



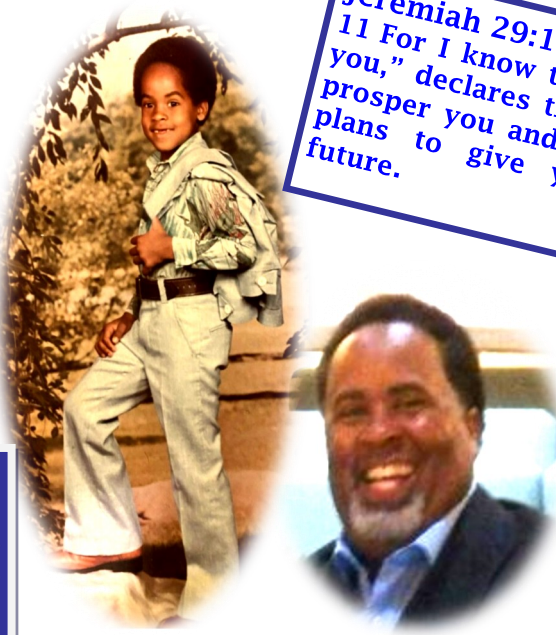
Pastor and First Lady Hackett

PASTOR HACKETT TURNS 15....

15 PASTORAL YEARS THAT IS

Joshua 1:9 NIV
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Jeremiah 29:11
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Did you know that October is National Pastor and Clergy Month ???

Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Day
Clergy Appreciation Day on the second Sunday in October reminds us to recognize the work of ministers, pastors, and priests in the United States. This national day also falls in National Clergy Month, which is observed each October. Many congregations take up a special offering on this day to bless their pastors. Others use the entire month of October to find different means to bless the leaders with meals, gifts and even paid vacations. As an individual, there are several ways to show your clergy appreciation.

Let's not let the year pass without blessing our Pastor and First Lady.

We can shower our Pastor with gifts for the month of October

with prayer, notes of encouragement, cards, letters, monetary gifts etc. Please properly label your gift and give to one of the deacons to deliver to our Pastor.

If you cannot make it to the Church but would like to give- you can do so by mailing your gift(s) to Greater Salem Baptist Church 1009 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY 40203, but please specify clearly- that this is a gift for the Pastor or the Church.

Due to COVID restrictions, We have been unable to Celebrate our Pastor and First Lady as we normally would for their annual Pastoral Anniversary. However, God always Provides a way. We have been blessed with a number of alternate ways to acknowledge and show our appreciation. The Bible tells us, "Elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1Tim. 5:17NLT).

CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR, ON 15 YEARS of SHEPHERDING US HERE AT GREATER SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH. WE SALUTE YOU AND FIRST LADY HACKETT (See page 7)

Thank you,
Your Church Family

HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY

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OCTOBER

Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Hispanic Heritage Month Runs through October 15th</p> <p>Clergy/Pastors Appreciation Month</p> <p>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</p>				<p>1 Matthew Griffin Rev. Kern Richardson Jacquelyn Fenderson Adrienne Tate</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Dominique Stone Tearia Thompson</p>
<p>4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Mark Tucker</p>	<p>5 Shalonda Ellis Lashawn Henderson Darlene London Arlene Mansfield</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Wanda Ellis</p>	<p>9 Alexis Dickerson Charliyah Johnson Ovella Forbes Phillip Weaver</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <i>Pastor Appreciation Sunday</i></p>	<p>12 Violette Leonard Quentin Roland</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Sharron Abernathy Daeja Beason Evalia Collins Cartier Cooper</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Ronald Fleming, Jr.</p>
<p>18 <i>Tribute to Pastor</i> Deacon Larry Austin</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Shana Stoddard</p>	<p>21 Wilbur Hackett, Jr. Patrick McKenzie</p>	<p>22 Doris Ellis</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Denise Zellars</p>	<p>26 Deborah Franklin</p>	<p>27 - Ben Abernathy</p>	<p>28 Shamar Dunkley Ramone Stroud</p>	<p>29 Sandra Higgins</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Robert Wheeler, Sr.</p>



Best Wishes to Dr. Theosious L. Fuqua, Sr. and Mrs. Clara Niece Watkins Fuqua. They will celebrate their 36th Wedding Anniversary on October 27, 2020.

OOPS— We got it Wrong on last Month's Birthday Calendar. We failed to Include Bro. Artemus Banks' September 14th Birthday and Patricia Sweatt's Birthday is in August

Special September Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, October 4
- Reformation Sunday, October 25
- Reformation Day, October 31,

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!!!

