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GREATER SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

### GOODNEWSLETTER

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

#### Question: "What is the favor of God, and how can I get it?"

Answer: The best definition of the word favor is "demonstrated delight." The favor of God can be described as "tangible evidence that a person has the approval of the Lord." When we favor someone, we want to be with him or her. We delight in him. We connect with her in a way we don't connect with everyone. We usually favor people who also favor us. In the same way. God shows favor to the ones who delight in, connect with, and give honor to Him. Isaiah 66:2 says, "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word." Second Chronicles 16:9 says, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." To be "perfect" toward Him means we seek His favor more than we seek the favor of anyone else, even ourselves.

Favor is closely related to grace in the Bible. Those who have received Jesus as their Savior are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8–9). They know the favor of God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6), but those who have saving faith in God's Son are declared righteous (Romans 4:5; Philippians 3:9) and live in God's favor. The most basic answer to "how can I get God's favor" is "believe in the Lord Jesus."

God seeks out those who love Him and love His commands so that He can bless, guide, and protect them (Psalm 37:23; Proverbs 3:5-6). This does not mean that everyone who is prosperous or healthy has found favor with God (Jeremiah 12:1; Psalm 37:7; 73:16). Nor does it mean that those whom the Lord favors will never suffer difficulties. Many people in the Bible had the Lord's favor but also suffered hardship (2 Corinthians 6:4; Acts 14:22; 20:23; 1 Peter 2:19). Heroes such as Noah (Genesis 6:8), Moses (Exodus 32:11; 33:13), Daniel (Daniel 10:19), and Mary (Luke 1:28) were favored of the Lord, but they also struggled with difficulties like anyone else.

Those who are favored of God know that God is with them and that nothing can happen to them apart from His good purpose (Romans 8:28). They have His ear as they walk through dark valleys (Psalm 34:15) and know that their struggle to remain true to Him will not go unrewarded (Matthew 10:42; Revelation 2:10). In addition to outward evidences, God's favor can be felt in the spirit. When we have the favor of the Lord, we rest in quiet confidence that our sins are forgiven (Romans 4:7), we are within the plan of God (Psalm 86:11), and that He is there for us at all times (Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20). We walk with God as with our closest friend. We begin to see

and appreciate the little blessings that God provides for our enjoyment—blessings that we once took for granted.

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Hackett

The Lord invites us to seek His favor (Psalm 119:58, 135; 2 Kings 13:4; Jeremiah 26:19; Zephaniah 2:3). When we seek His favor, we humble our hearts before Him (2 Kings 22:19); seek Him for Himself, not just for the blessings He gives (Jeremiah 29:13); and arrange our lives around loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27). We seek first His kingdom and righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

One way to obtain favor from the Lord is to seek wisdom. Proverbs 8:35 says, "For those who find me [wisdom] find life and receive favor from the LORD." Psalm 5:12 says, "Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield." Finding favor with the Lord keeps our lives and thoughts pure because we desire to please Him more than we desire to please ourselves. Hebrews 11:25 says of Moses, "He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to eniov the fleeting pleasures of sin." When the same can be said of us, we know we have found favor with God. His delight in us will be demonstrated.

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#### October: National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

# National Clergy Appreciation Month: October

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Best Wishes to Dr.
Theosius Fuqua Sr.
and Mrs. Clara
Fuqua as they
Celebrate their
37th Wedding
Anniversary on
October 27, 2021.

# October Dates

- □ World Communion Sunday, *October 3, 2021*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 31, 2021*

It's Clergy Appreciation Month

We Appreciate You, Pastor!

#### **Appreciating your pastor**

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

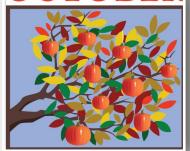
But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like *all* your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

## **OCTOBER**



# Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Unit 2 - Called to Praise

#### Unit 2: Called to Praise God

- Lesson 5 October 3 Praise God with Joy Psalm 100
- ☐ Lesson 6 October 10 Praise for God's Ultimate Justice -

Psalm 9:1-12

☐ Lesson 7 - October 17 - Praise for God for Past Deliverance-

Psalm 107:1-9, 39-43

- Lesson 8 October 24 Praise for God His Presence Psalm 84
- Lesson 9 October 31 Praise for God His Greatness Psalms

149:1-5; 150

# Good News from the 6-8 Y.O. Class



Congratulations to "MJ" Michael Jones He received a medal at his Cross-Country meet. The event was held Saturday September 18th at the Capitol in Frankfort, KY. Only the first 50 in each grade/age group received a medal. MJ did awesome.

