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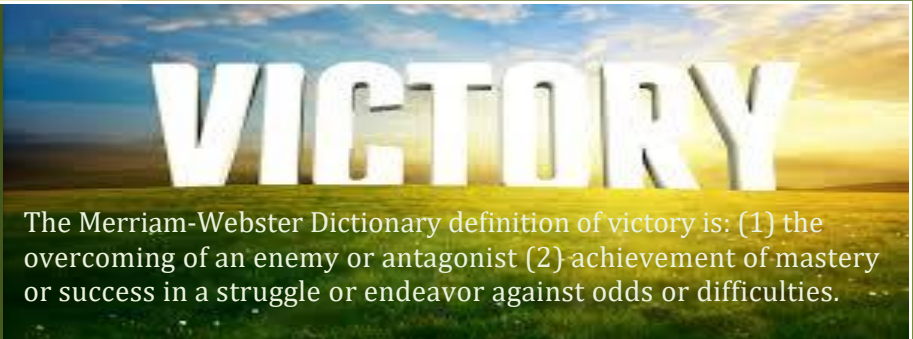
MARCH

- 14 Daylight Saving Time
- 19 April Newsletter Submittal Deadline
- 20 Spring
- 28 Palm Sunday

APRIL

- 1 Maundy Thursday
- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter

Due to the COVID-19 virus, all in-person services, activities and events except the Friendship Market have been cancelled until further notice. Please visit fbcduluth.org for more information. Stay safe!



The Merriam-Webster Dictionary definition of victory is: (1) the overcoming of an enemy or antagonist (2) achievement of mastery or success in a struggle or endeavor against odds or difficulties.

The number of times the word "victory" occurs in the English Bible depends very much on the particular version one uses. For example, "victory" occurs only eleven times in the Authorized Version, while the Revised Standard Version contains forty-four occurrences of the word. This is because a variety of Greek and Hebrew words are used to communicate the concept.

In its Old Testament use, the concept of victory signifies more than just a military conquest, though it includes that. For many of the writers of the Old Testament, victory is ultimately something that comes from the Lord, and it is the Lord who carries on the fight. The Lord will go with the Israelites in their conquest of Canaan. He will fight against their enemies, and he will give them the victory (Deuteronomy 20:4).

Jonathan's role in Israel's victory over the Philistines was possible only because he and God fought together against the enemy (1 Samuel 14:45). David's defeat of Goliath was in fact the Lord's victory wrought for all Israel (1 Samuel 19:5). David's conquest of the Edomites was a victory that the Lord gave to David (2 Samuel 8:6 & 14). Similar victories, wrought by the Lord through human agency, are found in the stories of Eleazar, son of Dodo the Ahohite (2 Samuel 23:10 & 12) and many others. All ascription of victory must go to the Lord, for his is the greatness, power, glory, and majesty, as well as victory (1 Chronicles 29:11). In fact, the prophet Jahaziel on one occasion communicates the word of the Lord to the people of Judah that they need not fight, but simply stand still and see the Lord's salvation (2 Chronicles 20:17).

So complete is God's sovereignty in victory that he even gives victory to Syria through the agency of Naaman, who is called a mighty man of valor, despite being a leper (cf. the angel of the Lord's similar words to Gideon in Judges 6:12).

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In the Psalter, the psalmist petitions for victory (i.e., salvation, deliverance) through God's co-regent, the Davidic king. Such victory belongs to the king (Psalms 20:5 & 9), even though it comes from the right hand and arm of God (44:3). However, such victory is not guaranteed by simply military superiority (33:17), but comes only from God (c.f. 60:5; 98:1-3; 118:15; 144:10; 149:4). Proverbs reminds the reader that, while human preparation is necessary for battle, victory belongs to the Lord (21:31).

The prophets comment very little on the notion of victory. Isaiah reminds the inhabitants of Judah living in the post captivity restoration that the victorious Babylonian army completes its conquests only because the Lord gives them nations and kings (41:2). When there is no human agent to intervene, it is the Lord's own arm that brings victory (59:16 & 63:5). The Lord, through Jeremiah, promises to avenge himself against arrogant Babylon by sending his own locust-like army to conquer them (Jeremiah 51:14). Zechariah reminds Judah that the Lord himself, as a warrior who gives victory, will restore Judah, renewing his love and exulting over them with loud singing (12:7).