#KAAAC #LIVELIFEBEBEAUTIFUL
#GILDA'SCLUBLOUISVILLE #CANCERSURVIVORS

We salute our own **Twanna Scruggs** - 28 years cancer free and **Shirlee Allen** - 15, 4, & 3 years cancer free - a 3x cancer survivor.



Along with other breast cancer survivors, Twanna and Shirlee's pictures will be featured in The Oxmoor Mall on the Macy's wing just past the Disney Store. Pictures will be showing until October 31st. If you are in the area stop by and take a look.



Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Love Beyond Allies

Over the last decade (at least), American politics has become increasingly more partisan, emphasizing divisions rather than points of agreement. We have seen the effects of raw tribalism. Is love reserved for those who agree with us? We wring our hands, looking for a better way.

Our second unit examines the better way. We see those who practiced a risky love, a love that reached beyond one's faction. Jonathan, son of King Saul, was heir to the throne. David was a populist hero whom Saul saw as a threat to his dynasty. Yet Jonathan and David became fast friends and refused to let political differences sully their relationship. Jesus taught that people could love those who occupied their nation and accept those of a despised ethnic group as neighbors. Finally, Paul poetically described what love could do and what real love should never do.

Unit 2: Inclusive Love

- Lesson 5 - October 4 - Love that Intercedes - 1 Samuel 19:1-7
- Lesson 6 - October 11 - Love for Enemies - Luke 6:27-36
- Lesson 7 - October 18 - Love for Neighbors - Luke 10:25-37
- Lesson 8 - October 25 - Love Never Fails - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

We believe that the Sunday School Ministry helps the church in reaching the lost, in edifying the saved, and raising up spiritually healthy disciples for Jesus Christ.
Pastor Hackett

From the GSBC Nurses Ministry

HEALTH NOTES FOR OCTOBER 2020

3 Key Steps to Take While Waiting for Your COVID-19 Test Result

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, take these 3 key steps NOW while waiting for your test results:

1 Stay home and monitor your health.

Stay home and monitor your health to help protect your friends, family, and others from possibly getting COVID-19 from you.

Stay home and away from others:

- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19, such as older adults and people with other medical conditions.
- If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, stay home and away from others for 14 days after your last contact with that person.
- If you have a fever, cough or other symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and away from others (except to get medical care).



Monitor your health:

- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Remember, symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to COVID-19 and can include:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Tiredness
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea



2 Think about the people you have recently been around.

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, a public health worker may call you to check on your health, discuss who you have been around, and ask where you spent time while you may have been able to spread COVID-19 to others. While you wait for your COVID-19 test result, think about everyone you have been around recently. This will be important information to give health workers if your test is positive.

Complete the information on the back of this page to help you remember everyone you have been around.

3 Answer the phone call from the health department.

If a public health worker calls you, answer the call to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in your community. **LOU Health will show on caller ID or local #**

- Discussions with health department staff are **confidential**. This means that your personal and medical information will be kept private and only shared with those who may need to know, like your health care provider.

IF you have a positive result and are not contacted call 502-912-8968

- Your name will not be shared with those you came in contact with. The health department will only notify people you were in close contact with (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) that they might have been exposed to COVID-19.



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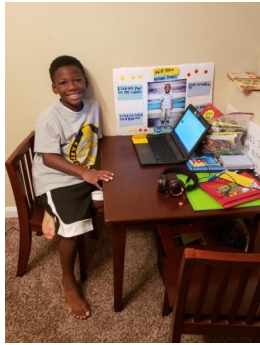
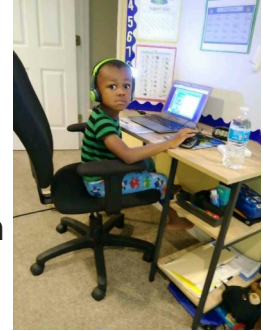
COVID-19 Reminder COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-722-5725 or send COVID inquiries to KYcovid19@ky.gov — For COVID-19 Testing locations go to <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/health-wellness/louisville-covid-19-response-testing>

Back to School with NTI

These Kids and Grandkids of GSBC Members are starting the school year off Right.



