

The Builder



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Dear friends in Christ,

When we do something on a regular basis it is easy for it to become simply a habit, something we do without really thinking about what we're doing. Sadly, the same can be true about worship. We sit in the same spot, talk to the same people. We can sing the songs and say the prayers but not let the meaning of the words move our hearts. This is especially true if we have not taken the time preparing to worship. If we enter the sanctuary at the last minute we will not have been able to shift our focus from ourselves to God. How can we expect to experience His presence if we have not taken the time to open ourselves to Him.

Worship is not about what style of music we sing, what the order of worship is, whether we use the screen or not. Worship is the response of our hearts to the glorious majesty of who God is and what He has done for us. It is an acknowledgement of our need and His provision. It is the way we demonstrate how much God means to us.

When people in the Bible experience God's presence there is a sense of awe and wonder. They respond to God with reverence, and sometimes even fear:

2 Chronicles 7:3 When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

Isaiah 6:5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Ezekiel 1:28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Revelation 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last."

Jesus promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, He is with them (Matt. 18:20). Notice first that Jesus specifies more than one person. We can worship by ourselves, but we are also called to come together regularly to worship as a community, the body of Christ. This is so that we can encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:24–25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

May we come into His courts with thanksgiving and enter His courts with praise (Psalm 100:4).

Love in Christ,

Pastor Leigh

CELEBRATIONS IN JULY / AUGUST:

Birthdays ~ July

8 ~ Nico Brown
18 ~ Ann Marie Bentson
20 ~ Andrew Briggs
31 ~ Lois Wilk

Anniversaries ~ August

24 ~ Mike & Alyssa Zatir

Birthdays ~ August

15 ~ Donna Becker
17 ~ Harold Ennis

18 ~ Mike Greene
22 ~ Jim Plummer



Praise Requests

Liz Lussier and friends who are okay after a car accident.
Jeremy who is also okay after a car accident.

Prayer Requests

Diana Mariorenzi who is currently in the hospital after a fall.
Peter Marshall with falling.
Janice Cook who is not feeling well.
Lisa Charland and her family on the passing of their aunt.
Steve Sacchetine's niece, Emily, who is in the hospital with an infection.
Lois Wilk having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday – praying it is not reschedule again.
Family of Donna Cournoyer in her passing.
Beth Berry whose mother passed away.
A friend of Steve Sacchetine's who was involved in a motorcycle accident.
For those traveling
Friends of Laurie Johnson who were in a serious car accident ~ one of those hurt is Cheryl Greene's sister.
Bev with cancer
Bethany Carpenter with cancer
Cassie with cancer
Family of Joan LeBelle in her passing
Family of Paula Rondeau in her passing
For all those ill
Those who are homeless
The outreach community in Pakistan
Jim who is an alcoholic
All those affected by the government decisions
International Missionaries
Churches around the world
All those who live in violent areas around the world
Those dealing with family issues
Relationships to be repaired
Those who lost their way in God
Those with depression, anxiety, and mental health issues
Our veterans and all who currently serve
For all those in the Middle East
For our government leaders
Prayers for the church and finances



Beginning this Sunday, July 5th Sunday Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m.

God doesn't take vacations or day's off (where would we be if he did!!)

The work of His church is year round. Thank you for continuing to give your tithes, gifts and/or offerings. Please write your envelope number on the memo line of your check. Travelling on vacation? Don't forget your Bible!!



Thank you to all who attended the Church Picnic!

SPECIAL MUSIC

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for signing up to provide special music during the worship service.



COMMUNITY COOK – OUTS

WHEN: 12 Noon ~ Sunday, July 19th & Sunday, August 16

WHERE: The Gazebo in Arctic

WHO: All are invited ~ invite your family & friends!!

WHY: Fellowship with our neighbors and to share God's love!

YOUR ARTICLE HERE

Do you have an article, upcoming event, recipe, etc. you would like to share? Please email to the church office phenixbc@verizon.net.

Statement of Purpose

*We are called by God to tell everyone about Jesus.
We invite you into a personal relationship with Him,
and into our community of changed lives where we
support each other, praise God together,
and share our gifts in love.*

Hymn History ~ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Joseph Scriven was born in Ireland in 1819. The night before his wedding, his fiancée drowned in a tragic accident. Devastated, he eventually emigrated to Canada, where he lived a quiet, almost ascetic life — taking on manual labor jobs and giving away much of what he earned to anyone poorer than himself.

Neighbors described him doing physical work for elderly and disabled people without payment, often anonymously, living by a personal conviction that material wealth should be shared rather than kept.