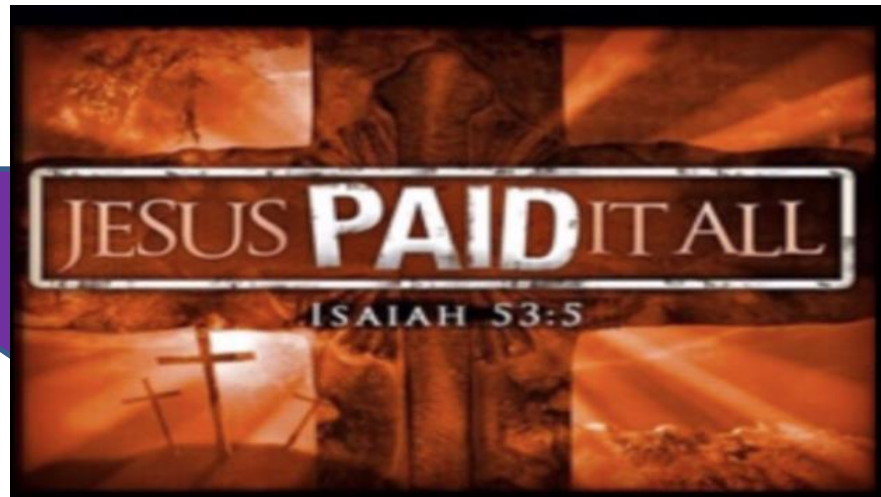
In the New Testament, the noun form "victory" (nikos [ἄνδρῶν]) occurs only five times, three of which are Old Testament citations. Matthew 12:20, quoting from Isaiah 42:1-4, states that Jesus (the Suffering Servant) will neither break a bruised reed nor quench a smoldering wick, until he brings justice to victory. Paul states that the resurrection will result in victory over death, rather than death having the victory (1 Corinthians 15:54-55; cf. Isaiah 25:8; Hosea 13:14). For John, the victory that triumphs over the world is our faith, and the one that overcomes the world is the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 5:4-5).

In traditional diatribe style, Paul first asks rhetorically if Israel's unbelief makes God's faithfulness ineffective. Paul rejects such a suggestion outright, instead insisting that even if every man is false, God will be true, insisting that God will triumph in victory when He is judged (Romans 3:4). Likewise, believers are not to be overcome with evil, but are to have the victory over it (Romans 12:21). For Paul, life in Christ is similar to a military battle or an athletic contest, in which it is crucial that one triumph. It is crucial that those who run in this race run so as to obtain the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24). Paul describes his own life as pressing on toward this same prize, the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14). However, believers can be thankful to God, who, in Christ, always leads them in triumph (2 Corinthians 2:14). In fact, Christ has already publicly triumphed over the hostile principalities and powers (Colossians 2:15).

Revelation makes much of the language of conquest and victory. In each of the letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor there is a reference to him to "overcomes." The Lord will grant to the one who overcomes the following: eating of the tree of life, in the paradise of God (2:7); immunity to the second death (2:11); receipt of the "hidden manna," a white stone with a new name inscribed on it, known only to the person himself (2:17); power over the nations, to rule over them with a rod of iron (2:26-27); being clad in white garments, name not being blotted out of the book of life, and the confession of his name before the Father and the angels (3:5); made a pillar in the temple of God; and three new names: the name of God, the name of the city of God, the new Jerusalem, and the Lord's own new name (3:12); and sitting on the Lord's throne with him (3:21). The Lord himself, on a white horse, rides forth to conquer (6:2). The beast will conquer the people of God temporarily (11:7; 13:7), but they will eventually conquer the beast (15:2). The Lamb, who is King of kings and Lord of lords, will conquer them (17:14). Finally, the Lord promises that for the one who conquers, the Lord will be his God, and he will be God's son (21:7). *Source: Andrew L. Smith, Elwell, Walter A. "Entry for 'Victory'". "Evangelical Dictionary of Theology". . 1997.*



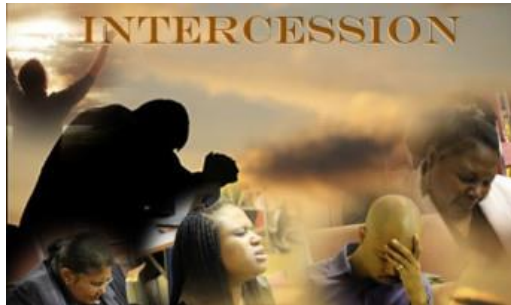
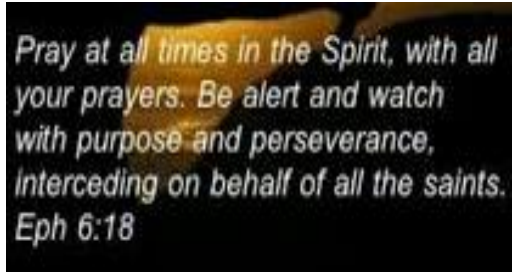
SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



