

Sermon Notes from The Pastor's Pulpit Pastor and First Lady Hackett

-Pastor Keith S. Hackett

Greater Salem Baptist Church of Disciples!
Starting this edition and prayerfully every month of the GoodNewsLetter, I will take time to review the Sermons preached.

It is our prayer that you will be able to learn and/or feast from the Word of God as it was preached/proclaimed and, provided for the Body of Christ, as well as to the unbelieving world of potential disciples for Jesus Christ--One heart at a time and one family at a time.

On August 1st and 8th; the Church was reminded and challenged to love those in the Christian family, and those outside the Christian family (both inside and outside the Church). The apostle, Paul gives us 25 admonitions of true love displayed in action (Roman's 12:9-21).

We must remember that although our Spiritual guidance and power come from the Lord. He can only work effectively through lives that we subjected to Him (1Corinthians 9:25-27)

For the Christian, self-discipline is obedience to the Word of God, the willingness to subordinate everything in our lives: physical, emotional, social, intellectual, moral and Spiritual, to God's Will and Control. And for God's glory. In conclusion, Supernatural living is conducted in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:7). The call to practical holy living is the climax of this rich epistle. So if anyone can submit, to me the 25 admonitions that Paul gives us in Romans 12:9-21 by the end of September, 2021, you will receive a blessing.
On August 15th, we revisited the theme for 2021, Restora-

tive Joy, (Psalm 51:10-13).

By preaching through the book of Joy, which is Philippians. The joy of believing in Philippians 3:1-7 focused on "walking by faith and not by flesh." Paul instructed the Church of Phillipi and us, that we should not live by legal standards of traditionalism when following Christ Jesus. Paul warns us of the suffering of the flesh life (Philippians 3:1-2) then he tells us that if anyone should have confidence in the flesh I (Paul) should.

When we think about all the accomplishments Paul had, he could still be boasting about them (Philippians 3:3-6). But because of his conversion (Romans 9) Paul understood and wisely chose to reject having confidence in the flesh and count it as loss for Christ (Philippians 3:7).

Pastor Dan Hall came to worship with us on **August 22nd**, to remind us that "Victory is mine! (Ephesians 1:1-12). The Book of Ephesians was written to explain some of the great things and duties of Christianity and it reveals the things God has prepared for us who love Him (1Corinthians 2:9-10).

- Ephesians 1:12 Paul's greeting to the Ephesians of the Triune God on behalf of the believer:
- Ephesians 1:3-6, The Work of God The Father,
- Ephesians 1:7-8, The Work of God The Son and Ephesians 1:9-12, The mystery of His Will.
- All of these things give us the Victory, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope and trust in Christ, should be to the praise of His glory.

In His Grip,
-Pastor Hackett


There's Joy in Studying the Word!!!



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Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Kim Burrell Georgetta Griten	3 Patricia Glover	4 Michaellee Duckworth
5 <i>Labor Day</i> Joann Simmons	6	7	8	9 Allison Grundy	10	11 <i>Patriot Day</i> Edward Bonner
12 <i>National Grandparents Day</i> Crystal Frillman Ronnie Waller	13 Monica Little Kenneth Smith	14 Bryce Johnson	15 <i>Hispanic Heritage Month Begins</i> Artemus Banks Dana Burns Kenneth Adkins Martize Walton	16	17 Maria Mitchell	18 Denia Davis
19	20	21	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	23 Kayla Handley	24 Sharon Davis	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Let's join in with Deacon James and Sister Sarah Toney as they Celebrate their 49th Wedding Anniversary on September 28, 2021.

