of Mechanicsville. He is the son of Richard and Edrena Adams and grew up on his family's farm. He attended [Chopticon High School](#), where he graduated in 1992, in the top 5% of his class.

He continued his education at the [University of Maryland Baltimore County](#) on a full-tuition scholarship dedicated to minority students interested in the sciences. Adams earned his [Bachelor of Science](#) in [biochemistry](#) and his [Bachelor of Arts](#) in [biopsychology](#). He earned a master's degree in public health from the University of California Berkeley and attended medical school as an Eli Lilly and Company Scholar. Dr. Adams earned his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine. In addition to these accomplishments, he also studied abroad in the Netherlands and Zimbabwe.

Many of you may remember seeing Dr. Adams on television daily giving updates on the coronavirus before he came under fire for using what has been described as offensive and pandering language while offering coronavirus advice to African Americans.

During a news briefing, the Surgeon General pointed out that the black community was suffering a disproportionately high number of virus-related deaths.

He appealed to black Americans to stop drinking, smoking or doing drugs, "if not for themselves, for their "big momma" and "pop-pop".

Adams was criticized for his word choice describing grandparents. He adamantly defended his choice of words and explained many African-Americans call their grandparents by these endearing names.

Many of us in this congregation had a Big Mama, Big Daddy, Granddaddy, Pop -Pop or Papa.

Unfortunately, despite Dr. Adams best efforts to explain his choice of words, he was not able to overcome this controversy. He was asked to step down from his position by the Biden Administration.

Dr. Adams joined Purdue University as a Presidential Fellow and the university's first executive director of health equity initiatives, professor of practice in the departments of Pharmacy Practice and Public Health.

Adams is a faculty member of the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering at Purdue. He continues to be very active and accepts various public speaking engagements.

Dr. Adams and his wife, Lacy, have three children, Caden, Eli, and Millie.

A name to remember in Black History: Dr. Jerome Adams



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY FOR JULY

BIBLE STUDY TOPIC:**When you feel the squeeze****~How to respond in times of trouble~****Scriptures:** John 16:33,

Romans 5:1-5, Romans 15:13

Memory Verse: Psalms 119:11***"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."***

Family Discussion: In this lesson children will learn how they should respond in times of trouble. They will identify the characteristics we display when we face trouble. What comes out of us when the "squeeze" is on – clean, pure thoughts and actions that please God or something not so clean and pure?

THE "SQUEEZE" – TRIBULATIONS and TROUBLE

Begin this Bible Study by asking what sponges are used for or what they do. Answers may include many things, but make sure it is mentioned that they soak up liquid and then release the liquid when squeezed.

Ask – do we ever get "squeezed" in life? If so, how? Allow time for answers and thoughts; these will vary, of course, for different age groups, but may include - when others (friends, parents, children, teachers, coaches) pressure us to do something, when we let anger or frustration build up until we can't hide it any longer, when we have too many obligations or responsibilities, when bad or terrible things happen in our life.

Jesus tells us that in this life we will have tribulation or trouble, but we should never give up hope:

John 16:33 *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

So, we know we will have trouble in our life, Jesus said we will. However, when we face trouble in our life, it is important to think carefully how we will respond.

What are some things that happen in life that can cause us trouble? (listen to the responses from your children. Their responses may include: trouble with kids at school, bullying, trouble with parents, trouble with teachers at school, trouble with coaches and sports teammates). Make the connection that having trouble is feeling like we are getting squeezed.

There is a saying, "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Ask, what do you think that means?



After listening to their interpretations of this saying, explain, when we find ourselves in situations that are troubling, stressful and uncomfortable, the way we respond or handle ourselves is important, especially if we have given our lives to God and promised to live for Him.

The saying means to take the lemons, which are bitter and sour and turn them into something that is good and sweet, like delicious lemonade! In other words, take a bad situation and turn it into something positive. However, in order for us to do this, we must be filled with the grace and goodness of God.

THE SQUEEZE

When we squeeze lemons, what comes out? We get lemon juice that can be used to make lemonade. What happens when we are in trouble or we feel like we are being squeezed?

If we have bad attitudes and negative thoughts, "the squeeze" will bring out angry and hateful words and actions that do not bring God glory or honor. However, on the other hand, if we spend time being filled with God's goodness and grace, when we feel "the squeeze," it will bring out good things like happiness, kind words, love, joy, peace, patience, and other fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

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SPONGE ACTIVITY



Materials Needed:

2 small containers

2 small sponges

Food coloring (any color)

Take two containers and fill them with water. Fill one container with clean water. Fill the other container with colored water. Take a sponge and soak it in the clean water. Squeeze the clean water from the sponge into the colored water and notice what happens; The clean water affects or dilutes the colored water.