(Isaiah 53:5 kjv)

[5] "But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and with His Stripes we are HEALED." 🌹

Prayer List



REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN WITH PRAYER AND CALLS WHILE THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT

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| Bro. Willie Benton | Sis. Doris Doyle | Sis. Thelma Matthews | Bro. Antone Smith |
| Min. Karen Blacknell | Sis. Essie Foy | Bro. Laceem McCall | Sis. Latisha Smith |
| Rev. Kenneth Blacknell | Sis. Marlon German | Bro. Quintrell Melancon | Bro. Xavier Stephens |
| Dea. Willie Blake | Sis. Barbara Hall | Sis. Roxanne Motley | Sis. Tiffany Stovall |
| Sis. Joyce Brooks | Sis. Crystal Ingram | Evg. Valerie Montaque | Sis. Mabel Thomas |
| Sis. HaLynn Brown | Sis. Charlotte Hayes | Sis. Mary Myers | Bro. Seth Tyler |
| Sis. Sherie Brown | Bro. Emanuel Hazell | Sis. Ruthie Nelson | Sis. April Walker |
| Bro. Dwayne Bynum | Sis. Dorothy Jamison | Sis. Gloria Peters | Rev. Dwight Wilkerson |
| Bro. Nicholas Caldwell | Bro. Patrick Jones | Bro. Garvin Potts | Min. Floyd Williams |
| Sis. Sherita Caldwell | Miss Quincie Joyner | Sis. Catherine Pressley | Dea. Clendon Wilson |
| Bro. Tyler Caldwell | Bro. Dennis Kimmey | Sis. Carrie Rawls | Sis. Sadie Wilson |
| Sis. Erika Crosby | Sis. Mabel Lawrence | Sis. Peggy Rogers | Bro. Victor Winston, Jr. |
| Sis. Nekka Dean | Dea. Jack Leverett | Dea. Clarence Slaughter | |



If you need prayer, dial
866-875-8245



**GriefShare Ministry Leader**

Minister Karen L. Blacknell

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GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. The support group is led by caring people who have experienced grief themselves and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

The GriefShare Ministry has received the necessary GriefShare training to be able to provide a warm, caring and comfortable environment to those experiencing the pain of grief. Training is key for effective ministry. GriefShare provides ongoing training to the support group in order to continue to build and maintain a strong leadership team.

Due to the pandemic and sheltering-in-place, GriefShare now meets every Monday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm via conference call. If interested in joining us, please dial 701-802-5331 and enter access code 2098635#. You must first register with GriefShare. To register, please call Minister Karen Blacknell at 678-896-1441.

The GriefShare Ministry support group members are: Minister Karen L. Blacknell, Rev. Kenneth M. Blacknell, Rev. Garfield Garner, Minister Amelia Brown, Minister Barbara Williams, Sis. Sandra Williams, Sis. Linda Berry, Sis. HaLynn Brown, Mother Gerald Baker, Mother Dorothy Blagmon, Sis. Tyesaha Peak-Lane, Sis. Tradenia Hill, Sis. Cortney Garner, Sis. Hyacinth Chung and Evangelist Deloris Williams.

THANK YOU

FBC FRONT LINE WORKERS

DOCTORS NURSES TRUCKERS
HOSPITAL STAFF POLICE SERVICES
DOCTOR'S OFFICE STAFF PARAMEDICS
SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND STAFF
DENTISTS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES
FIRE DEPARTMENTS MAIL CARRIERS
SOCIAL WORKERS SANITATION WORKERS
CHILDCARE PROVIDERS GAS STATION STAFF
PUBLIC TRANSIT WORKERS DELIVERY DRIVERS
GROCERY CLERKS AND STAFF
RESTAURANT AND TAKE-OUT STAFF

**AND ANYONE WHO IS PUTTING THEIR HEALTH AT
RISK DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES.
MAY GOD BLESS AND PROTECT YOU!**



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader



Friendship Baptist Church Outreach Ministry is here to **HELP** during these challenging times!

Drive through to get **FREE** groceries:
(Meat, Produce, Dairy & More)

When: Fridays 3:00pm-4:00pm
Saturdays 11:30am-12:30pm

Where: Friendship Baptist Church, Pastor Ronald L. Bowens
3375 Church Lane, Duluth, GA 30096
Telephone: 770-497-8227
Email: friendshipduluth@att.net



FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

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HEALTH MINISTRY

Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



March is National Nutrition Month



For National Nutrition Month® 2021, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends people adjust their eating habits to address the nutritional needs of their bodies during all stages of life.