September Dates

- Labor Day, September 6, 2021
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2021
- National Grandparents Day, September 12, 2021
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2021
- First day of autumn, September 22, 2021





Sunday School Lessons At-a-Glance

Unit 1 - God's People Offer Praise

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- Lesson 1 - September 5** – Praise with Music – Exodus 15:11-21
- Lesson 2 - September 12**– Praise in Dance – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-19
- Lesson 3 - September 19** – Praise by Expecting and Following – Mark 10:46-52
- Lesson 4 - September 26** – Praise for Salvation – Acts 2:32, 33, 37-47

Two outstanding examples of God's blessings are these young adults who were once outstanding members of the Greater Salem Church Youth and Family ministry and the Scholarship program. These two have always been examples of young Christians in action. Recent news relative to **Anetria Brownlee Swanson** and **Minister Christopher Fleming** was shared with the GoodNewsLetter by Anetria's Aunt, Jacqueline Austin, and Christopher's Mother, Mona Fleming.

Anetria Brownlee Swanson Professional School Counselor, Atherton High School honored as a Creative Educator by Today's Woman magazine (July 2021 Issue)

After a brief stint as a substitute teacher, Anetria Brownlee Swanson had no doubts about pursuing a job in education – and will be celebrating her 20th year in the profession this fall. "I have always loved working with children," she says. Prior to her current position as a school counselor, Anetria worked as an elementary school teacher, social studies resource teacher and human resources resource teacher. Anetria is committed to helping other educators improve their skillset in the classroom. She teaches a social studies methods course for beginning elementary teachers in the University of Louisville College of Education & Human Development.

Her teaching method: As an educator, I have always strived to create safe spaces for my students to explore, question, and construct their own meaning while guiding students to be critical and reflective thinkers and learners.

Defining moment: I am always touched when students seek me out to let me know I have impacted them in some way. Moments like those remind me of the importance of my role – and why I do what I do.

What students need now: They need trusted adults they can build authentic relationships with at school. This could be a teacher, administrator, counselor, mental health therapist, or school youth services coordinator. These individuals can help identify strategies and resources to help students in and out of school. They need to know we care and have their back!

Our own, Minister Chris Fleming, was recently designated as a **Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM)** by Toastmasters International. (Of course we already knew)

Christopher Ryan Fleming, DTM

Dear Toastmaster Fleming,

Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) recognition is the greatest honor that can be earned by a member of Toastmasters International. The DTM award is given only to those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and communication skills and who have used these skills to help others in their self-development efforts.

Attaining this award was not an easy task. You have completed both the leadership and communication tracks, earning many awards to reach DTM status. These accomplishments have given you a greater perspective of the value of being a good communicator and an effective leader.

You have assisted your club, district, and community. More than four million people have benefited from our programs since the organization's establishment in 1924. Your accomplishments and continuing contributions are a significant factor in this success.

I am delighted to recognize you as a Distinguished Toastmaster. Your outstanding achievement will serve as an inspiration to all Toastmasters. Enclosed is an exquisite plaque in honor of your achievement.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rex

Daniel Rex
Chief Executive Officer

June 29, 2021

Distinguished Toastmaster
Recognition is given to
Christopher Ryan Fleming
by Toastmasters International for outstanding accomplishment and leadership excellence in the service of the mission of Toastmasters International.

Health Notes :COVID Update for September 2021

From the Nurses Ministry

Get Protected COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, September 11, 2021

9am-12 noon

Chestnut Street YMCA

930 W. Chestnut

Pfizer vaccine for ages 12 and above

Youth 12-18 must have signed parent/guardian permission form.

To register call the church office at 502-587-8869

Leave your name and phone number

Walk-Ins Welcome

*Sponsored By: Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness/Greater Salem Baptist Church/
Chestnut Street YMCA/Kentucky Nurses Association*

COVID-19 Testing

Get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms* or were potentially exposed to the virus. You should stay away from others pending test results and follow the advice of your health care provider. CDC recommends that anyone with signs or symptoms* of COVID-19 should get tested, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection.

Where can you get tested? Below are a few options:

Your healthcare provider

Urgent treatment center

CVS

Kroger-The Little Clinic

Norton Healthcare

Walgreens

Questions? *Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 800-722-5725 or Louisville Health Department Helpline at 502-912-8598 (Help with finding testing/vaccine locations and vaccine card replacement)*

*Symptoms: Chills or fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat congestion or runny nose, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea.

