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



Vote!!!



GRATEFUL MY FATHER

By: Denise L. B. Zellars

Jefferson County Election Day (Nov 3) polling

locations { Those in red are also Early Voting sites and Drop Box sites also through November 2nd }

- 1) Kentucky Exposition Center: 937 Phillips Lane, Fairgrounds North Wing
2) KFC Yum Center: Main and Second streets, foyer
3) Kentucky Center for African American Heritage: 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.
4) Louisville Marriott East: 1903 Embassy Square Blvd., Commonwealth Ballroom
5) Ballard High School: 6000 Brownsboro Road 40222
6) Carter Duvalle Elementary School : 3600 Bohne Ave. 40211
7) Crosby Middle School: 303 Gatehouse Lane 40243
8) Fairdale High School: 1001 Fairdale Road 40118
9) Fern Creek High School: 9115 Fern Creek Road 40291
10) Iroquois High School: 4615 Taylor Blvd. 40215
11) Jeffersontown High School: 9600 Old Six Mile Lane 40299
12) Meyzeek Middle School: 828 S. Jackson St. 40203
13) Seneca High School: 3510 Goldsmith Lane 40220
14) Shawnee High School: 4001 Herman St. 40212
15) Southern High School : 8620 Preston Highway 40219
16) St. Matthews Community Center: 310 Ten Pin Lane 40207
17) Thomas Jefferson Middle School: 1501 Rangeland Road 40209
18) Valley High School: 10200 Dixie Highway 40272
19) Waggenner High School: 330 S. Hubbards Lane 40207
20) Western High School: 2501 Rockford Lane 40219

Heavenly Father, I am Grateful to You for all Blessings to-day and all that You do in such an Awesome way I Bless Your name Chirst Jesus and forever will I Bless You Your Praises will forever be in my mouth as that is the least I can do.

I am forever grateful that You chose me; everyday I am in awe of You now and for all of eternity

Grateful for our relationship and all that You reveal to me and grateful for Your assurance that no good thing will You withhold from me --I am grateful and honored that I can praise Thee.

Grateful for Your Word from Genesis thru Revelation. You are the perfect example to emulate in every given situation Grateful for the overwhelming Love I have with You each and everyday

Grateful for Your Word and assurance that You will always stay

Grateful to You from Genesis thru Revelation and everything in between; and I am so excited about Your Love and for things yet to be seen

Grateful to You God The Father The Son and The Holy Spirit --The Awesome Trinity

Your Love is unfathomable, Oh' how I praise Thee

Grateful this Thanksgiving and everyday for my family, friends and strangers too - Grateful, my Heavenly Father to You for eternity and beyond as I Love and Praise You

HAPpy ThaNksGiving

Blessings,

-Denise



HAVE A BLESSED DAY OF THANKSGIVING

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NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ended</i>	2 Jalen Wilson	3 <i>Election Day</i>	4 Michael Abernathy, Sr.	5 Charles Forbes	6 Yvonne Leslie	7
8	9 Martha Carr Willie Luvine Henrietta Newby	10 James Mapp	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> Ra'Nya Handley Monica Thurston Destiny Williams	12	13	14 Tiffany Smith
15 Alma Cox Jayden Mitchell Teewon Payne	16	17 Mary Ann Shepard Louise White	18	19	20 Ezekiel Roland	21 Jaden Dennis
22	23 Pearline Ferguson	24	25 Theosious Fuqua Ann Harris	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27 Alexis Sanders	28 Mary Stoddard
29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	30 Liber Burton					



November Anniversary

Best Wishes to Bro. Walter Ellis Sr. and Sis. Doris Ellis.

They will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on November 25th 2020.

They were married on November 25, 1950. That makes this their Platinum Anniversary.

