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Friends

Family and Friends Day 9/10/23

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Y&F Ministry Activity Night

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SPECIAL DATES IN OCTOBER

- Pastor Appreciation Month ❤️
- World Communion Sunday, October 1
- Columbus Day, October 9, 2023
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 9, 2023
- **Ministries' Day at GSBC, October 15th**
- Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2023

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



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rev. Kern Richardson	2	3 Tearia Thompson	4 Mark Tucker	5 Arlene Mansfield	6	7
8 Wanda Ellis	9 Alexis Dickerson Charliyah Johnson Phillip Weaver	10	11 Violette Leonard	12	13	14
15 Sharron Abernathy Cartier Cooper	16	17 Ronald Fleming, Jr.	18 Deacon Larry Austin John Grayson	19	20	21 Wilbur Hackett, Jr
22 Doris Ellis	23	24	25	26 Deborah Franklin	27 Ben Abernathy	28
29	30	31 Robert Wheeler, Sr	 <b>October 2023 Birthdays</b>			

**OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AT-A-GLANCE**

**Read The Entire Bible In One Year**

**October 1, During Week 5 Read Deuteronomy**

**The Heart of the Law—Deuteronomy 10: 12-22, 16:18-20**

The principle underlying justice in this passage does not originate in humankind, but in the nature of God. Loving God involves more than a sentimental response; it means serving God with one's heart and soul.

**October 8, During Week 6 Read Joshua**

**God is Victorious—Joshua 6:2-3, 4b, 12-20b**

At God's command, Joshua and the children of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days. On the final day as Israel conquered the city, God miraculously caused the walls to collapse.

**October 15, During Week 7 Read Judges**

**Listen to God's Judges—Judges 2:11-19** This passage is an introduction to the book of Judges, which explains Israel's recurring cycles of national apostasy.

**October 22, During Week 8 Read 1-2 Samuel**

**God's Covenant with David—2 Samuel 7: 1-13**

This lesson is based on the story of David's desire to build a permanent structure for the Ark of God, a house for the Lord. Instead, God promises to establish David's dynasty including a descendant who would build the temple and establish his kingdom forever.



**October 29, During Week 9 Read 1-2 Kings**

**Josiah Brings Reform—2 Kings 22:8-10; 23:13, 21-23**

During the repair of the temple, the Book of the Covenant was found and brought to King Josiah. Upon reading it and realizing God's Word was not being followed, Josiah called the people together, read the Book of the Covenant to them, and led them in a renewal of the covenant pledging to follow the Lord and keep His commands.

*This Month read the books listed above in order to meet your goal of reading the entire Bible in one Year!!! Last month's books included: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers*



## *October Anniversaries*



*Sis. Tawanna and Bro. Morris Scruggs are celebrating their 34th Wedding Anniversary on October 21st, 2023!!!*

*Dr. Theosius and Sis. Clara Fuqua will celebrate their 39th Anniversary on October 27th, 2023*



### **12th Annual Ministries Day**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023, 11:15 AM**

**Theme: Being Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts - 1 Peter 4:10**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. William Nelson,  
Pastor of Greater St. Mark Baptist Church**

**Unity Colors: Fall Colors**



## OCTOBER HEALTH NOTES FROM THE NURSES MINISTRY

### Respiratory Virus - Triple Threat COVID-19, Flu and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

#### The difference between the flu and COVID-19

There are many similarities between influenza (flu) and COVID-19. The flu and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by two different germs. However, you may not be able to tell the difference between the flu and COVID-19, the only way that you will know for sure is to get tested. It is important to know that you can have both the flu and COVID-19 at the same time.

#### RSV

RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need hospitalization.

There are preventive actions you can take to help yourself and others stay healthy:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Wear masks as needed.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly.
- Stay home if you are sick.

**Fall, ideally by the end of October, is the best time to get immunized against these diseases. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be given at the same time.**

#### COVID-19 vaccines

The Food and Drug Administration has approved updated vaccines against COVID-19 for Fall 2023.