THE APPLE OF *HIS* EYE!!!

By: Denise L. B. Zellars



One of my favorite activities from childhood was fruit-picking; *crab-apples and Granny Smith's in particular*. While we picked from various fruit trees (plums, pears, peaches, etc.), *apples*, have remained to be my favorite fruit to date. *Well, they probably run neck-and-neck to a skillfully-thumped watermelon*. My siblings and I would plan for which trees we would freely shop from over a large radius of our neighborhood in West Louisville.

Most neighbors would welcome us kids to take as many apples as we could gather, but there were a couple of homes that were not so welcoming, and they would forewarn us to stay away. Nevertheless, we occasionally took a notion to disregard their warnings as for some reason they had the nicest yards, with trees that carried the biggest and prettiest fruits—*more inviting to the eye*. We kids would have to run for dear life, though, when we followed our self-indulgences.

A young friend named Victor would join the group, he was tall and much fun for everyone. My older siblings were sometimes reluctant to take me along for these ventures, fearing I would slow them down from their mission to gather as many apples as our pockets, pillow cases, and large bags could hold.

I reckon they anticipated the need and responsibility to protect me when they went for the forbidden trees, too. *After all*, mom had left me in their care and expected me to return the same way I left, *whole!*

Victor always welcomed me. He was smart to observe my small stature, and would quickly pick me up to place me on his shoulders. While my siblings thought they knew what they were doing, Victor, was the expert apple-picker, with a real plan to clean most fruit trees. His plan was to use his and my height and size to our advantage. With Victor being already tall, he would place me on his shoulders and he became even taller. My job was to move quickly, and shake, pick and pull all good apples within my reach. When my siblings began to see the abundance of apples falling, they were sure to awaken me early on Saturday mornings to add to their mission.

If you did not quickly grasp the moral of this story, allow me to explain further. Everyone is important—especially in the Body of Christ. As God's children, we each have the ability and responsibility to encourage and uplift others. For instance, when we receive Saving Faith, the **Holy Spirit** comes to indwell us. He gives us Spiritual Gifts and enables us to share these gifts with others, ultimately building the Body of **Christ Jesus**, (*the Church*) and glorifying our **Heavenly Father**. I see the Awesome Holy Trinity, *can you?* (**See Romans 15:1-6 & 1Corinthians Chpt.12**)

Did you know that our Heavenly Father has also chosen fruits that are part of His very Self, and essential for His children? — What are these fruits that God so graciously shares with His

beloved children? You will find them in His Word, **Galatians 5:22-23**, But the fruit of the Spirit is **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control**.

Which of these Fruits have you struggled with? *Patience, Self-Control?* Be Encouraged (**See Philippians 1:6, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus!**)

There are nine fruits of the Spirit, but Our Good Lord is One God—and He Is the epitome of Oneness (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit). He classifies His fruits as One **Fruit** of the **Spirit**. *Why?* Because we cannot have one without the other. It is impossible to contain only one of the above listed fruits, and if you do happen to see one without the other; you should know that either you have not spent enough time around the individual to see faithfulness, patience, etc., or you, my dear, have stumbled across what is bad fruit /or artificial fruit, and not our Good Lord's Fruit of the Holy Spirit! Notice how they all follow **Love?** God is Love and look at all He *freely* gives us when we are in Him (*Salvation, see Ephesians 1:3-14*). Oh, yes-Lord, we Thank You—*Hallelujah!!!*

When yielding to the Holy Spirit, one will find that The Fruit of the Spirit works in perfect agreement with our Spiritual Gifts. We do not have to go from block to block in search of His fruits; His fruits are always quite evident. We do not have to run for dear life when partaking in His fruit; His fruits are prevalent. *And*, unlike watermelon being good only a few months each year; God's essential fruits are inexhaustible and good year round. Key word, "*inexhaustible*." In other words, we have One Supplier Who Knows what we need, how much we need, and when we need it (**See Philippians 4:19, But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus**).