Special November Dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2020
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 1, 2020
- Election Day, November 3, 2020
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020
- First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020



Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Love as Selflessness

Robert Ringer, a businessman and motivational speaker in the 1970s, directed those looking to succeed in life to the path of Winning Through Intimidation and Looking Out for #1. His books claimed that the only way to thrive in a hostile world was to practice a selfish love that kept one from being manipulated by others. Our third unit demonstrates how the first-century church was characterized by those who put others before themselves. Jesus set the example as he shared a Passover meal with his disciples. Instead of being a domineering boss, Jesus took the role of a servant. He encouraged his disciples to abide in his love, following that example in daily life. The apostle John counseled believers to practice Jesus' love confidently. The earliest Christians selflessly gave to fellow believers—to the point where no one lacked what was needed. Finally, James warned fellow believers to show love without partiality.

The world may say that cars love gasoline, that opponents of any kind do not deserve love, or that true love is looking out only for ourselves. But we know that love has a very real meaning. We love because we are recipients of divine love!

Unit 3: Godly Love Among Believers

Lesson 9 - November 1 - Serving Love - John 13:1-15, 34-35

Lesson 10 - November 8 - Abiding Love - John 15:4-17

Lesson 11 - November 15 - Confident Love - 1 John 3:11-24

Lesson 12 - November 22 - Responsive Love - Acts 4:32-5:11

Lesson 13 - November 29 - Impartial Love - James 2:1-13



*Happy
Anniversary
to Lynn and
Zel Fleming*

*The Flemings
will celebrate
their 28th Anniversary on November
17th 2020.*



*Happy
Anniversary
to Deborah
and Ricardo
Sr. Leacock*

*The Leacocks
will celebrate their 35th Anniversary
on November 16th 2020.*



*"Love of my Life"
CONGRATULATIONS on your
31st Anniversary - October
21st, 2020. Twanna and
Morris "Skeeter" Scruggs
Celebrated the weekend at
their favorite restaurant,
Pappadeaux Seafood, in
Cincinnati, OH.*

From the GSBC Nurses Ministry

HEALTH NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Healthy Aging

Our bodies are amazing works of God but we all know that changes will happen starting about age 30. Many see aging as a negative, but you can make the most of it. So what can be done to deal with the changes that happen with age?

Little aches and pains. Whether it's an old injury, arthritis or causes of aches and pains, there are going to be some as you age. Regular movement/activity can ease pain and make your joints more flexible. Take a walk (inside the house is o.k., too). Get up out of your comfy chair and move every hour.

Wrinkles and dry skin show up because the skin gets thinner, drier, and less elastic. Smoking and too much sun can make them worse. Use warm water instead of hot for bathing and use a moisturizer. Drinking water and having a well-balanced diet also help.

Loss of muscle occurs as we age. Many people lose strength and endurance but it's not just because of aging. "Use it or Lose It" applies here. Strengthening exercises such as lifting weights (or use canned foods if you don't have weights), walking, gardening, etc. can help. Aim for at least 30 minutes a day or two sessions of 15 minutes each.

Memory. Can't find your car keys? Forget your grocery list? Everyone forgets things occasionally. There are no guarantees when it comes to preventing memory loss or dementia, but certain activities might help.

- ◆ Include physical activity in your daily routine to help increase the blood flow to your brain. Sleep well - most adults need seven to nine hours of sleep a day.
- ◆ Stay mentally active to keep your brain in shape. Crossword puzzles, studying your Bible or playing board games are mentally stimulating.
- ◆ Eating a healthy diet is as good for your brain as it is for your heart. Eat more fruits and vegetables and less processed foods such as chips, cookies, etc.
- ◆ Seek help from your doctor if you're worried that memory loss is affecting your ability to complete your daily activities.

Coronavirus Update

By now we are accustomed to many of the changes that help to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). However, as numbers of people infected keep rising, it's important that each of us do our part. A few reminders:

- ◆ Wear your mask/face covering whenever you are around people not living in your home. Lately COVID-19 has been spreading among relatives who get together for special events. It will be very hard this time of year, but gatherings should be limited as much as possible.
- ◆ Practice social distancing (at least 6 feet apart) whether you're wearing a face covering or not.
- ◆ You will be contacted by the health department if you have been exposed to or have COVID-19. Contact tracers help you monitor your symptoms and quarantine or isolate. You will not be asked to give your social security number or other personal information.
- ◆ Wash your hands and frequently touched surfaces often. Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20+ seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- ◆ Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, unusual fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. If you suspect you may have coronavirus, call your health care provider first.