"What works for you in your twenties won't necessarily work for you in your fifties. As you age and evolve, so do your health and nutrition needs. It's important to eat right for life," said registered dietitian nutritionist Colleen Tewksbury, a national spokesperson for the

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Philadelphia, Pa.

In March, the Academy focuses attention on healthful eating through **National Nutrition Month®**. This year's theme, **Personalize Your Plate**, promotes creating nutritious meals to meet individuals' cultural and personal food preferences. The Academy encourages everyone to make informed food choices and develop sound eating and physical activity habits they can follow all year long.

The new 2020-2025 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* provides authoritative advice to help people of all ages meet their dietary needs while limiting added sugars, sodium and saturated fat. The federal guidelines are issued and updated every five years.

"A registered dietitian nutritionist, a food and nutrition expert, can translate the recommendations of the *Dietary Guidelines* to help people of all ages find the healthful eating plan that works best for them. Modest changes like healthful food choices and regular physical activity can help people manage or reduce their risk for chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, obesity or heart disease," Tewksbury said.

Week One: Eat a variety of nutritious foods every day: 1) Include healthful foods from all food groups; 2) Hydrate healthfully; 3) Learn how to read Nutrition Facts Panels; 4) Avoid distractions while eating; 5) Take time to enjoy your food.

Week Two: Plan your meals each week: 1) Use a grocery list to shop for healthful foods; 2) Be menu-savvy when dining out or ordering takeout; 3) Choose healthful recipes to make during the week; 4) Fuel for school or work with a healthful breakfast; 5) Enjoy healthful snacks.

Week Three: Learn skills to create tasty meals: 1) Keep healthful ingredients on hand; 2) Practice proper home food safety; 3) Share meals with people who live with you or virtually, when possible; 4) Reduce food waste; 5) Try new flavors and foods.

Week Four: Consult a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN): 1) Ask your doctor for a referral to an RDN; 2) Receive personalized nutrition advice to meeting your goals; 3) Meet RDNs in a variety of settings throughout the community or via telehealth; 4) Find an RDN who is specialized to serve your unique needs; 5) Thrive through the transformative power of food and nutrition.

YOUR HEALTH IS A LIFE-LONG JOURNEY:

- (1) Take care of your body and mind;
- (2) Get and stay active;
- (3) Manage a healthy weight; and
- (4) Practice good sleep habits.

COVID INFORMATION & PREVENTION TIPS



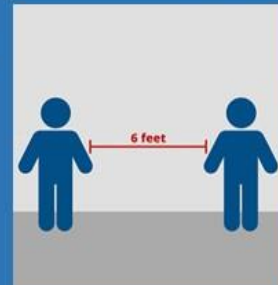
STAY AT HOME
AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE



WASH HANDS
WITH SOAP OR USE
60%+ ALCOHOL
HAND SANITIZER



WEAR A MASK
WHEN OUT
AND ABOUT



STAY 6 FT APART
DO YOUR
PART

COVID-19 has a wide range of mild to severe symptoms which may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

TO ACCESS THE SYMPTOM CHECKER GO TO

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

REMEMBER WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

TOGETHER WE CAN PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

FREE DRIVE-THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING

Appointments available Monday-Saturday.

Call to schedule.

770-513-5631

Call center open Mon-Fri 8a-7p and Sat 9a-4p.



Individuals must have an appointment to be tested and should have transportation to and from the test site.

WWW.GNRHEALTH.COM/COVID-19-INFO

Individuals in the groups listed below are currently eligible to receive the vaccine in Georgia.

- *Healthcare workers
- *Law Enforcement
- *Fire Personnel
- *First Responders
- *Long Term Care Facilities Residents & Staff
- *Individuals 55+ and their caregivers
- *Educators & Staff
- *Adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities and their caregivers
- *Parents of children and individuals with complex medical conditions who are at high risk for COVID complications

COVID-19 Vaccination

- Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.
- Appointments cannot be made by visiting or calling our health centers.
- Appointments are required for scheduling online only at this time.

If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, schedule an appointment at:

<https://www.gnrhealth.com/covid-vaccine-scheduling>

Equity Statement: In each population group, vaccine access will be prioritized geographically, based on vaccine accessibility, disease burden and risk associated with socio-economic status, race and ethnicity, and geographic location. Final populations are dependent on approved EUA guidance and ACIP vaccine eligibility recommendations (e.g., children and pregnant women).



New Vaccine and Testing Location:

Former Sears – Gwinnett Place Mall
2100 Pleasant Hill Road
Duluth, GA 30096

Drive-Thru Testing. These appointments are not for COVID vaccine.