Christopher Fleming Jr. 3rd grade
Audubon Traditional Elementary
Christian Fleming. Kindergarten
Audubon Traditional School



Michael Jones Jr. 1st grade
Carter Traditional School

Aria Turner Kindergarten
Stonestreet Elementary



RaNya Handley. 6th grade
Jefferson County Traditional Middle School

Zayden Ford 4th grade
Schaffner Traditional Elementary School



Alyya Leacock. Kindergarten
Pearl Harbor Elementary
Hawaii



Yahlie Ford
Home School



Nolan Morris Kindergarten
Tully Elementary

From Pastor Keith S. Hackett

How Should a Christian View Politics?

Question: "How should a Christian view politics?"

Answer: If there is anything that will spark a spontaneous debate, if not an outright argument, it is a discussion involving politics—even among believers. As followers of Christ, what should be our attitude and our involvement with politics? It has been said that “religion and politics don’t mix.” But is that really true? Can we have political views outside the considerations of our Christian faith? The answer is no, we cannot. The Bible gives us two truths regarding our stance towards politics and government.

The first truth is that the will of God permeates and supersedes every aspect of life. It is God’s will that takes precedence over everything and everyone ([Matthew 6:33](#)). God’s plans and purposes are fixed, and His will is inviolable. What He has purposed, He will bring to pass, and no government can thwart His will ([Daniel 4:34-35](#)). In fact, it is God who “sets up kings and deposes them” ([Daniel 2:21](#)) because “the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes” ([Daniel 4:17](#)). A clear understanding of this truth will help us to see that politics is merely a method God uses to accomplish His will. Even though evil men abuse their political power, meaning it for evil, God means it for good, working “all things together for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” ([Romans 8:28](#)).

Second, we must grasp the fact that our government cannot save us! Only God can. We never read in the New Testament of Jesus or any of the apostles expending any time or energy schooling believers on how to reform the pagan world of its idolatrous, immoral, and corrupt practices via the government. The apostles never called for believers to demonstrate civil disobedience to protest the Roman Empire’s unjust laws or brutal schemes. Instead, the apostles commanded the first-century Christians, as well as us today, to proclaim the gospel and live lives that give clear evidence to the gospel’s transforming power.

There is no doubt that our responsibility to government is to obey the laws and be good citizens ([Romans 13:1-2](#)). God has established all authority, and He does so for our benefit, “to commend those who do right” ([1 Peter 2:13-15](#)). Paul tells us

in [Romans 13:1-8](#) that it is the government’s responsibility to rule in authority over us—hopefully for

our good—to collect taxes, and to keep the peace. Where we have a voice and can elect our leaders, we should exercise that right by voting for those who best demonstrate Christian principles.

One of Satan’s grandest deceptions is that we can rest our hope for cultural morality and godly living in politicians and governmental officials. A nation’s hope for change is not to be found in any country’s ruling class. The church has made a mistake if it thinks that it is the job of politicians to defend, to advance, and to guard biblical truths and Christian values.

The church’s unique, God-given purpose does not lie in political activism. Nowhere in Scripture do we have the directive to spend our energy, our time, or our money in governmental affairs. Our mission lies not in changing the nation through political reform, but in changing hearts through the Word of God. When believers think the growth and influence of Christ can somehow be allied with government policy, they corrupt the mission of the church. Our Christian mandate is to spread the gospel of Christ and to preach against the sins of our time. Only as the hearts of individuals in a culture are changed by Christ will the culture begin to reflect that change.

Believers throughout the ages have lived, and even flourished, under antagonistic, repressive, pagan governments. This was especially true of the first-century believers who, under merciless political regimes, sustained their faith under immense cultural stress. They understood that it was they, not their governments, who were the light of the world and the salt of the earth. They adhered to Paul’s teaching to obey their governing authorities, even to honor, respect, and pray for them ([Romans 13:1-8](#)). More importantly, they understood that, as believers, their hope resided in the protection that only God supplies. The same holds true for us today. When we follow the teachings of the Scriptures, we become the light of the world as God has intended for us to be ([Matthew 5:16](#)).

Political entities are not the savior of the world. The salvation for all mankind has been manifested in Jesus Christ. God knew that our world needed saving long before any national government was ever founded. He demonstrated to the world that redemption could not be accomplished through the power of man, economic strength, military might, or politics. Peace of mind, contentment, hope, and joy—and the salvation of mankind—are provided only through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

15 Pastoral Years ...at... Greater Salem

A small snapshot of A Blessed Time

Baptist Church



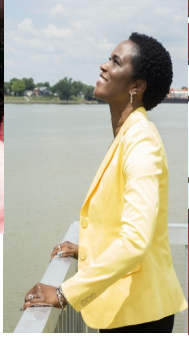
Our Pastor



Making Disciples for Christ – One Heart at A Time - One Family at A Time #GSBCappreciates