Be sure to continue to get your regular check-ups and screenings (diabetes, breast and prostate cancer, etc.). Neglecting your health could make you more susceptible to the virus.

For more information go to KYCOVID19.KY.Gov or call the COVID hotline at 1-800-722-5725.

Back to School with NTI

These Kids and Grandkids of GSBC Members are starting the school year off Right. But **OOPS** we got the following wrong in last month's GoodNewsLetter —This picture of Alyya Leacock was misidentified as Yahlie Ford.



The correct picture of Yahlie Ford studying at home is below.



Yahlie Ford Home School

Thank You Bro. Leroy Winston for "Making Disciples Who Make Disciples" !!!



mPower Approach
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October 16, 2020

Dear Leroy,

In uncertain times like these, its always a good thing to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness. As we remember the many times He has supplied everything we needed in any given situation, our spirits...

With the...
a time as...
the days...
thank you

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"Remember that week you spent training national believers on the other side of the globe? You remember, don't you? It was hot, you didn't sleep well, you couldn't understand them, they couldn't understand you, the food was questionable, the church service was 4 hours long, yeah, that trip. The impact of your investment goes far beyond the student you trained. Those believers went back into their communities and began practicing these newly acquired skills for the sole purpose of sharing the gospel. Long after you returned home, the work continued, and still continues today.

Thank you for that. Thank you for making disciples who make disciples."

(Excerpt from note from mPower)

Thank you for that. Thank you for making disciples who make disciples. This would be a great time to begin praying about joining us on a training trip in 2021. As always, our monthly newsletter will have trip updates.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in these precarious times. Know that you are appreciated and prayed for by the mPower team.

All for His glory.

Linda + Lori

Our own Bro. Leroy Winston, pictured above and Below with Discipleship training students on a recent trip to west Africa, received a letter from trip sponsor, mPower, with reminiscences and encouragement on their shared quest of making disciples for Christ.





Deaconess Audrey Jones has been a member of The Missionary Baptist Deacons' Wives and Widows Council of Louisville, Kentucky and Vicinity for almost four decades. She joined the Council 39 years ago in 1981 under the leadership and presidency of Mrs. Maurine Snow. Sister Jones describes the Missionary Baptist Deacons' Wives and Widows Council as one of the best organizations she has ever known. She has nothing but praise for the Council and is convinced becoming a member almost 40 years ago, was one of the best decisions she could have made. Sister Jones shared how women in the Council, specifically Sister Snow, Sister Dorothy King, Sister Chin, and Sister Harris were always so helpful to her. In fact, she said one of the things that made the Council so special was the willingness of everyone to help each other.

During the time Sister Jones became a member of the Council, she was working full time in the dry cleaning industry. She worked very long hours at Spalding Cleaners, but she always made time to be actively involved with the Council. In August of 1982, Sister Jones was presented with a Certificate of Recognition and on August 29, 2003, she was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication to the Council. Sister Jones served on the Telephone Tree Committee and the Membership Recruitment Committee. While working to recruit new members, Sister Jones recruited the current

Deaconess Audrey Jones honored as October Member of the Month by the MBDWWC

Council President, Sister Jacqueline Austin and the Vice President, Sister Sarah Toney as members. She also recruited Past Assistant Recording Secretary, Sister Dolores Johnson.

Sister Jones is originally from Hazard, Kentucky. She was born 88 years ago in the winter of 1931 on December 1st. Her birth, like so many other Council Members, occurred during the Great Depression, when families were struggling to make ends meet. Living in the Appalachian Mountains and in the city of Hazard, where the racial makeup of the city was 90% White and only 6% Black, created an additional layer of hardship. Sister Jones' father worked in the coal mines. During those days, coal miners were paid by the amount of coal they were able to collect. They were paid an unbelievable 16 Cents a ton!!