Demand for COVID-19 testing is extremely high. All testing is performed by appointment only through Mako Medical. Pre-register at:

<https://mako.exchange/scheduler/registration/?location=4016>

Testing is available at no cost to you. The Health Department will file your insurance, if available, to cover the cost of the test and support continued testing; however, this will not result in a charge for you.

Individuals must be over 12 months old to be tested at one of our locations.

Appointments can be made up to three days in advance.

If you have questions about Health Department testing locations, please call 770-513-5631.

Signs of the Season: *New Life (Spring)*

Spring is the season of new beginnings (new life). I think we're all ready for a new beginning after 2020. In 2020 we endured (but we're still here by His Grace!) a pandemic, sheltering-in-place, loss of loved ones and for some...depression.

1 Peter 5:7 KJV ⁷ "Casting all your care upon him; for He careth for you."

Although we still must remain safe and guarded as we want to break free from the confines of our homes, we're all looking forward to the renewal spring brings. Don't let the lingering precautions steal what God has so freely given us... *let the beauty, sounds and smells of a new season bring to life something new within you!*

¹¹ "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.

¹² Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." *Song of Songs 2:11-12*

Spring represents resurrection (what was dead comes back to life) - leaves on trees, grass, annual flowers, and bears come out of hibernation. We come out of winter into spring with energy and enthusiasm for what is to come (everything new that has been prepared for us.) We can look to the future and have a sense of freedom from the past. We can only have this Peace when we make God the center of our world; we make Him first, and meditate on His word day and night. Spring is a reminder that that God makes all things new again!

I love spring because of Easter and with it comes Good Friday and Passover. The celebration of Easter is all about new Life – the resurrection of our Lord and Savior from His borrowed tomb on the 3rd day, early on Sunday morning! Glory!

Read Isaiah 53:7-9; Matthew 28:5-6; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Everything is renewed in spring (new birth), it's an opportunity to start anew. Out with the old and in with the new. During this season (Spring) in the 2021st year of our Lord, let us look forward to the Hope and Joy God has promised. *Read 2 Samuel 7:28, 1 Chronicles 17:26, Psalm 30:5, Acts 2:39*

While you continue in this season of being cautious and maybe not getting outdoors as often as you'd like, read the following scriptures in your study time related to spring:

Job 29:23, Deuteronomy 11:14, Deuteronomy 32:2, Psalm 104:10, Zechariah 10:1

Submitted by Christine Smith
Communications Ministry



¹ Source: <https://www.daveramsey.com/blog/spring-bible-verses>

MARCH

Named for the Roman god of war, Mars. This was the time of year to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter.

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

What am I?

I move incessant to and fro,
Obedient to Moon and Sun,
But though I serve both high and low,
All wait on me, I wait on none.

(answer bottom of page 13)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Who Was Saint Patrick?

Was there really a St. Patrick? Definitely. However, there are many legends about him that mix with the truth. Did he play a large role in spreading Christianity to Ireland? Yes, absolutely. Did he really drive all the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland to begin with!

The man who would eventually become St. Patrick was born in Britain (part of the Roman Empire at the time) as Maewyn Succat in the late 4th century. His family was Christian, but it's said that Maewyn himself was an atheist throughout his childhood.

That would change at age 16 (around A.D. 400), when Maewyn was kidnapped from his home on the west coast of Britain by Irish pirates, who proceeded to carry him off to Ireland and force him to work as a shepherd herding sheep. After six years, he escaped his captors, walking nearly 200 miles through the Irish landscape and convincing a ship to carry him with them back to Britain. This harrowing experience certainly had an effect on Maewyn, who was convinced it was the Lord who protected him and delivered him safely home.

The Shamrock

We wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being [God].) The truth of the St. Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

St. Patrick's Day Facts, Fun, and Folklore

- Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now favored.
- St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting peas.
- Cabbage seeds are often planted today, too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your nightclothes!

Source: *The Old Farmer's Almanac/Boys Town* 2021. Submitted by Brenda Graves

MARCH HAS 31 DAYS - 2021

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

In March, we spring forward. How did this practice of Daylight Saving Time (DST) begin? *The Old Farmer's Almanac* (around since 1792) answers your questions.

What Is Daylight Saving Time?

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of moving the clocks forward one hour from Standard Time during the summer months, and changing them back again in the fall. The general idea is that this allows us all to make better use of natural daylight. However, DST has many detractors—and rightfully so.

The correct term is “**Daylight Saving Time**” and not “Daylight Savings Time” (with an extra “s”), though many of us are guilty of saying it the wrong way. The technical explanation is that the word “saving” is singular because it acts as part of an adjective rather than a verb.