Fruit bearing is part of our sanctification process as we remain in Christ Jesus. Therefore, the change does not happen overnight with all nine fruits, such as, the instantaneous change that happens at Salvation. We definitely receive all nine fruits, as they will always accompany the Holy Spirit. But, they become more and more evident in the believer over time, as He shapes and molds us into being more Christ-like. He gives us Love, and we will have to show, express and receive Love, He gives us patience, but we are going to be placed in situations to practice and grow our patience, He gives us Joy, but does not exempt us from trouble and sorrow to increase His Joy, He gives.... You get the point, *Right?* (**see Romans 10:9, John 15:1-17, John 16:33 & 2 Corinthians 12:9**)

We should not be surprised to witness good works from our

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EDUCATING OUR KIDS

This is the second in a series of answers to questions posed by a GNL staffer interested in the education and development of our youth. This month's Q&A were asked of Sister Hilda Kendrick-Apiah, an award-winning, dedicated, and distinguished educator, who is always seeking ways to enhance educational opportunities for the youth here at her Greater Salem church family.



Hilda Kendrick-Apiah

1. How do you stress the importance of education at an early age?

Students need to be shown their interests at an early age by bringing the interests to the forefront and aligning students with their interests. Before the pandemic, I would invite many professionals in the classroom to speak and share their professions, such as doctors, lawyers, policemen, firemen, chemists, dental hygienists, business owners, and factory workers. They would stress the importance of education which had assisted helping them in their various fields.

2. When your student is not motivated, how do you encourage him/her?

You motivate a student by showing personal interest in the student and developing a positive relationship with the student. You show excitement in the little gains the student demonstrates.

3. Do you promise, bribe, threaten, shame students that are not trying or working up to their potential? What works, what doesn't work?

You try to be positive with the student to motivate the student. Sometimes it works, sometimes it does not. One cannot change the student's home environment.

4. When the student states "the teacher doesn't like me" or "the teacher is not being fair" or "the teacher is not respectful," how do you address that with the student? How far up the chain (of command) do you go? Who do you believe? How do you fact check (what really happened)?

You ask the student why he or she thinks the teacher is not being fair. You discuss ways the teacher has encouraged the student and shown respect. You have an open relationship with the student's parent and administrators to discuss the student.

5. How do you speak with teachers, assistant principals, and administrators in a Christian and calm manner and still get your point across and feel like you are being heard?

You constantly walk as a Christian walks and remain calm and pray before you open your mouth. The way a teacher walks demonstrates his/her mannerisms.

6. How do you make teenagers complete homework, complete projects and work on their virtual classes without standing over them? How do you get them to be responsible and independent?

Constant modeling helps students to complete assignments by showing how an adult must complete work. Informing teenagers you believe in them and you want them to inform you when tasks have been completed. You tell them you are available to assist them in any way. Tell them they may socialize with their friends when they have completed the projects.

7. Do sports or extracurricular activities help or are they a hindrance to academic studies?

Sports and extra-curricular activities can be a major assistance in academic studies. Many colleges expect future students to have been active in high school. A personal experience occurred when two of my students who needed financial assistance, I paid for summer camp for them in basketball and soccer. As a result of summer camp, they received good scholarships. One is an attorney and the other one is a nurse practitioner.

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8. What do you do if your student is a better athlete than academic? How do you help?

You find ways to tutor the student. You can make tutoring related to athletic plays.

9. How do you teach your student to avoid distractions (inappropriate relationships, rebellious spirit, overruling parental wishes?)

You work with the student to teach self-discipline. I never criticize the parents. A student who has alcoholic or drug addicted parents, you explain that the parents want a good life for the student. You encourage the student to think before he/she acts to avoid a rebellious attitude. Students may need personal counseling by a professional counselor or psychiatrist.

10. How do you celebrate academic achievements vs birthdays, State Tournament wins, etc.?

A teacher needs to send a personal note. I inform students that all children are gifted, some just open their packages sooner. I remind the student of that information when I send a personal note of congratulations on an academic achievement. I encourage the student and state that I believe in them..