Aria"s cheerleading squad had the privilege to cheer with the University of Louisville Cheerleaders during halftime at the UL vs EKU game on September 11. They helped honor the heroes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks on the United States. This marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incidents..

Congratulations to Aria and the CCA (Cheer Central Athletic)



# FREE COVID VACCINE

Saturday, October 9, 2021 10am – 1pm

# Chestnut Street YMCA

930 W. Chestnut Street 40203

Pfizer Vaccine for Age 12 and older

Ages 12-18 must have signed permission from parent/guardian.

**To register contact**: Lou Health Helpline 502-912-8598

Walk-ins are Welcome

Bring your COVID vaccine card if this is your second dose.



Greater Salem Baptist Church and the Chestnut Street YMCA hosted a community COVID-19 vaccine clinic on September 11, 2021.

Doris Hunter brought members of her family to get protected. Dr. Beverly Coleman and Brenda Hackett were involved in administering the vaccines.

As more people get vaccinated and the coronavirus is under control we look forward to returning to Greater Salem to worship without masks, distancing, etc. Be sure to let your family and friends know that the next vaccine clinic will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Y from 10am-1pm.

Other locations for vaccines include many CVS and Walgreens Pharmacies, Family Health Center-East Broadway, The Little Clinic, Kroger, Park-DuValle Community Health Center and more.

To schedule an appointment and find other vaccine locations call 502-912-8595 or go to <a href="https://www.vaccine.ky.gov">www.vaccine.ky.gov</a>
Ouestions? Call the COVID-19

Questions? Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-772-572





Pictured here at the September
11th Clinic: Standing Left to
right – Brenda Hackett, Doris
Hunter, Anitra Jackson,
Dr. Beverly Coleman, Pastor
Keith Hackett.
Sitting Jameshia Mullins.



# Attention All GSBC Members and Ministry Leaders!

All Greater Salem Ministries are invited to collaborate with the Youth and Family Ministry on a Fall Outreach Backpack Mission Project. Backpacks, school supplies, water bottles and cases of bottled water will be distributed to students who attend our church, students who attend Coleridge-Taylor Elementary Montessori School, and students who live in our church



#### Fall Outreach Mission Project

to Benefit Students at GSBC, Nearby Community and Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School





Backpack

Bootled War

Grades K-2 List  □ backpacks □ glue sticks □ pencils □ 24 count crayons □ 8 count box washable markers □ composition notebooks □ spiral notebooks □ pencil boxes or pencil pouches □ two-pocket folders □ scissors □ water bottles □ bottles of water	Grades 3-5 List    backpacks   glue sticks   pencils   24 count crayons   8 count washable markers   composition notebooks   spiral notebooks   pencil boxes or pencil pouches   two-pocket folders   scissors   ink pens   pack loose-leaf paper, wide-ruled   water bottles   bottles of water
Please Place Donations by Sunday 1	9 October 2021 in Barrel, Nurses Room

community. This project will help meet some of the very basic needs of students and equip them with the materials and supplies needed as they prepare for a successful school year.

Each Ministry of Greater Salem is encouraged to collaborate with the Youth and Family Ministry by donating five (5) to ten (10) backpacks. The backpacks will be filled with age appropriate school supplies and a book donated by the Louisville Free Public Library. Lists of needed School supplies and materials are posted above and outside the church office.

Our goal for this outreach project is to distribute 200 backpacks. All donations of school supplies, materials, water bottles, bottled water and backpacks will be graciously accepted. This project presents an awesome opportunity for us to collaborate across ministries as we reach out to the students and families in this community.

A Welcome Letter, introducing our pastor and church, that extends a warm welcome to the neighborhood, with a schedule of worship opportunities. A list of our church ministries will also be given to the residents who reside in the surrounding apartments.