When Is Daylight Saving Time 2021?

When do we set our clocks forward? Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, at 2:00 a.m. Remember to “spring ahead” and set your clocks forward 1 hour (i.e., losing 1 hour). (We do this on Saturday night when we go to bed.)

When Do We Set Our Clocks Back?

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 a.m. Now, we “fall back” by setting our clocks back 1 hour (i.e., regaining 1 hour). (The exceptions to DST are American Samoa, most of Arizona, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.)

Answer to puzzle: The tide

Why Is There Daylight Saving Time?

Here's the short history of this phenomenon... Credit for Daylight Saving Time is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, who suggested the idea in 1784 as a joke. British-born New Zealander George Hudson proposed the concept in 1885 but was ridiculed. The idea was revived in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a system in the pamphlet, *The Waste of Daylight*.

The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War I. The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers (cows don't pay attention to clocks).

During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again (this time year-round) to save fuel. Since then, Daylight Saving Time has been used on and off, with different start and end dates. Currently, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday of March and ends at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday in November.



Source: *The Old Farmer's Almanac*/Almanac.com
Submitted by Brenda Graves

“FOR THOSE WHO HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR”

“Hello my FBC Family! Happy New Year!”



“I pray as you continue to read this article that the eyes of your understanding will be enlightened. May you have a spiritual hunger concerning God's will for your life. May the truth of God's Word make you free. Free indeed. Holy Spirit, help. In Jesus Name. Amen.”

“How did we get here?”; “God, what are You doing in this season?”; “Why have You allowed this pandemic to enter the land among the living?” and “What am I supposed to learn during this season?”, I asked God, respectfully. In His sovereignty, He met me right where I was concerning my questions. Holy Spirit led me to comforting verses that helped me to see this season from God's perspective; therefore, I have perfect peace in the midst of a storm (Isaiah 26:3-4).

As God's children, we know and trust that He has a plan for what He allows (Jeremiah 29:11-14). He is allowing this pandemic, and it has positioned us in timeout. A timeout from what was known as normal, which is why there is no going back to normal. If God wanted it to stay the way it was, it would have.

After asking God what was important to Him in this season and what lessons we are to learn as Christians--moreover, God's voice is a must! I know for sure if anyone should discern the voice of God, it should be His children (John 10:27). Have you been seeking God or has your main focus been on missing church? God is speaking. What is He saying to you? Discerning God's voice is a great place to start, especially right now. As you learn God's voice, train your children to recognize His voice as well. (There are plenty of books, DVDs and video links to help equip your children.) Ask for wisdom (Proverbs 4:7).

I am deeply humbled by God to allow Him to express His thoughts, His ways and His desires for such a time as this. I have been asked to write an article as it relates to the people of God in this season. I have asked my best friend, Holy Spirit, who knows everything about everything to help me write; therefore, He has been so faithful and kind to do so.

First, He took me to 2 Chronicles 7:13-14. It reveals our response to this pandemic. Repentance. May we repent Saints! Then, Ephesians 1:17-19 allowed me to understand and apply what I have often overlooked and missed in the Holy Scriptures. You may be able to identify. John 16 shows us Jesus' last message before Calvary. In this chapter, Jesus is talking to His disciples (vs. 1-4). I visualized myself right there in the midst of the disciples. Listening. Leaning in.

His disciples received some sad news that filled their hearts with sorrow (like our hearts have recently experienced sorrow with job loss, death of loved ones, financial opposition, intense spiritual warfare, stressful family matters, health challenges, loneliness, etc.)(v. 6). We can certainly relate to the disciples. Jesus told His disciples that he was going away (v. 7). Can you image that? He assured them that they would not have to walk alone. The Comforter was on His way! Jesus said that it was to their advantage that He goes away (v. 7). Jesus was on His way to Heaven. His mission would soon be accomplished. He came to die for you and me (John 3:16). God introduced Jesus, and Jesus introduced Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit would come only when Jesus left (v. 7). The Spirit, Spirit of the Living God, Spirit of God, Good Spirit, another Helper, Spirit of Judgment, Spirit of Glory, Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, God in the earth, the Eternal Spirit, Spirit of truth, Spirit of adoption, Spirit of Holiness, Breath of the Almighty,

(For Those Who Have an Ear to Hear cont'd)

Spirit of Counsel, Spirit of Might, Spirit of Promise—the Comforter has come!!! Holy Spirit is here to help us, lead us, guide us and love us. Holy Spirit is the voice of God (v.13). Please get to know precious Holy Spirit. Study about Him. The Acts of the Apostles is where you will find Him. Get filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). Receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 1:8).