Now soak a sponge in the colored water. Squeeze the colored water into the clean water and notice what happens; the colored water changes or affects the clean water.

This activity demonstrates what happens to us and how we react when we are being “squeezed,” when we face tribulations or trouble. The character we display, or what comes out of us (whether good or bad), will show if we are filled with God’s goodness, grace and love.

Ask children to turn to Romans 15:13 in their Bibles. Read the scripture together.

“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Be filled with His Holy Spirit – Ephesians 5:18

This scripture tells us that God will fill us with what good things? (God will fill us with joy, peace, hope and the Holy Spirit).

When we are filled with God’s goodness and grace, we don’t have to panic or get stressed out when the “squeeze” or tribulation comes. We can actually rejoice. It will make us stronger in Christ!

Turn in your Bibles to Romans 5:1-5. Read these verses and Look at New Living Translation:

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials (tribulations), for we know that they are good for us -- they help us learn to endure. Endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens us and helps us become more confident about God’s love for us.

Jesus
loves me
this I know

We don’t ever have to feel disappointed when it comes to God’s love. Jesus loves us dearly, He loves us unconditionally. No matter what we do, God will still love us! He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love.

Remember the words to the song many of you learned as a small child,

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so! 🎵

Take time to pray the prayer Paul prayed over the Philippians in Philippians 1:9-11:

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.”

PARENT CONNECTION: Have children write the memory verse on strips of construction paper. Make a loop with the paper and add it to the paper chain of Memory Verses. Encourage children to say this verse every day until it is memorized.

Closing Prayer: God, thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit and filling us with your goodness and grace.



Submitted by Sister Jacque Austin

Youth and Family Ministry

Reference: Children’s Bible Study, Susan Smart


More July Notes From the *NewsletterNewsletter*.

Oxygen for ministry

Flight attendants instruct airplane passengers that if oxygen masks are needed, we should secure our own before assisting someone else. Why? If we aren't getting enough oxygen ourselves, we can't help another person for long.

The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for ministry — the work of loving and caring for our neighbors and God's creation. But if we aren't Spirit-fueled on an ongoing basis, we will soon lack capacity to serve. This may manifest as burnout, cynicism, exhaustion or even lack of faith. So how to ensure we're breathing in the Spirit's energy and guidance instead of poor-quality "air"?

By taking part in corporate worship regularly, immersing ourselves in the Scriptures (devotional reading and Bible study), praying "continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV) and spending time with Christian friends and mentors. Opening ourselves to the Spirit in these ways allows the Breath of God to flow into us, which in turn empowers us to reach out to others in love.



A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

MATTHEW 13:3-8

The soul as soil (see Matthew 13:3-8)

Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."

All we need to know

When a loved one dies, we have questions: What caused the death? When will the funeral be? What form will our grief take? Some deaths also bring spiritual questions: Where was God? Is our loved one with God now?

Paul shared deep thoughts about death with the believers at Corinth. His complex ideas might raise further questions, but here's the key: We don't need to understand everything right away — not all of Paul's theology, or everything about God or all the practical matters around a loved one's death. Here, from 1 Corinthians 15 (NRSV), is what we do know: "Christ has been raised from the dead" (v. 20) — death doesn't have the final say. "All will be made alive in Christ" (v. 22) — a loving promise God offers to all. "The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (v. 26) — in the end, Jesus will destroy all sickness, pain, sorrow, war, poverty, oppression and even death itself. We are in God's loving hands. That's all we need to know.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

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

⇒ Sunday Worship services are held in the sanctuary and streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.

⇒ The weekly Bible study will be held live in the Sanctuary and continue on Facebook Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. The number and access code are: (978) 990-5000 - 703263#.



⇒ You can join in the weekly Sunday School Class in-person in the Sanctuary or via conference call at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Just call (978)990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code: 721799#.

⇒ On Wednesday nights after bible study, we now have an in-person Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Although it is not shown on FB LIVE, those who are watching bible study on FB LIVE and anyone else can call in to join us for prayer service during that time. The Dial-in number is 605-472-5736. Access code: 2239663. .

⇒ Wednesday's Noon Day Prayer Service meets in person each week in the Church Sanctuary .

⇒ The Women's Ministry's Bible Study classes will resume once the schedule is determined. All women, ages 18 and over are welcome.

⇒ Men's Bible Study is being held In-Person in the sanctuary and by Conference call on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month at 10:15 AM. The dial-in number is (605-468-8738. The access code is 5398693.