We are asking that all donated backpacks and supplies be turned in to the Nurses Room across from the Water Fountain, by Thursday, September 30th . Any member of the Youth and Family Ministry will also gladly receive donations.

Our sincere thanks to each Ministry and our Church Family for your willingness to support this very important outreach mission project.

#### **Blessings and Peace,**

The Youth and Family Ministry,

Sister Jacqueline Austin. Deacon Stefan Dennison, Sister Renita Ennels, Deacon Theron Exum, Sister Lynn Fleming, Sister Mona Fleming. Sister Brenda Hackett, Sister Tanisha Hackett, Sister Debora Mapp-Embry

# **GIVING BACK**

The following is a portrait of Pastor Dan Hall and his journey through retirement. It appeared in the September 9, 2021 edition of the Southeast Outlook Newspaper. It was written by Tony Noohim. Photos are by Stephen Powell.

#### Dan Hall Sees Retirement As A Chance to Serve Community



an Hall stopped playing golf a long time ago.
Hall, who retired in 2017 as the Vice President of Community Engagement at the University of Louisville after 31 years, might be busier now than ever.

He calls it a "labor of love," "I've appreciated the spiritual journey that I've been on, and I still see my faith journey continue to grow and accelerate," Hall said. "I like to say, 'My

cup runneth over with all of these spiritual blessings,' Well, what am I going to do with that overflow? My overflow is to give back to the community To give back to teaching these young kids at West End School. To give back to other organizations I'm involved with."

Hall is currently the chairman of the board at West End School, a tuition-free independent school serving boys in pre-K through eighth grade near downtown Louisville. He serves on the board for Hope Collaborative, which provides a school outreach program mobilizing the church to serve as mentors. He is also on the local missions committee at Southeast Christian Church and teaches a weekend group at the Blankenbaker Campus.

"I felt that I was blessed to have a wonderful platform working at the University of Louisville and to direct the resources of the university back into the community for the betterment of the community. I'm proud of the work we did there," Hall added. "As important as that was, I wasn't in a position to really do what I came to realize was most important in terms of community transformation, which is that spiritual foundation. Now, under the auspices of just being a child of God, being a volunteer in the community and wanting to give back—to me that's the answer to all of our problems. It sounds simple, but it's a profound truth. Jesus said, 'I will make all things new again."

It's easy to see that Hall, who will celebrate his 70th birthday later this month, loves his hometown, "The wholesomeness of our city, the charm of our city, the fact that I had a Wonderful childhood and enjoyed growing up here, I just really wanted to be a part of the community Where I grew up, and I wanted to give back to the community," he said.

Hall is married to his high school sweetheart, Sheila. They have three adult children, six grandchildren and will celebrate their 50th Wedding anniversary next year.

#### Following God's plan

Hall was raised in a big family with four brothers and two sisters. His dad was a bi-vocational pastor for several decades. "I came to faith at an early age when I was in elementary school. My dad introduced me to Christ," Hall said.

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#### Hall mentors young men

Though he didn't have a "sheltered" life, Hall felt safe growing up in the West End. He said they left the windows open in the summertime. "There was a sense of security growing up in my neighborhood," Hall added. "It was a very healthy community with churches, grocery stores, entertainment, parks and good schools. We lacked nothing. My favorite thing growing up was playing marbles with my brothers and friends in the neighborhood."

Hall was an amateur boxer in his younger years and was greatly inspired by Muhammad Ali. "As a young kid growing up, I watched Ali succeed through the amateur ranks and ascend to the top of the boxing world. He always exuded confidence. He was such an inspiration," he said. "My boxing background helped me to understand self-reliance. When you're boxing, it's just you and your opponents. You don't have any teammates. It taught me from an early age the importance of discipline and hard training. To have confidence in yourself to succeed."

Hall graduated from Central High School nine years after Ali, and both trained at the same gym. Hall is a three-time Kentucky Golden Glove Champion.

After high school, Hall earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a law degree from Harvard University. He received a master's degree in Theological Studies from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2009.