Let Him come upon you. Get baptized in the Holy Ghost (Acts 1:5). Holy Ghost, Holy Spirit, same powerful person. How are we to be led by the Spirit of God, if we do not know Him? How can we walk in the Spirit and not fulfil the lust of the flesh without the power of the Holy Ghost? Look at Acts 19:1-2. How could Jesus heal the sick, raise the dead, set the captives free, cast out devils (demons) without the Spirit of the Lord upon Him? He could not, neither can we (Luke 4:18). Please do not be afraid of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:1-4). This subject often comes up when studying about Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues is a vocal miracle. It is powerful, necessary, refreshing, an utterance of the tongue, which is a heavenly language spoken directly to God (John 14:2) with no interference from the devil. The devil does not understand what is being said when someone speaks or prays in tongues. That is why there is some confusion about this powerful tool.

We know God is not the author of confusion, so let's get an understanding. When you pray in tongues, you pray God's will, not your will. Praying in tongues is especially helpful when you do not know God's will in your life at that appointed time. You are praying the perfect will of God. Who does not want that? Also, there are divers (various) kinds of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10): private devotion tongues are for your edification (Jude 20, 1 Corinthians 14:4), praise and worship tongues glorify God (1 Corinthians 14:15), which are two kinds of tongues that do not need interpretation. Why would I need to interpret your tongue language when you are speaking to God and not me? Tongues may be interpreted when allowed to be spoken to edify the church (1 Corinthians 14:26-28, 39). We are encouraged to pray for the interpretation of tongues (1 Corinthians 14:12-13). Again, please study. Study what tongues are and what they are not. It will change a person's life, so Satan fights it. Every believer can by faith speak in tongues (Jude 20). Why would the devil fight something so much if it were no threat to his kingdom? Be mindful, the devil will try to counterfeit, so we must study to avoid deception. Tongues is a sign to the unbeliever, because there will be no unbelievers in Heaven.

Speaking in tongues is still necessary, because unbelievers are still among us. (Tongues is another biblical way to point people to God) (1 Corinthians 14:22). The Word of God is not just applicable for adults. God's people consist of our younger saints, too! Discerning God's voice and knowing Holy Spirit is not just for adults. All ages need true guidance and Holy Ghost power to live a victorious life. May we not limit our young people.

Younger saints can hear God's voice if their ears are trained to do so (Proverbs 22:6). Holy Spirit will flow through open, humble, willing, hungry, clean vessels. Did you know children and teens can speak in tongues (Acts 2:38-39)? There is no such person as junior Holy Spirit. May we be sensitive to Holy Spirit. He leads us, we do not lead Him. I pray we will be open to His manifestations (1 Corinthians 12:11), and not quench or grieve Him (1 Thessalonians 5:19). If you daily speak in tongues, continue (Jude 20), and the Holy Spirit will use you like He displayed His power in Paul, Stephen, Philip and many others who were filled with the power of God. The book of John encourages the need for believers to build and maintain a relationship with Holy Spirit. He is our Teacher (John 14:26). The Acts of the Apostles demonstrated His presence. He is waiting to demonstrate His power in us (Mark :15-20).

(For Those Who Have an Ear to Hear cont'd)

I encourage you to learn the functions of God, the Father – our Creator, Jesus, the Son of God – our Savior, Holy Spirit, the Comforter, our Helper. They agree as one (2 Timothy 2:15).

Source: The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit by Lester Sumrall

*Recommended Resources: (for all ages)

Books:

Good Morning Holy Spirit, Benny Hinn
 The Essential Guide to the Power of the Holy Spirit, Randy Clark
 Lord, Breathe the Fire of the Holy Spirit into My Heart!, FromHisPresence.com
 The God I Never Knew, Robert Morris
 Baptism of the Holy Spirit as a Clinical Intervention, Kenneth J. Wilson
 The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit, Lester Sumrall
 Hearing God's Voice for Kids, Becky Fischer
 The Holy Spirit and Me, Becky Fischer
 Prayer 101, Becky Fischer
 Training the Little Saints, Becky Fischer

YouTube Links:

TEENS ON FIRE- Speaking in Tongues
 Speaking in Tongues Medical Study proves Holy Spirit Praying
 God's Supernatural Kingdom, Becky Fischer
 Our Amazing God, Becky Fischer
 The Blood of Jesus, Becky Fischer
 Girl gets filled with the Holy Spirit Step HD, April 27, 2019
 Three Reasons Kids Should Speak in Tongues, Becky Fischer
 Speaking in Tongues (Online Children's Church), May 4, 2018
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 SCHOOL OF THE HOLY GHOST, Bishop Corletta Vaughn
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Holy Spirit Help Us!