⇒ 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. Online Giving can be accessed on the church Website through VANCO. Vanco Online Giving is on the GSBC website, greatersalembaptist.org under the HOME/Give heading. Click on the link and follow the simple step-by-step Process.

⇒ 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 Good-NewsLetter on the first Sunday after worship service or via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.



PUZZLE

Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How _____ to me are your _____, God!
13+10 12+6



How _____ is the _____ of them!
8+11 10+3



Were I to _____ them,
15+6

they would _____ the grains of _____ —
3+12 4+18

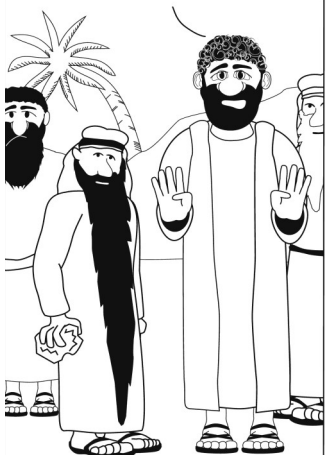
when I _____, I am still with you.
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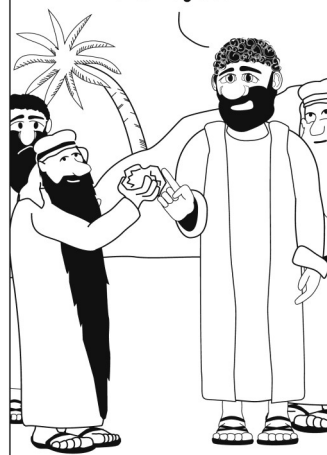
PSALM 139:17-18, NIV



Let him who is without sin be the first to cast a stone.



Not what I meant, thank you.



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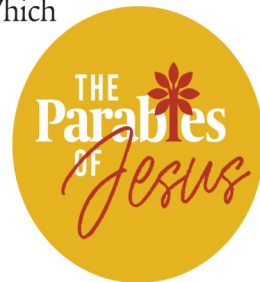
They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"

John 8:7

Bible Quiz

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- B. The Parable of the Lost Son
- C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- D. The Parable of the Lost Coin



Answer: (See Luke 15:1-32.)

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.

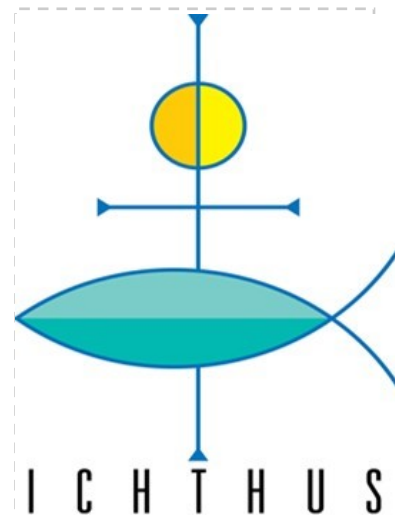


What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.



Christian Symbol

FISH

The first letters in the Greek phrase "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be "caught" for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.

<https://peacewithgod.net/god-please-help-me/>

WILL GOD HELP ME???

SOME STEPS TO RECEIVE HIS HELP

“GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, ALWAYS READY TO HELP IN TIMES OF TROUBLE” (PSALM 46:1).

Commit your life to Jesus and then strive to commit your problems to Him every day.

Step 1 – God’s Purpose: Peace and Life

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and eternal life.

The Bible says:

“We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Romans 5:1

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16

“I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
John 10:10

What keeps us from having the life God planned for us?

Step 2 – The Problem: Our Separation from God

God created us in His image. He gave us a will and the freedom of choice; we choose to disobey Him and go our own way—which is called sin. This separates us from God.

The Bible says:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 6:23

Our choice to sin separates us from God. People have tried many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God.

The Bible says:

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”
Proverbs 14:12

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”
Isaiah 59:2

No bridge reaches God... except one.

Step 3 – God’s Bridge: The Cross

Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. When He did He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between us and God.

The Bible says:

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 2:5

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”

1 Peter 3:18

God has provided the only way back to Him. You must make a choice.

Step 4 – Our Response: Receive Christ

We must trust and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Bible says:

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

Which side are you on? The side with Christ or without Him?

Here is how you can accept Christ into your life:

- Admit your need. (*I am a sinner*)
- Be willing to turn from your sins. (*Repent*)
- Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. (*Be saved by faith*)

Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to control your life through the Holy Spirit. (*Receive him as Lord and Savior*)

Pray this Prayer

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

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

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Harold E. Gilmer



Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

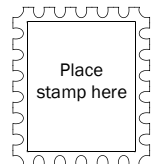
But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!
—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*



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