11. When should you allow your student to get a part-time job? What are the requirements of grades vs. hours worked?

A student should be allowed to get a part time job mainly in the summers. If the student continues to work during school hours, he/she must get adequate rest and keep up the grades. Academics are the priority.

12. If your student has fallen off-track and made some mistakes, how do you get them moving in the right direction?

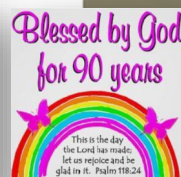
You motivate the student by explaining all people make mistakes along their journeys. You do not want to be the dog, FIDO. where you Forget It and Drive On. Be motivated to correct and improve from mistakes made. Most students will not always make A's on tests, students must forget about the previous test and work hard on the next test.

13. Is it "do as I say and not as I do", or leading by example? It is a combination of both. Sometimes students need to do as the adult says to avoid disasters, such as car wrecks, or getting in trouble with the law, etc. Mainly, the educators needs to lead by example.

Editor's Note: Thank You Sis. Apiah for your timely and invaluable input

August Birthdays Celebrated!!!

Sis. Ollie Hackett celebrated her 90th Birthday on August 28th. She is pictured here with her brother, Willie C. Fleming, celebrating his 94th Birthday on August 26th along with their sister, Mrs. Lina Wiggington..



Attention All 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 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 will be shared with all ministry leaders and posted outside of 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



QUOTES ON THE JOY OF GIVING

- ⇒ "When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." – Maya Angelou
- ⇒ "Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have." - Jim Rohn
- ⇒ "There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward." – Khalil Gibran
- ⇒ "We must give more in order to get more. It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest." – Orison Swett Marden
- ⇒ "Everyone can experience the joy and blessing of generosity; because everyone has something to give." – Jan Grace

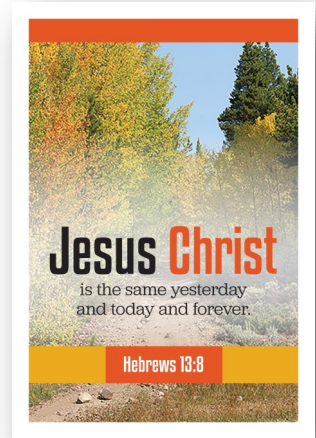
Back to School with the 6-8 Y.O. Class



Michael Jones 2nd Grade
Carter Traditional Elementary



Christopher Fleming 4th Grade
Christian Fleming First Grade
Audubon Traditional Elementary



Kerrick Elementary
Kiyanna Kidd Kindergarten
Kaamiya Kidd 4th Grade
Kaaliya Kidd 5th Grade



Aria Raye Smith-Turner – 1st Grade
Notre Dame Academy

Please pray for all our students, teachers, bus drivers, parents, that this school year will be a prosperous one.

"Lord, please protect everyone and allow everyone to have a great year. In Jesus' name. Amen!"



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brothers and sisters in Christ. We were created to do good works and to expect good works (see *Ephesians 2:10*). Many have had such bad experiences in life to the point that makes him/her suspicious when good things are presented to them. This is unfortunate, because our Good Lord tells us to think good thoughts and look after the interests of others (see *Philippians 2:4*). Love always protects, trusts, hopes and endures (see *Philippians 4:8 & 1Corinthians 13:7*).

Encourage! Provoke good works as the scripture says, and meet regularly with other believers, especially as the day draws near. This day drawing near is speaking of Christ Jesus' return/ His 2nd coming. YES, LORD—Hallelujah and, *Amen!!!* Encourage and support those that may be weaker in faith and may be experiencing a difficult time in their life. Likewise, if someone has done something nice and wonderful, encourage them to keep going and keep doing! A thoughtful compliment goes a long way, not a misplaced-inappropriate compliment to the point of extreme, nor one which makes someone feel awkward or uncomfortable. We have some degree of discernment as believers (see *Hebrews 10:24-25, Galatians 6:10, Romans 12:2 & Romans 12:9*).