In 1855, Scriven wrote a poem to comfort his mother back in Ireland during a time of illness and sorrow — never intending it for publication. It read, in part: *"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear."*

The poem reportedly stayed private for years until a friend found it by chance while visiting Scriven during an illness and asked if he had written it. Scriven apparently admitted he had, but insisted the Lord and he had written it together, and that he didn't care if his name was attached to it at all.

The poem was eventually set to music and became one of the most enduring hymns in church history.

Scriven died in 1886 — by drowning, in a small creek near his home, under circumstances never fully clarified, decades after the same fate took the woman he had planned to marry.

A man who wanted no credit wrote a hymn that has comforted millions for over 150 years.

Share this with someone who needs a reminder that they have a Friend.

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." — John 15:13

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHILDREN'S DAY! "CHURCH FEUD"

(left to right)

Carolyn Lynch, Janice Cook,
Madeline Ciresi, Lois Wilk,
Matthew Buxton, Steven Ozel,
Stephen Sacchetine, Pauline Bonin,
Lisa Charland.





Thank you, Matt Buxton, for volunteering to lead the Children's Day Worship Service and all those who participated!!

Bible Word Search: Colossians 1

contributed by Olivia

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Circle each word. After you have found all the words, arrange the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

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B	V	G	I	R	V	O	O	B	R	O	T	H	E	R
I	E	U	N	D	E	R	S	T	A	N	D	I	N	G
S	N	B	H	E	C	N	E	S	H	S	P	A	L	I
I	R	E	E	T	N	E	G	S	E	E	A	P	U	V
V	O	G	R	A	E	P	O	T	W	G	U	O	F	E
N	B	I	I	L	N	A	S	L	H	O	L	S	Y	N
I	T	N	T	S	I	P	P	F	U	E	L	T	O	E
G	S	N	A	N	M	H	E	F	E	F	N	L	J	S
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C	F	G	E	T	R	S	N	O	I	N	I	M	O	D
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Apostle, Beginning, Brother, Colosse, Dominions, Epaphras, Fellow servant, Firstborn, Forgiveness, Gospel, Grace, Heaven, Hopeful, Image, Increasing, Inheritance, Invisible, Joyfulness, Kingdom, Knowledge, Paul, Preeminence, Redemption, Spiritual, Strengthened, Timotheus, Translated, Understanding

Answer: _____

Last Month's Answer:
Holy Scriptures

BIBLE TRIVIA – Serpents and Snakes

- 1.) **What reason did Eve give to God for why she had eaten the fruit of the tree?**
 - a. The serpent forced me, and I ate.
 - b. The serpent lied to me, and I ate.
 - c. The serpent offered wisdom to me, and I ate.
 - d. The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.
- 2.) **Which of the twelve sons of Jacob received this obtuse blessing from his father? "He shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward?"**
 - a. Asher
 - b. Naphtali
 - c. Dan
 - d. Gad
- 3.) **In the sermon on the mount, Jesus used the illustration of a son asking for _____ and being given a serpent.**
 - a. Eggs
 - b. Fish
 - c. Meat
 - d. Milk
- 4.) **Of what metal was the serpent made that Moses put on a pole?**
 - a. Brass
 - b. Copper
 - c. Iron
 - d. Gold
- 5.) **In Revelation, what creatures had tails like serpents?**
 - a. locusts
 - b. fish
 - c. dogs
 - d. horses
- 6.) **Of what does Solomon say in Proverbs, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder?"**
 - a. The tongue of a harlot.
 - b. The words of a deceitful friend.
 - c. Red wine
 - d. Strong liquor
- 7.) **Who predicted that a child shall put his hand on the cockatrice'(poisonous serpent) den?**
 - a. Jeremiah
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. Daniel
 - d. Jesus
- 8.) **What was the name of "that old serpent" that was cast out into the earth?**
 - a. the Devil, and Satan
 - b. Michael
 - c. Gabriel
 - d. we are not told
- 9.) **Who amazed the barbarous people of Melita by surviving the bite of a viper?**
 - a. Peter
 - b. Jude
 - c. Paul
 - d. Timothy
- 10.) **Who had a rod that God turned into a snake?**
 - a. Isaiah
 - b. Gideon
 - c. Moses
 - d. Jeremiah

The answers from last month were 1) d. a tiller of the ground 2) a. Every speckled and spotted cattle, all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled goats 3) b. She took off her widow's clothes, covered herself with a veil, and went to Enaim to meet him 4) d. Saul had spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD. 5) d. David 6) c. in the cloudy and dark day 7) d. having no shepherd. 8) c. wise as serpents, and harmless as doves 9) b. All nations. 10) a. Zechariah