The CDC has recommended everyone aged 6 years and older should get an updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

People aged 65 years and older can get a second dose of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get additional doses of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Children aged 6 months–5 years may need multiple doses of COVID-19 vaccine to be up to date.

- **Consult with your healthcare provider for best vaccine and doses for you.**

Please check with your health care provider or local pharmacy as to when they will get the new updated vaccines and schedule an appointment.

**To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you:** Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233.

#### Free COVID-19 At-Home Tests available at Louisville Metro Community Centers

Tests can be picked up during operating hours from each clinic **beginning Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and available while supplies last.**

Anyone age 2 and older can be tested at home and get results in just minutes.

People who don't have symptoms can still spread COVID-19 so testing is critical to knowing if you're infected.

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**Call the COVID-19 Helpline: 502-574-8207 if you have questions**

Not sure what to do if you test positive? When can you go back to work or school after testing positive or being in close contact of someone who tested positive? Need to find a place to get tested? Want information on the COVID-19 vaccines?

Need support to safely stay home if you tested positive or were around someone who was positive?

**Flu Vaccines**

Flu vaccines reduce the risk of severe flu-related illness by 40%-60%.

Everyone ages 6 months and older can get the flu vaccine  
When to get immunized? Fall, ideally by the end of October.

**RSV Vaccine**

Recommended for adults 60 years and older after discussing with your healthcare provider.

**Vaccine Costs:**

Your private insurance may cover vaccine costs.

Medicare continues to cover the COVID-19 and flu vaccines, as well as several tests and treatments to keep you and others safe.

CDC's [Bridge Access Program](https://www.cdc.gov/bridgeaccess) offers COVID-19 vaccines at no cost for adults ages 18-64 without health insurance and adults whose health insurance does not provide zero-cost coverage for COVID-19 vaccines. COVID-19 Vaccines through this program are available at select local healthcare providers, local health centers, and pharmacies.

[www.vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov); <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/louisville-covid-19-resource-center>  
<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/health-wellness>; <https://www.medicare.gov/>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>;

**Contact information requested:**

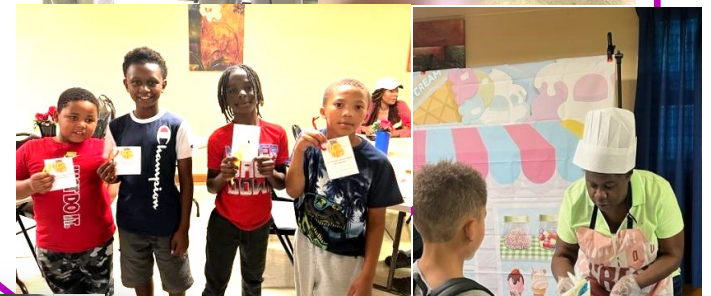
*We pray for good health for all. But if you should have a medical emergency at church, who is your next of kin and what is their contact number? Please feel free to give this information to a member of the Nurses Guild so that we can better assist you.*

**September 20, 2023, Youth and Family Ministry Bible Study Activity Night!**

Thank you, Deacon Theron Exum, for opening the evening with prayer. Sister Jackie Austin spoke to our youth on the ABC's of having a successful school year-Ephesians 4:32. After Sis. Austin's talk, the youth were given tags to place on their backpacks as reminders of positive words and phrases they learned from Sister Austin's talk.

Thank you to Sister Sharon Abernathy and her family for setting up the ice cream station. Thank you to our Wednesday night reliable kitchen crew. Thank you also to Mr. Terry for making the night extra exciting with your beautiful balloon creations.

We had a beautiful fun-filled night with over 30 youths and some parents participating. **Parents, please continue bringing and sending your youth to Wednesday night Bible study. We look forward every Wednesday to seeing your youth learning as we share God's word with them.** Again, thank you from the Y&F Ministry for your support!!!