Encourage some more! We should not withhold encouragement because we *personally* feel it would make someone proud. We do not have the ability, nor authority to humble anyone—the Holy Spirit has never failed to do *His* Work. The same Holy Spirit that blesses the believer with Spiritual Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit, is the same Holy Spirit that will discipline and humble His children when necessary (*Hebrews 12:5-13*).

Some folks may need a little more encouragement than others, and we will never know all that a person may be dealing with, or struggling with (see *Hebrews 3:13, But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today", so that none of us may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness*). God gave the believer the ability to encourage for a reason as this is part of letting our Light shine, this is one of many ways we worship God as we Love Him with our whole being and Love our neighbors as ourselves. (see *Matthew 5:16 & Matthew 22:37-40*). This Light should shine everywhere we go, not just at Church, but at work, home, driving, and yes, communicating on the phone and through other social media, too.

Everyone is important to Christ Jesus and we are more successful and gain so much more when we work together to glorify Him (*Romans 15:5-6*); It is what our *Holy, Just, Fair, Righteous, Thoughtful, Amazing and Loving* God created us to do. There should be no animosity, division, gossiping, or jealousy, amongst God's children (the Church) as He gives every one of us Spiritual Gifts. We should intentionally look for someone to place on our shoulders. *Of course, it does not have to be physically as one may not have the physical strength*. But, every single one of God's children has the Super-natural Strength of the indwelling Holy Spirit to uplift others, *Spiritually*. When we began to exercise our Spiritual Gifts, we will find that there is no time for nonsense, and only a little time left to do what *Christ Jesus* has commanded us to do, *His* Great Commission, make *disciples!* *Matthew 28:16-20*).

Blessings,
—Denise

Laboring for the Lord

*And whatever
you do, whether in
word or deed, do it all
in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.*

COLOSSIANS 3:17, NIV

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”

Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “Whatever your task,” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “**Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.**”

Thank You to our GSBC Deacons!!!

If no one else appreciates our deacons, we sure do. Thank you for supporting The Smith and Dennison Family during our time of bereavement. We Love You Greater Salem Deacons.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



What's your cell type?

The microscopic amoeba is a self-sufficient, one-celled organism. White blood cells look much like amoebae yet serve the larger organism of which they're a part. While the amoeba flees danger, white blood cells hasten toward it, working together to defend the body from disease.



the body parts Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 12 (ear, eye, foot, hand) can't live apart from the body, cells have that potential.

Individuals, the smallest units of the body of Christ, are like cells. They can either live for themselves or work together to serve the whole church. Although

Do you focus only on your needs, deriving benefits from the body of Christ but not helping it? Or are you a team member, giving of yourself to benefit the whole church?

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Bible Study Classes Resume in September



After a long summer break, Bible Study Classes for all age groups will resume this month. Our Y&F teachers engaged in a variety of summer activities during the break. Some of us went on family vacations and walked on the beach at night, some of us took short road trips, some of us took walks in the park or enjoyed sitting outside watching the beautiful things in nature while others just spent quiet time reading our Bibles and some of our favorite books.

Now, we are refreshed, excited and eager to welcome our children and youth back to Bible Study!

All classes will continue to meet virtually by Zoom and/or by Conference Call. The schedule for each age group is listed below.

Ages 6-8 Bible Study

Classes resume Wednesday, September 8th

Classes will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday @ 7:00 - 7:30P.M.

Topic: Fruit of the Spirit

Teachers: Lynn Fleming and Mona Fleming

Zoom Link:

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/4825671779?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/4825671779?pwd=NIhhZ3B1cEFKYXVhYzB3N3lZSzdKUT09.)

[pwd=NIhhZ3B1cEFKYXVhYzB3N3lZSzdKUT09.](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/4825671779?pwd=NIhhZ3B1cEFKYXVhYzB3N3lZSzdKUT09.)