While away at college, Hall never strayed from his faith, though he jokes that he was distracted at times. "I was doing what typical young people do. I was having fun without the constraints of dad," Hall said.

Hall joined the University of Louisville in the fall of 1985 after spending seven years in Washington, D.C., working as chief of staff for U.S. Congressman Romano Mazzoli. He was hired as the first African-American vice president at U of L.

"Even though we lived on the east coast at the time, our greatest desire was to come back to Louisville and to raise our kids in a community that nurtured us," Hall added. "So, I always had a heart for the community, and I enjoy spending a lot of my time giving back to this community"

That was around the time the Halls were having children, and they started taking their faith "more seriously"

"We got involved in the church, and we got our kids involved in church, leading them to Christ and getting them baptized," he said. "As a young parent, I started practicing my faith at that point, understanding how valuable that was for me. My dad grounded me in the Word, and I wanted to ground my children in the same faith."

During his time at U of L, Hall was particularly proud of "The Signature Partnership," which is a university effort to en-

hance the quality of life for residents of West Louisville by improving the overall educational attainment levels through the integrated development of health, social and human services and economic viability of the community

"We have used that as an opportunity to get our students out into the community and to utilize what they learned in their labs, text-books and classrooms to solve real-life problems and concerns," Hall said. "I felt that a part of my mission at the University of Louis-ville was helping families and individuals to become self-sufficient. I felt I was blessed to have a wonderful platform at the University of Louisville."



Dan Hall, right, is chairman of the board of West End School, a tuition-free independent school serving boys in pre-K through eighth grade near downtown Louisville.

GOODNEWSLETTER

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY NEWS

#### **Bible Study Classes Meeeting in October** 爲 |+|□□□

After a long summer break, Bible Study Classes for all age groups have resumed.

Parents, you are encouraged to contact the teachers for your child's Bible Study age group listed below and make sure they have your child's name on their roster. All children and youth are encouraged to attend Bible Study Classes and begin building a firm spiritual foundation that will equip each of them to become followers of Christ.

We welcome children and youth from our congregation, along with their friends, family members and children and youth from other churches and communities. For additional information, please contact any member of the Youth and Family Ministry.

#### Ages 6-8 Bible Study

Classes will meet every 1st (October 6th) and 2nd Wednesday (October 13th)@ 7:00 - 7:30P.M. **Topic: Fruit of the Spirit** 

Teachers: Lynn Fleming and Mona Fleming

Zoom Link: https://

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#### Ages 9-12 Bible Study

Classes will meet on Wednesday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 13th. Classes will meet every 1st and 2nd Wednesday @ 7:30-8:15 P.M. **Topic: Fruit of the Spirit** 

**Teachers: Renita Ennels and Brenda Hackett** 

Students are invited to Join by Conference Call: freeconferencecall.com. The meeting ID is "theclass" or by dialing 425.436.6355 Access Code: 10092020

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Students are invited to Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 456 907 7761 Passcode: JY8LRQ

Ages 13-18 Bible Study

Classes meet on Saturday, October 9th and Saturday. October 23rd.

Classes will meet every 2nd & 4th Saturday in October @ 5:00 P. M.

**Topics: Psalm 91:God Rescues & Fruit of the Spirit Teachers: Deacon Theron Exum and Deacon Stefan Dennison** 

> Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6**

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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

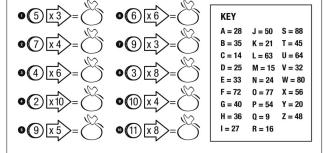
- ⇒ Sunday Worship services are held in the sanctuary and streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.
- ⇒ The weekly Bible study led by Pastor Hackett will be held live in the Sanctuary and continue on Face-book Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. On Wednesday nights after bible study, we now have an inperson 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 number and access code are: (978)990-5000 703263#.
- ⇒ You can join in with Pastor Hackett and Supt. Sarah Toney 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#.
- ⇒ Wednesday's Noon Day Prayer Service meets in person each week in the Church Sanctuary.
- ⇒ Sis. Tanisha Hackett is facilitating the Women's Ministry's Bible Study. They will hold classes in the Sanctuary and via Conference Call. They will meet 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 <a href="https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett">https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett</a>. All women, ages 18 and over, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Tanisha Hackett at tanisha.hackett@gmail.com
- ⇒ Pastor Hackett and Deacon George Johnson will facilitate Men's Bible Study 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 (978) 990-5432—The access code is 3331448#
- ⇒ Rev. Dan 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. 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.
- ⇒ For details on Youth Classes please see page 12.
- ⇒ 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 on the first Sunday or via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.



#### MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.



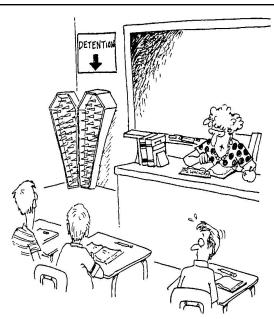
"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of \_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Come and share your master's happiness!""

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV



"The 'Best—Behaved Sunday School Class' award goes to the 6th graders under the leadership of Mrs. Wilma Waghorn.

# ?? Bible Quiz???

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



**Answer: See Hebrews 11** 

# FULL OF TALENIT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

#### What you do:

- Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
- 2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
- In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
- 4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



#### RAINBOW

RAINBOW—The Rainbow represents God's pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgment.



#### FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY-SHARE THIS PAGE

#### How to Know You're Going to Heaven

rinthians 5:21

It is a fact that Jesus Christ has already paid your sin debt.

#### FOURTH - YOU MUST ACCEPT BY FAITH

#### WHAT JESUS CHRIST DID FOR YOU.

Dozens of times in the Gospel of John, the Bible says "Believe".

"He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." *John 3:36* 

In this verse, Jesus divides the world into two groups: those who are believing and those who are not believing on the Son. Those who believe have everlasting life, and those who believe not, shall not see life.

The word believe means "to trust, to depend on, to rely on." To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ means that you accept the facts that you are a sinner, that as a sinner you owe the sin penalty, and that Jesus Christ died on the cross and arose from the grave to pay the debt that you owe. But it means going one step further. It means that you will completely trust Christ to get you to Heaven – that you will put the matter of your salvation into His hands and depend on Him for everlasting life.

Now the moment you do this, God promises that you are not condemned but that you have everlasting life, and you shall not perish.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24

# If you will trust Jesus Christ as your savior, pray this simple prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and I deserve to pay my own sin debt, but I do believe that you died on the cross and arose from the dead for me to pay the debt that I owe. Today, the best I know how, I trust you as my Savior. I will depend on you from this moment on for my salvation. Now help me to live for you and to be a good Christian. Amen.

If you prayed this simple prayer, this is your new (Spiritual) Birthday.

From Deacon Marshall Merrill and the Evangelism Ministry

#### FIRST, YOU MUST ACCEPT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God." Romans 3:13

"As it is written, There is none righteous, No, not one." Romans 3:10

No one is perfect. No one has lived up to God's perfect standard.

# SECOMD, YOU MUST ACCEPT THAT AS A SINNER YOU OWE A PENALTY.

"For the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23

"The Soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4

This death is described in the Bible as the second death, the lake of fire.

"Death and hell were cast into the Lake of fire. This is the second death." Revelation 20:14

If we pay what we owe as sinners, we must spend an eternity in the lake of fire (Hell)

# THIRD - YOU MUST ACCEPT THAT JESUS HAS ALREADY PAID YOUR SIN DEBT.

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6

"...that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Hebrews 2:9

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Christ was not a sinner, and the Bible teaches that God took all of our sin and placed it on Christ. While Christ was bearing all of our sins in His own body, God punished Him in our place to pay the debt we owe. This is not something God has promised He will do, it is something God has already done.

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

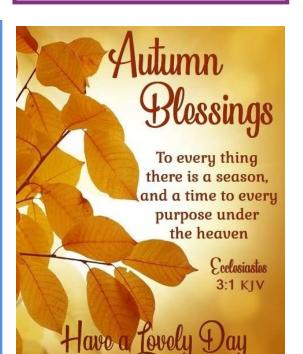
"He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God, in Him." 2 Co-

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

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I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

<sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup> They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

<sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:1-8

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