Although life had to be extremely hard in every sense of the word, the hard times were not what Sister Jones talked about or focused on. She focused more on the quality of life they had as a family. Sister Jones is from a family of thirteen children. Her parents had eight boys and five girls. They were raised with strong family values. The family was always seated at the table together for both breakfast and dinner. Sister Jones and all of her sisters and brothers were expected to recite a Bible Verse from memory. All of the children had chores and jobs they were responsible for completing. She remembers vividly going to the homes of older people in the community to help them. Sadly, Sister Jones' mother passed away when she was only twelve years old and her baby brother was only two. Understandably, she had a

very difficult time dealing with her mother's death. She remembers asking her father, who was an Apostolic Pastor, about her mother's death and expressed she couldn't see how God could take her life and leave 13 children motherless if He was so good and kind. When Sister Jones questioned her dad about God, He quickly put her in her place and after a special "laying of hands on her," in a way she still remembers to this day, he told her to never ever question God! He explained that God is too compassionate to be unkind and too wise to make a mistake! Sis. Jones' father gave her the Bible Verse John 3:16 and required her to remember it and recite it everyday during mealtime. He told her he expected her to remember that verse as long as she lived. If you have ever had the opportunity to hear sister Jones speak publicly, on any occasion, you have heard her recite this verse. She said it became her favorite Bible Verse. Today, Sister Jones is the only surviving sibling of the 13 children in her family.

Young Audrey moved to Louisville when she was sixteen. She came to live with her brother to help him and his wife take care of their children while they worked. After getting settled in Louisville, young Audrey got a job as a waitress at the Owl Creek Country Club in Anchorage. This club was for the very rich and sophisticated. This is where Audrey, the teenager, met her future husband, Alex Jones. She was introduced to him by one of her friends who was also an employee of the Club. Alex Jones asked Audrey if he could take her to a movie, she said yes, and as they say, the rest is history. He asked for her hand in marriage when

they had been dating for less than a year.

Sister Jones reminisced, "I loved him from the moment I saw him, and I still love him today! They were married on September 2, 1950. They have been blessed to celebrate 70 years of marriage! When asked what attracted her to him, she replied his good looks; he was a good looking Black man! Sister Jones also admired his honesty. When asked what is the key to a long happy marriage, sister Jones said you have to pray to God and ask God to help you, and you have to have forgiveness in your heart. She said God has never failed them. Through all of their sicknesses and ups and downs, God has blessed them beyond measure. They have always made it a point to keep others out of their private life. If they have a problem, they take it to God. She proudly stated that she never allows anyone to interfere with her marriage. She said with conviction, "We live Good!" Sister Jones shared that she adopted The Five Day Rule to deal with any disagreements or issues they encounter. When they disagreed about something, she would wait five days to give herself time to consider all sides of the issue or problem. On the 5th day, she would ask Deacon Jones if his position on the issue had changed. If he said no, they would not discuss it any further or ever again.

Sister Jones and her husband Deacon Jones are members of Greater Salem Baptist Church. She joined in 1954 under Rev. William H. Ryan. Sister Jones was a member of West Chestnut, but when Deacon Jones wanted to join Greater Salem, she moved her membership to be with him. She has been actively involved in all areas of the church. She served on the Nurses Guild and the Benevolent Society for more than 20 years. She has always had a special place in her heart for chil-

dren and youth. Although she didn't have any biological children, she has been mother and grandmother figure to hundreds of children at Greater Salem over the years. She is also Step Mother to one son, Thomas, and two grandsons. Deacon and Sister Jones donated all of the monetary gifts (over \$3,000) they received for their 50th Wedding Anniversary to the Youth of Greater Salem.