**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

**Aria Cheers with U of L Cheerleaders**

**Lynn and Zel Fleming**  
Our granddaughter, 8 year old Aria, had the privilege of cheering with the University of Louisville cheer squad on Saturday September 23 2023. Great win! Go Cards!!!



**Black History HighLights**

<http://tbmv3.theblackmarket.com/black-history-calendar/october-black-history-calendar/>

*FOR OCTOBER*

## October Black History Calendar

- October 1, 1940** – Charles Drew named supervisor of the “Plasma for Great Britain” project.
- October 2, 1986** – President Ronald Reagan appoints Edward J. Perkins ambassador to South Africa.
- October 3, 1956** – Nat King Cole becomes first Black performer to host his own TV show.
- October 4, 1864** – First Black daily newspaper, The New Orleans Tribune, founded.
- October 5, 1872** – Booker T. Washington enters Hampton Institute, Virginia.
- October 6, 1917** – Political activist Fannie Lou Hamer born.
- October 7, 1934** – Playwright-poet Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones), author of Blues People: Negro Music in White America and The Motion of History, born.
- October 8, 1941** – Rev. Jesse Jackson born in Greenville, South Carolina.
- October 9, 1888** – O.B. Clare patents Trestle.
- October 10, 1899** – Isaac R. Johnson patents bicycle frame.
- October 11, 1887** – Granville T. Woods patents telephone system and apparatus.
- October 12, 1904** – Physician, author, educator W. Montague Cobb born.
- October 13, 1579** – Martin de Porres, the first Black saint in the Roman Catholic Church, born.
- October 14, 1964** – At age 35, Martin Luther King, Jr. becomes youngest man ever to win Nobel Peace Prize.
- October 15, 1991** – Clarence Thomas confirmed as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, the second African American to serve on the court.
- October 16, 1995** – Million Man March held in Washington, D.C.
- October 17, 1888** – Capital Savings Bank of Washington, D.C., first bank for blacks, organized.
- October 18, 1948** – Playwright Ntozake Shange, author of For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Unfulfilled, is born.
- October 19, 1943** – Paul Robeson opens in Othello at the Shubert Theater in New York City. The show runs for 296 consecutive performances.
- October 20, 1898** – The first African American-owned insurance company, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, founded.
- October 21, 1917** – Trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, pioneer of “bebop” jazz, born.
- October 22, 1953** – Clarence S. Green becomes first African American certified in neurological surgery.
- October 23, 1947** – The NAACP petitions the United States on racial conditions in the U.S.
- October 24, 1980** – U.S. District Judge Patrick Higginbotham rules that Republic National is guilty of discrimination against African Americans and women.
- October 25, 1992** – Toronto Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston becomes first African American to manage a team to the World Series.
- October 26, 1911** – Mahalia Jackson gospel singer, born.
- October 27, 1954** – Benjamin O. Davis Jr. becomes first African American general in U.S. Air Force.
- October 28, 1981** – Edward M. McIntyre elected first African American mayor of Augusta, Georgia.
- October 29, 1949** – Alonzo G. Moron becomes first African American president of Hampton Institute, Virginia..
- October 30, 1979** – Richard Arrington elected first African American mayor of Birmingham, Alabama.
- October 31, 1896** – Actress, singer Ethel Waters born.



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS....

### It's Time to Vote



Jean Phillips (R) of ΔΣΘ assisted Shannon Wheat with a change of address

In an effort to ensure that everyone eligible to vote is registered, members of the Louisville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority made themselves available to sign up or update members of the Greater Salem Community. Sorors **Sharon Bond** and **Jeane Phillips** provided registration forms and detailed instructions to new registrants and those who have moved recently.

If you missed this opportunity and still need to register, you must do so by the **October 10th deadline** in order to vote in the upcoming Gubernatorial election as well as other statewide and local elections. Election day is Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. Several other voting opportunities/options are available prior to that day.