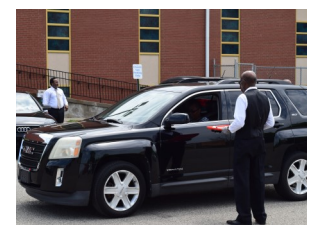
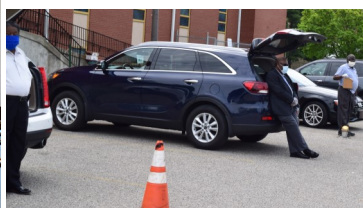
Our First Lady



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

Pastor and First Lady Hackett and a small cadre of Ministers, Deacons, lay members, and Musicians have helped provide a continuation of regular worship services, Weekly Bible studies, Sunday School, and Prayer Services. How are they accomplishing this???

- ⇒ **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 continues on Facebook Live each Wednesday at 5:30 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page.**
- ⇒ **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.**



SOCIAL DISTANCING ;;;;;;

The Lord’s Supper is being served on the First Sundays on the Parking Lot to those unable to attend services.

Be Prepared to Vote!!!

Voter Guide 2020: Everything you need to know about voting in Jefferson County, Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The [2020 general election](#) will be held Nov. 3, 2020. In Kentucky, there are several ways you can vote, both on Election Day and during the weeks leading up to it.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- Last day to register to vote: Oct. 5 at 4 p.m.
- First day to request an absentee ballot: Aug. 22
- Last day to request an absentee ballot: Oct. 9
- First day of early voting: Oct. 13
- Last day of early voting: Nov. 2

Election Day: Nov. 3, polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Am I registered to vote?

If you aren't sure whether [you're registered to vote in Kentucky](#), you can [check your registration online at GoVoteKy.com](#). You can also [update your current registration](#) if you've changed addresses since the last election.

How do I vote?

In Kentucky, you can either vote absentee or in-person. Due to the [coronavirus pandemic](#), more exceptions have been made than in previous years. More people are eligible to vote absentee and in-person voting will be open for three weeks before election day.

Absentee Voting

If you choose to vote absentee, you will need to [request a ballot](#). The request form for an absentee ballot will be available on [Kentucky's online Voter Portal](#) starting Aug. 22 and ballots should be mailed out sometime in September. You can request a ballot through Oct. 9. Ballots can be returned through the mail or dropped off at a county clerk's office/or Drop Box Locations.

In-person Voting

You can vote in person on Nov. 3 or during the three weeks before

Election Day. Early in-person voting begins on Oct. 13 and polling locations will be open every weekday leading up to the election, as well as for four hours each Saturday.

On Nov. 3, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

What do I need to bring?

If you're voting in person, you will need to bring [a form of identification](#) with you.

Starting with the 2020 November election, Kentucky voters must present a valid photo ID, like a driver's license or student ID, in order to vote. For a full list of acceptable forms of identification – and what to do if you don't have a photo ID go to <https://elect.ky.gov/Frequently-Asked-Questions/Documents/SB%202%20FAQ.pdf>

***Early Voting & Election Day Locations – – October 13th through November 2nd – Monday through Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and on Election Day from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

Kentucky Exposition Center

ADDRESS: Fairgrounds North Wing ~ 937 Phillips Lane
(Free Parking)

KFC Yum! Center ~ Foyer

ADDRESS: Main & 2nd Streets
(Free Parking)

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

ADDRESS: 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd
(Free Parking)

(East End Location, To Be Determined)

ADDRESS: To be determined
(Free Parking)

The above sites are also Absentee Ballot Drop Box Locations through November 2nd

(DROP-OFF LOCATION ONLY) The Jefferson County Clerk's Office Election Center DATE: September 21st through November 2nd ADDRESS: Edison Building at 701 West Ormsby Avenue TIME: Monday through Friday ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3rd ~ 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Election Day Only Sites, Tuesday November 3rd, 6AM to 6PM

Ballard High School

ADDRESS: 6000 Brownsboro Road.

Shawnee High School

ADDRESS: 4001 Herman Street

Thomas Jefferson Middle School

ADDRESS: 1501 Rangeland Road

Valley High School

ADDRESS: 10200 Dixie Highway

IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE IN PERSON on or before November 3rd, DO NOT REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT: *According to Section 23 of the emergency regulations for this election, "Once a voter has requested a mail-in absentee ballot, the voter cannot vote in person unless the voter does not receive their requested ballot by October 28, 2020."*

***Other Voting Sites Have Now Been Added!!!**



October 2020!!!