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Ages 9-12 Bible Study

Classes resume Wednesday, September 8th

Classes will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday @ 7:30-8:15 P.M.

Topic: Fruit of the Spirit

Teachers: Renita Ennels
Brenda Hackett

Students are invited to Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 456 907 7761

Passcode: JY8LRQ



Ages 13-18 Bible Study

Classes resume Saturday, September 11th

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

Topics: Psalm 91:God Rescues & Fruit of the Spirit

Teachers: Deacon Theron Exum and Deacon Stefan Dennison

Students are invited to Join by Conference Call:

freeconferencecall.com. The meeting ID is "theclass" or by dialing 425.436.6355 Access Code: 10092020

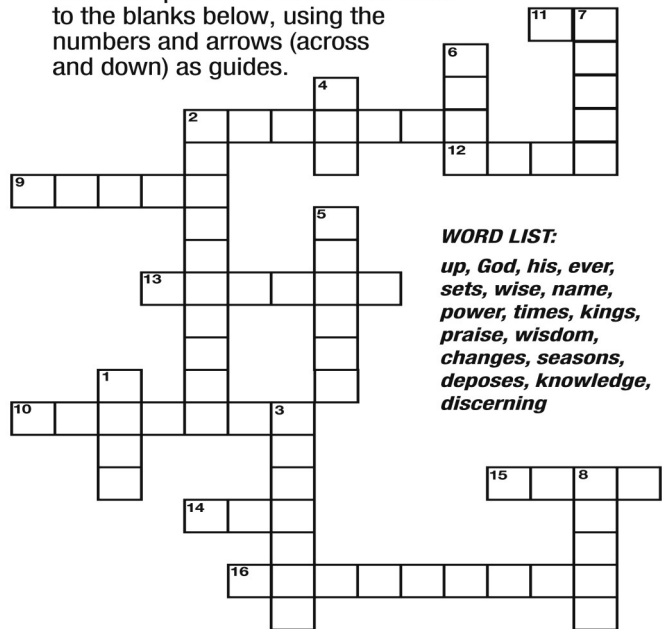


Parents, you are encouraged to contact the teachers for your child's Bible Study age group and make sure they have your child's name on their roster. All children and youth are encouraged to attend Bible Study Classes and begin building a firm spiritual foundation that will equip each of them to become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

Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.



WORD LIST:

up, God, his, ever, sets, wise, name, power, times, kings, praise, wisdom, changes, seasons, deposes, knowledge, discerning

" _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____ . He _____ and _____
 and _____ ; he _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 them. He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 the _____ ." DANIEL 2:20-21

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 Facebook Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. **On Wednesday nights after bible study, we now have an in-person prayer service at 7:00 PM. Although it is not shown on FB LIVE, those who are watching bible study on FB LIVE and anyone else can call in to join us for prayer service during that time. The 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 <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/tanishahackett> . 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.*

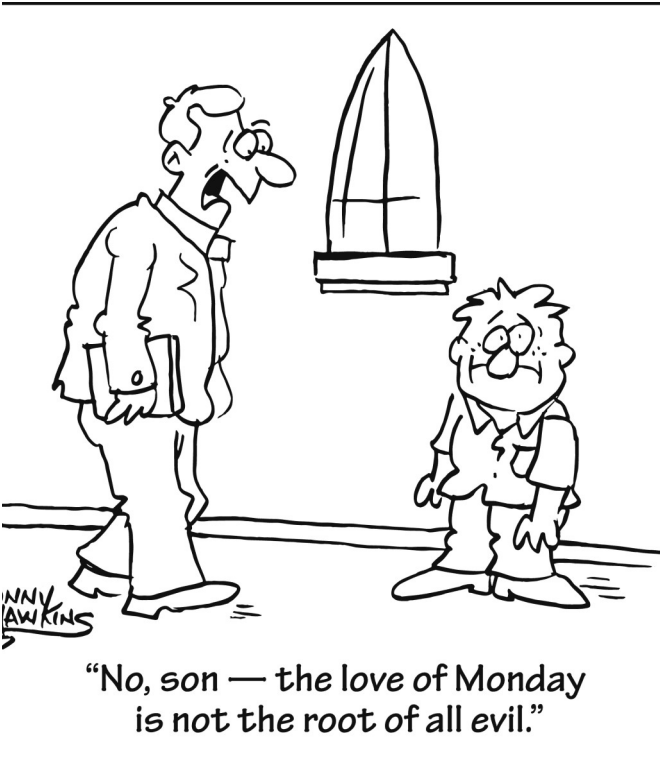
Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.