Sharon Bond of DST had all the info needed

## 2023 General Election Summary

From the KY State Board of Elections

(<https://elect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Voting-In-Person-and-By-Mail.aspx>)



Jean Phillips made sure that we got the message

**September 23, 2023 (12:01AM local time)** Online portal is open to request an absentee ballot by mail. Click on the link to request [www.vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky](http://www.vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky)

- **October 24, 2023 11:59PM (local time)** – Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot. Voters are encouraged to request well before the deadline if they know they will be voting absentee.

- All mail-in absentee ballots must be received by 6:00PM Local Time, on Election

Day, **November 7, 2023** to be counted. **Voters are highly encouraged not to wait until Election Day to hand deliver their absentee ballot. Cast your ballot as soon as you receive it. Do not delay!**

Drop boxes are available in each county to hand deliver your ballot. To find out where the drop box is located in your county, voters should visit the State Board of Elections website at: [govote.ky.gov](http://govote.ky.gov)

In-person, excused absentee voting **October 25, 26, 27 and October 30, 31, & November 1, 2023**. To find out when and where in-person, excused absentee voting will take place in their county, voters should visit the State Board of Elections website at: [govote.ky.gov](http://govote.ky.gov)

Early in-person, no excuse absentee voting will take place **Thursday, November 2, Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, 2023**. To find out when and where early voting will take place in their county, voters should visit the State Board of Elections website at: [govote.ky.gov](http://govote.ky.gov) Voters that know they wish to take advantage of early in-person absentee voting are encouraged not to wait until May 16<sup>th</sup> to cast their ballot.

In-person voting on Election Day, **November 7, 2023**, will take place from 6:00AM to 6:00PM, local time. To find out where to vote in-person on Election Day, voters should visit the State Board of Elections website at: [govote.ky.gov](http://govote.ky.gov)

**Indiana Voters** also head to the polls on November 7<sup>th</sup> for municipal elections and also have an October 10<sup>th</sup> registration deadline. Absentee ballots will also be available. For further details Go to

<https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/files/2023-Calendar-Brochure.FINAL-8-22.pdf>



# FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY!!!

September 10, 2023

## Order of Worship

- ◆ Devotion led by Deacons and Deaconesses
- ◆ Call to Worship - Worship Leaders Deloris & Phillip Weaver
- ◆ Welcome – Monica Thurston
- ◆ Song–Mass Choir - God Is my Everything - led by Deacon Willie Glover
- ◆ Scripture read by Terry Julian - Matthew 25: 35-40
- ◆ Intercessory Prayer - Charles Forbes
- ◆ Guests greeted by Interim Pastor Jones–Pastor’s Remarks
- ◆ Worship In Tithes and Offerings - Deacon Larry Austin and Male Ushers
- ◆ Song –Mass Choir led by Dea. George Johnson – Looking For My Jesus
- ◆ Memories of Sis. Betty Garrison as their Christian Mother by Regina G. Brooks and Richard Garrison, Jr.
- ◆ Resolution from Unity In the Community - Lynn Fleming
- ◆ Words of Encouragement - Deacon Willie Glover
- ◆ Song - Mass Choir - Break Every Chain led by Marie Mitchell
- ◆ Preached Word - Rev. Carl Jones - All in A Family Psalm 68:5-6
- ◆ Call to Discipleship / Benediction - Rev. Jones