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

- 1. Plant part that absorbs water
- 2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
- 3. To plant
- 4. Sharp part of a plant
- 5. What is harvested.
- 6. To dry up and shrivel
- 7. Person who plants
- 8. The earth a plant grows in.

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Bible Quiz

In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks



Answer: . (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

PLOW

Christian Symbols



This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in conjunction with verses about the harvest. The act of plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God's truth, or the "seed" of God's word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NIV). In the Old Testament, the prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God's call (see 1 Kings 19:21).

From UIC: Reaching Out And Making A Difference Was The Strong Message Sent ...

Thank you Greater Salem for joining Unity In the Community Ministry and helping to meet the needs of the Ekuchi Family whose home located at 1815 Bolling Avenue was destroyed by fire on September 8, 2020. The family of 12, which includes 5 boys and 5 girls ranging in ages 5 to 18 years, lost everything...but God spared their lives.

God touched the hearts of many and it was amazing the response that was shown in meeting their needs. The petition went out for donations of clothing, furniture, appliance, cookware, bedding etc... helping to replace their losses.

God stepped in and what a blessing, The Kentucky Refugee Ministries, 969B Cherokee Road was in charge of this case, and found them a home. To God Be The Glory For The Great Things He Has And Will Continue To Do!!!

What A Joy We Find In Reaching Out And Helping Others!!!
Submitted by UIC

FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY—SHARE THIS PAGE

“GOD FOR CHRIST’S SAKE HAS FORGIVEN YOU” (EPHESIANS 4:32)

Psalms 86:5 “For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee”

-Christ died for our sins-

Romans 4:25 “who was delivered for our offences.”

1Corinthians 15: 3 “...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scripture:”

2Corinthians 5:21 “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

Galatians 1:4 “who gave himself for our sins.”

Isaiah 53:10 “When thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin,”

-Man's part is to believe-

Romans 3:22, “Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all them that believe.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith...”

1 Corinthians 1:21, “It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching (the Cross) to save them that believe.”

-Forgiven of All Sin-

Colossians 2:13, “And you, being dead in your sins, and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you of all trespasses;”

There are two important truths we learn from this verse.

- Saints have been (past tense) Forgiven
- Forgiveness includes all sins

God forgave us the moment we trusted Christ and imparted forgiveness to the saints. Saints never need to be “re-forgiven.”

Ephesians 1:7, “In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;”

God tells us that we have (present tense) forgiveness of all our sins.

-Forgiveness According to Grace-

We have His forgiveness, “according to the riches of His grace.” God’s “grace” and the riches of His “grace” are found in the precious blood of Christ. It is because of His blood that God could accomplish the full and complete payment for our sin. It is by these riches that believers have already been forgiven.

Romans 5:20, “moreover the law entered, that the offense

might abound. But when sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”

Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound! The riches of God’s grace are greater than the depths that sin can go. Paul tells us that there is always more grace than sin. Not just more, but “much more!” Saints should have complete confidence in the riches of the grace of God to be more than sufficient to bring about their full and complete forgiveness.

-Forgiven for Christ’s Sake-

Ephesians 4:32 “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

Christ’s love sent Him to Calvary’s cross to endure the agony and ultimately the penalty for every sin. It was Christ who sweat great drops of Blood in the Garden of Gethsemane as He prayed to the Father. It was Christ who willingly laid down His life to pay for our sin. It was Christ who was forsaken by God the Father when He became sin and satisfied the justice of a Holy God.

The work of the cross made full payment for sin and the work was finished by Christ. Christ proclaimed victory from His Cross with the words, “It is finished.”

God asks that we come to Him by faith, believing, and He will save us and forgive us from all our sin.

God accepts the atoning work of Christ at Calvary as “propitiation,” a fully satisfying sacrifice. The sinner should agree with God’s assessment of the work of His Son and by faith, believe that all sin was paid for once and for all.

Pray this prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, I know I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now ask Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I am willing, by God’s Grace, to follow and obey Christ as the Lord of my heart and life. Amen.

Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven!!!

Submitted by Deacon Marshall Merrill for

The Evangelism Ministry

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 a member of the Evangelism Team!!!

The GoodNewsLetter is available online at greatersalembaptist.org



Opportunities to be in the presence of God through the study of His word and In the Center of Prayer
(See Page 8 for updated temporary schedule of online audio or video Opportunities)

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