What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, Gray, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **Gray** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver

Christian Symbols

ARK OF THE COVENANT

For the Israelites, the Ark of the Covenant was at the center of worship. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the high priests. It also represents our earthly bodies,

FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY—SHARE THIS PAGE

QUESTION: HOW CAN I BE SAVED???**ANSWER:**

This simple, yet profound, question is the most important question that can be asked. "How can I be saved?" deals with where we will spend eternity after our lives in this world are over. There is no more important issue than our eternal destiny. Thankfully, the Bible is abundantly clear on how a person can be saved. The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). Paul and Silas responded, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

How can I be saved? Why do I need to be saved?

We are all infected with sin (Romans 3:23). We are born with sin (Psalm 51:5), and we all personally choose to sin (Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8). Sin is what makes us unsaved. Sin is what separates us from God. Sin is what has us on the path to eternal destruction.

How can I be saved? Saved from what?

Because of our sin, we all deserve death (Romans 6:23). While the physical consequence of sin is physical death, that is not the only kind of death that results from sin. All sin is ultimately committed against an eternal and infinite God (Psalm 51:4). Because of that, the just penalty for our sin is also eternal and infinite. What we need to be saved from is eternal destruction (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:15).

How can I be saved? How did God provide salvation?

Because the just penalty for sin is infinite and eternal, only God could pay the penalty, because only He is infinite and eternal. But God, in His divine nature, could not die. So God became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. God took on human flesh, lived among us, and taught us. When the people rejected Him and His message, and sought to kill Him, He willingly sacrificed Himself for us, allowing Himself to be crucified (John 10:15). Because Jesus Christ was human, He could die; and because Jesus Christ was God, His death had an eternal and infinite value. Jesus' death on the cross was the perfect and complete payment for our sin (1 John 2:2). He took the consequences we deserved. Jesus' resurrection from the dead demonstrated that His death was indeed the perfectly sufficient sacrifice for sin.

How can I be saved? What do I need to do?

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). God has already done all of the work. All you must do is receive, in faith, the salvation God offers (Ephesians 2:8-9). Fully trust in Jesus alone as the payment for your sins. Believe in Him, and you will not perish (John 3:16). God is offering you salvation as a gift. All you have to do is accept it. Jesus is the way of salvation (John 14:6).

Have you made a decision for Christ because of what you have read here?

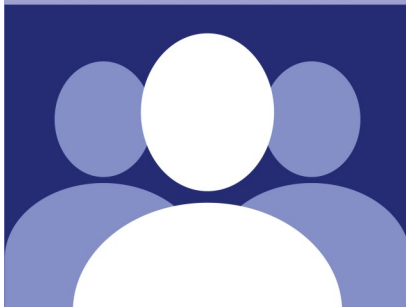
From the GotQuestions.org website

For Deacon Marshall Merrill and 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 any member of the Evangelism Team!!!

Worship With Us

IN PERSON



See Pages 12 & 13

ONLINE



See Pages 12 & 13

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 9 for updated schedule of online audio or video opportunities)



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See page 9 for online schedules

Answers

Answers to prayers come in various ways, sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days.

And some take years to fully unfold the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms, sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms.

Some blossom early, and some blossom late, but each one will flower — have faith and wait!

—Helen Inwood,
His Mysterious Ways

4 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

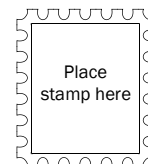
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