Her favorite song is also her testimony: "We've Come this Far By Faith!" When asked what words of advice she has for the Council, she said her advice is to continue serving God and never stop! He is all we have to depend on, He has never lied, and He is true to His Word. We need to read His Word and put it in our hearts.

We concluded the interview with Sister Jones identifying differences between life when she was growing up and life today. She said the biggest difference is when she was growing up there was total respect for all people. She said there were many white people who helped her family in Hazard and she remembers their kindness to this day. If anyone disrespected you or was nasty to you, you addressed them directly. You would fight them, if necessary, but you would fight in the appropriate way.

We thank you, Sister Jones, for your membership, your dedication and your service to the Council. Your humility, positive outlook on life and sweet spirit make you a strong example for young women both in and out of the church. We pray that God will continue to bless you in a mighty way.

We honor you, Sister Jones as our Member of the Month! October 2020

Date of Interview: October 1, 2020

Interviewed by: Sister Jacqueline Austin

Presented to Council by: Sister Ada Middleton

Youth Newssss !!!

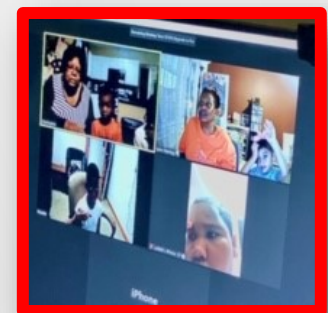
Our Youth are Zooming!!!

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
YES, IT IS BACK.....
(VIA ZOOM)**



**PLEASE JOIN US
1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS
7:00-7:30 pm
MS. MONA AND MRS. LYNN
CLASS
Theme: The Creation and Adam
and Eve, Noah's Ark
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU!!!**

To sign On Go to:
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[pwd=QW9JTGprdzY1OG12aXd0V202UW50dz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5993844666?pwd=QW9JTGprdzY1OG12aXd0V202UW50dz09)
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Password: 8420
Call Lynn or Mona Fleming for details or help



For Teens Bible study Renita Ennels invites you to Zoom Meetings at
TOPIC: Renita Ennels' Zoom Meeting
Time: 07:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting at
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4569077761?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4569077761?pwd=WjgveENIMmhNU25nempWRHQzWEZlUT09)
[pwd=WjgveENIMmhNU25nempWRHQzWEZlUT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4569077761?pwd=WjgveENIMmhNU25nempWRHQzWEZlUT09)

Meeting ID: 456 907 7761
Passcode: JY8LRQ

Check with Renita Ennels for details or if you have questions

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 now streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.
- ⇒ The weekly Bible study led by Pastor Hackett continues on Facebook Live each Wednesday at 5:30 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. *(See Youth Bible Study ZOOM sign-in information on Page 7)*
- ⇒ Bro. LeRoy Winston & Sis. Rosa Battle will be leading the weekly Wednesday Prayer Service at 12 noon via conference call. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#
- ⇒ You can join in with Min. Kern Richardson, Sister Sara Toney and all classes for the weekly Sunday School lesson via conference call at 9:30 AM on Sundays. Just call 978-990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code 721799#
- ⇒ Sis. Tanisha Hackett is facilitating the Women's Ministry's Bible Study . They are holding classes via Conference Call. They are meeting on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 10:15 AM. For Audio only please call 978-990-5000, access code 703263# to be a part of the class. If you'd prefer audio and video go online at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett> . All women, ages 18 and over, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Tanisha Hackett at tanishahackett@gmail.com
- ⇒ Pastor Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study by Conference call on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. The dial-in number is (978) 990-5432—The access code is 3331448#
- ⇒ Rev. Hall and Sister Mary Stoddard will be leading the weekly Friday Bible Study via conference call at 11:30 am. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (978) 990-5000 and when prompted enter Access Code: 703263#
- ⇒ Tithes and offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings.
- ⇒ If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)
- ⇒ You can get a paper copy of the GoodNewsLetter via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.
- ⇒ Check with Youth Leaders Mona Fleming and Lynn Fleming, and Renita Ennels for details on Wednesday Zoom Meetings for youth

TEMPERATURE CHECKS ARE A MUST!!!