Honoring God's  
 Work in the Life of  
 dear departed Sis.  
 Betty Garrison





# OCTOBER 2023 WORSHIP - STUDY - PRAY

Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Sunday School</b> - 10AM In Sanctuary or via conference Call at 978-990-5000 access code 721799#  <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b> - In person or on GSBC Face-book Live	2	3	4 <b>Noon Day Prayer Service</b> 12:00 PM in sanctuary <b>Weekly Bible Studies</b> 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary -Via Facebook Live or via conference call at 978-990-5000 Access Code 7032638 <b>Prayer Service</b> -7 PM in Sanctuary or via 605-472-5736Access 2239663	5	6	7
8 <b>Sunday School</b> - 10AM In Sanctuary or via conference Call at 978-990-5000 access code 721799#  <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b> - In person or on GSBC Face-book Live	9	10	11 <b>Noon Day Prayer Service</b> - in the Sanctuary  <b>Weekly Youth* and Adult Bible Studies - Adults</b> 6:00 PM  <b>Prayer Service</b> - 7:00 PM In Sanctuary or via 605-472-5736 Access code 2239663	12	13	14 <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In at 605-468-8738 Access Code: 5398693 <b>Women's Bible Study</b> 12Noon in person or dial-in at 605-313-5598 Access code 6671487
15 <b>Sunday School</b> -10:00 Am  <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b>  <b>Friends &amp; Family Sunday</b>	16	17	18 <b>Noon Day Prayer Service</b> 12:00 PM  <b>Weekly Bible Studies</b> 6:00 PM  <b>Prayer Service</b> -7 PM	19	20	21 <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In
22 <b>Sunday School</b> - 10:00 AM  <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b>	23	24	25 <b>Noon Day Prayer Service</b> 12:00 PM  <b>Prayer Service</b> -7 PM	26	27	28 <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 10:15 AM In person or Dial-In  <b>Women's Bible Study</b> 12 Noon in person or dial in
29 <b>Sunday School</b> -10:00 AM  <b>Morning Worship -11:15 AM</b>	30	31	November 1 <b>Weekly Bible Studies</b> 6:00 PM <b>Prayer Service</b> - 7:00 PM	Nov 2	Nov 3	November 4

## 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 Bro. 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:hegilmer1@msn.com)



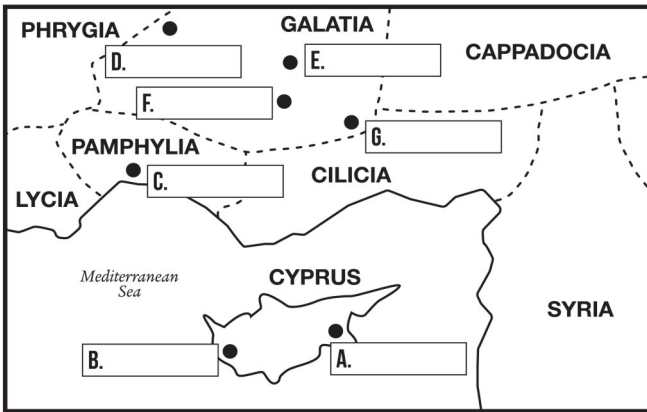
# PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

**Directions:** From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5)  | E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51) |
| B. PATHOS (ACTS 13:6)   | F. LISTRA (ACTS 14:6)   |
| C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13)   | G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6)    |
| D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14) |                         |



## Bible Quiz

Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but to \_\_\_\_\_ the world." Fill in the blanks.

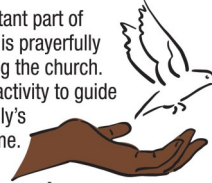
- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to



(Answer: (See John 12:47, NIV.)

## MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



**What you need:**

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



**What you do:**

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

## Christian Symbols



### WATER

Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman's leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).





## FULLY KNOWN AND FULLY ACCEPTED!!!

I spent a good part of my life hiding, ashamed of sins I had committed in thought, word, and deed—desperate for people to accept the false identities I fought hard to maintain. Right up to the day of my conversion, one of the most often reviewed fears in my heart was that people would find out who I really was.

When Jesus stopped in Sychar of Samaria, on his way north to Galilee, he met a woman who was hiding. Tired from his long journey on foot, and needing a reprieve from the heat at noon, he found a well and sat down. His disciples surely would have gotten him some water immediately, but John tells us they were off buying food, (4:8).

Then he saw a woman carrying a jar. She had come to draw water from the well. It's likely that this woman was trying to go about her business unnoticed because she came to the well at a time when others wouldn't be around. Morning and evening were the popular times to get water.