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

REVELATIONS

By: *Denise L.B. Zellars*



First off, this title is not to be confused with the book of Revelation in the Bible, *notice the "s."*

I have for quite some time now come to the realization that scripture can provide many different meanings/lessons in life and as long as one is interpreting it through God's point of view - then all is correct. It is vitally important to interpret it correctly as one should not add to, nor negate from God's Holy Word (see *Rev. 22:18-21*).

One individual may read a story in the Bible and see a story of faith, hope and love, while another may read the same story and see faith, hope, love, perseverance, encouragement etc. While both are correct in what they see and receive, we should know that the Holy Spirit provides more wisdom at different times in our lives. There are some messages He may deliver to one believer while another believer may not receive the message for days or even years later. The important point is that as believers, we all receive, and He will not withhold anything good from His children when we earnestly seek Him (see *Psalms 84:11-12*).

The clearest scripture in the bible is perhaps the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This gospel can be received at a very early age in our lives. It is crystal clear - there is but one answer. He Is life! We either choose to receive Him, or we do not, and our decision is a matter of life and death. There was only One perfect Man Who God sent into this sinful world to be the propitiation for our sin (see *John 3:16*).

His death, burial and resurrection become our salvation once we believe in and receive Him. This is the Good News of Christ Jesus! There is only one way to eternal life

and that is Christ Jesus (see *John 14:6-7*). Without Him, there is no scripture; He is our foundation - He Is the Word.

A Few Questions:

Are you truly committed to God? I would think that all believers would say yes. Here is a revelation: did you know that as believers/Christians-- we should be committed to other believers too?

Why do you go to church? I know already your answer is a resounding "I go to worship and serve God." It sounds good and it sounds like the right thing to say, *right??*

Well, God is certainly the most important reason. Believers should know that when we accept Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord, we are committing to following His ways, His commands. We can worship and serve God wherever we are, at home, school, work and yes at church. We are obligated to not only worship and serve God, but we are to serve our brothers and sisters too. We can serve our brothers and sisters by going to Church. One thing I miss since this COVID pandemic is the fellowship of greeting my brothers and sisters at church. Did you know it means something when your brothers and sisters can see your face? Even though we are wearing masks-- it still shows that we are one, that we are committed, that I love and support you and you love and support me, we are encouraging one another, we are worshiping and praising our Lord together. **Why else would God tell us to not forsake the assembly of and gathering with the saints?** It is important enough for Him to tell us to go to church, so it is important enough for us to heed. **And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near —Hebrews 10:25**

It is quite understandable that some folks

cannot make it to Church for various reasons and they tend to be the ones who desperately want to be there, but to stay out of Church for no reason, or because it's more convenient to study over the phone and online is not a good idea.

Now a second wave of the pandemic seems inevitable and there will be mandates to follow, maybe even closing the Churches once again. Do not be discouraged! You should know that it will pass in time. Will you return to God's house of worship?

How do you really feel about God and His house of worship? How do you really feel about your brothers and sisters? Wait, before you answer, give some thought to your response, keeping in mind that we will give account to what we speak, think and do. What answer will you give our Awesome, Holy and Righteous God?

Blessings,

-Denise

Growing through gratitude

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude "fertilizer for the mind" because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul re-frames his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. "Give thanks in all circumstances," he writes, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18,



November 2020!!!

PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
		found	broke	bread	acts	in
1	They	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
2	houses	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
3	ate	numbers	glad	happiness	and	tradition
4	with	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	and
5	thanks	celebrate	praising	Christian	God	river
6			good			

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Bible Quiz

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: (See Luke 17:11-19.)

Christian Symbols



ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

This cross is a symbol of humility and suffering. It first came into use during the Middle Ages. According to tradition, St. Andrew was crucified while preaching in Greece. He felt unworthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus, so he begged that his cross be made differently. St. Andrew's cross is the national cross of Scotland. It's also called Cross Saltire

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



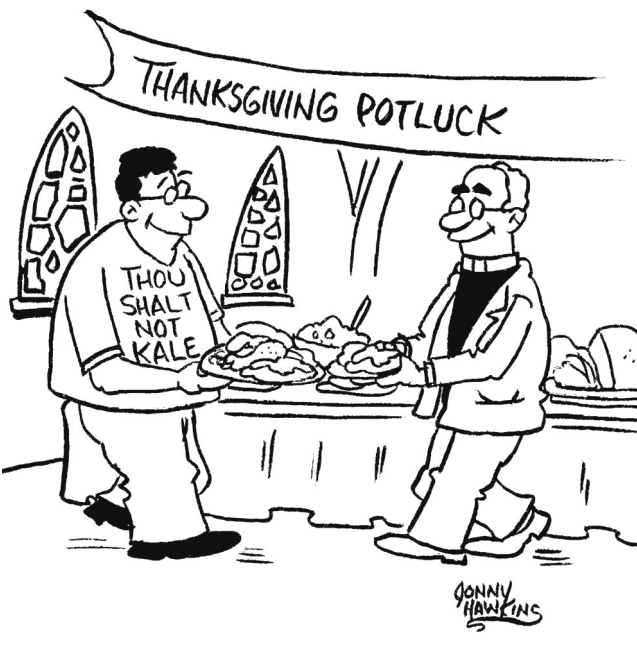
What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.



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Question: What does it mean to accept Jesus as your personal Savior?

Answer: Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? To properly understand this question, you must first understand the terms “Jesus Christ,” “personal,” and “Savior.”

Who is Jesus Christ? Many people will acknowledge Jesus Christ as a good man, a great teacher, or even a prophet of God. These things are definitely true of Jesus, but they do not fully define who He truly is. The Bible tells us that Jesus is God in the flesh, God in human form (see John 1:1, 14). God came to earth to teach us, heal us, correct us, forgive us—and die for us! Jesus Christ is God, the Creator, the sovereign Lord. Have you accepted this Jesus?

What is a Savior, and why do we need a Savior? The Bible tells us that we have all sinned; we have all committed evil acts (Romans 3:10-18). As a result of our sin, we deserve God’s anger and judgment. The only just punishment for sins committed against an infinite and eternal God is an infinite punishment (Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:11-15). That is why we need a Savior!

Jesus Christ came to earth and died in our place. Jesus’ death was an infinite payment for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 5:8). Jesus paid the price so that we would not have to. Jesus’ resurrection from the dead proved that His death was sufficient to pay the penalty for our sins. That is why Jesus is the one and only Savior (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)! Are you trusting in Jesus as your Savior?

Is Jesus your “personal” Savior? Many people view Christianity as attending church, performing rituals, and/or not committing certain sins. That is not Christianity. True Christianity is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Accepting Jesus as your personal Savior means placing your own personal faith and trust in Him. No one is saved by the faith of others. No one is forgiven by doing certain deeds. The only way to be saved is to personally accept Jesus as your Savior, trusting in His death as the payment for your sins and His resurrection as your guarantee of eternal life (John 3:16). Is Jesus personally your Savior?

If you want to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, say the following words to God. Remember, saying this prayer or any other prayer will not save you. Only believing in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross for you can save you from sin. This prayer is simply a way to express to God your faith in Him and thank Him for providing for your salvation. “God, I know that I have sinned against You and deserve punishment. But I believe Jesus Christ took the punishment I deserve so that through faith in Him I could be forgiven. I receive Your offer of forgiveness and place my trust in You for salvation. I accept Jesus as my personal Savior! Thank You for Your wonderful grace and forgiveness—the gift of eternal life! Amen!”

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For the Evangelism Ministry

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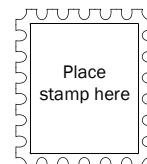
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