Jesus said, "Give me a drink," (4:7). "Why are you asking me," she replied, "I can see that you are a Jew." John informs us helpfully that, "Jews have no dealings with Samaritans," (4:9). Well, Jesus is not just any Jew.

Jesus went on to explain to her that if she knew who he was, she would have asked him, and he would have given her *living* water. She disagreed by pointed out that Jesus had nothing to draw water with, and then questioned with a dose of snark whether he thought that he was greater than Jacob, the man who dug the well. Jesus *knew* he was greater than Jacob.

Explaining further, Jesus helped her see that he could give her water that would quench her thirst forever. That was something she wanted desperately. "Sir give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water," (4:15). Finally, the woman was interested in what Jesus had to say. If it were possible to never be thirsty again, she would never have to show her face at the well.

But Jesus had more to say, "Go, call your husband, and come here," (4:16). Why was he asking that? The woman told Jesus that she had no husband, and he agreed saying, "You have had five husbands, and the

one you now have is not your husband," (4:17). Everyone in the town knew this already. She couldn't hide her sin but was avoiding shame by drawing water at noon. But how did this stranger know? Could he really give her what he promised?

What are you hiding?

Is there something about your present or past life that you would rather not talk about? You may be succeeding in keeping it hidden, or you may be avoiding more exposure like the woman in the story. She had been rejected by numerous men and fellow citizens until this prophetic Jewish man began to draw her in.

There by Jacob's well, Jesus, knowing the depth of this woman's sin and shame, offered her forgiving acceptance. Not just a fresh start but an eternal life. The story continues with her explaining to him that she knew of the coming Messiah who would, "tell us all things," to which Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am he," (4:25-26). She believed him. He had already demonstrated knowledge of things he could not have known otherwise.

And then she went back into town, already so free, speaking to any who would listen, "Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ" (4:29)?

Let's be honest. Jesus isn't scrolling through social media trying to figure out who you really are. He already knows. And because of his cross-work he is able and willing to give you what you deeply need. He is able to quench your thirst to belong. Jesus is the giver of eternal life who knows everything *about you* and yet reveals himself as the fullness of forgiving love *for you*. In him you are fully known and fully accepted. Your shame is covered. Your guilt is removed. You are free.

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 or speak to Dea. Johnson or any member of the Evangelism team.

A Note from your GNL Editor If you'd like to receive a digital copy of the GoodNewsLetter each month send your email address to me or if you have some good news you'd like to share for next month's GNL please give it to me; send it to me at [hegilmer1@msn.com](mailto:hegilmer1@msn.com); or leave it in my mail bin in the church office!!! *Harold E. Gilmer*

October

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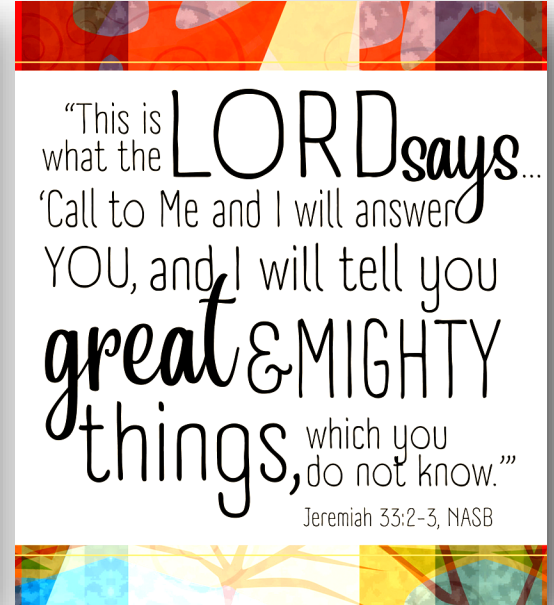
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Monday through Friday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**(See Page 13 for updated schedule of in person and online audio or video opportunities)**



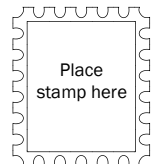
MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST  
ONE HEART AT A TIME - ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

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Deadline for the November 2023 GNL  
10/22/2023