God bless each of you!

Kimberly Rogers,
 An evangelist of Jesus Christ by the will of God



Pressing Towards the Mark

Philippians 3:14

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."



On December 11, 2020, God decided that it was time to call His daughter "Ophelia" home, the day before her natural birthday. I guess He decided that she would be pleased the most, if He threw the big celebration instead! "WOW" He allowed me the opportunity to serve the woman of God, for the last 11 days of her life here on earth. It was such an honor to have been chosen to serve my dear and precious mother. Mother had been diagnosed with congestive heart failure a couple of years ago, and newly diagnosed with respiratory failure as well. It was one of the most beautiful and loving experiences I have ever seen in the here and now. God, the Father, gave mother the time and space she desired, to get the things that she wanted to accomplish in order. His loving kindness and tender mercies were on display.

I was shown how to press towards the mark of the high calling while under attack in the natural body. When things got rough in the midnight hours, we praised our way through. We sang, we prayed, and we pressed our way through. Oh, what a Mighty God, we do serve. I hear the scriptures say, *"Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY... Joy sure does come in the morning"* (Psalm 30:5b, c).

Proverb 3:5 encourages us to, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding..."* about whatever is going on around you. Just keep moving full steam ahead, keep pressing your way towards the mark. Jeremiah 29:11 states, *"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 a hope and a future."* So, therefore, soldiers in the army of the Lord, set your mind on things above not on things in the earth, but on heavenly things (Colossians 3:2).

**Keep marching, keep moving, and pressing your way towards the mark.
"On your mark, get set, GO!" Go, Ye therefore and teach all nations...**

In His Service,
Minister Roslyn Long



What is Maundy Thursday and How is it Observed?



On the Thursday before Good Friday and Easter, many Christians observe Maundy Thursday. This day commemorates Jesus's last supper with his disciples. During that meal in the upper room, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning "command."

In commemoration of the Last Supper, Christians often partake in a simple meal of bread and wine—commonly known as the Lord's Supper or Communion—during Maundy Thursday worship services. Other traditions include a Seder Supper, a Tenebrae service, and stripping the sanctuary.

What is the meaning of the Last Supper?

"Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'" -Luke 22:19-20

In the words that accompany the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup, Jesus makes it clear that his sacrifice and death is for our redemption. As he invited his disciples to partake in the Last Supper, he invites us also to a meal of faith shared among believers. By eating and drinking the Lord's Supper together, we are reminded that Jesus wants us to love each other and to forgive each other. This is the command represented in the word "Maundy."

Through Jesus's charge to "do this in remembrance of me," the Last Supper became the inaugural Lord's Supper. In this meal, also known as Communion, Reformed theology holds to the belief that the bread and wine are not changed into the actual body and blood of Christ. Rather, these elements are a reminder and promise of God's love for us.

Remembering the Last Supper

The simple meal is also a symbolic teaching that Jesus's crucified body and shed blood spiritually feed us. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, as we share this meal, we share in the death and resurrection of Christ. This means that we accept with a believing heart that his body was offered for us and his blood was shed for us, granting us forgiveness and new life. As we remember the depth of Jesus's suffering for us, the meal takes on a sadness and somberness. Yet, we remember that Jesus rose from the dead and he will come again. Thus, this is a meal to be celebrated and laced with joy. Source: Faithward.org

FRIENDS

Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus, with all our sins, and griefs to bare, what a privilege it is to carry, everything to God in prayer.

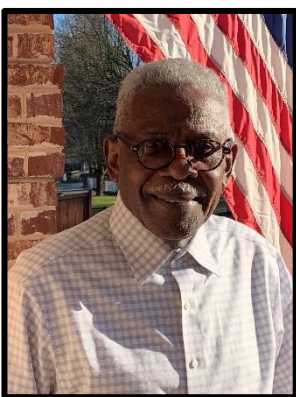
The word Philadelphia means “human affection, brotherly love.” It means being an affectionate friend. Samuel Celeridge wrote a poem titled, “Youth and Age” with the line, “friendship is a sheltering tree.” What a wonderful word picture!

Friends are those whose lives are like branches. They shape, they provide refuge from the demanding irritating, and searing, rays of the hot sun. You can find comfort by them. You can find strength near them. Friends are a lot like trees in that they bear fruit that provide nourishment and encouragement. Isn't it interesting that when you are alone, you pick up the phone and call a friend? Few things are lonelier than going through a sudden test or joy and having no friend to call.

When you really have a friend, you will disregard the personal sacrifice. Proverbs 17:17 says, *“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for time of adversity.”* If you have ever read Charles Dickens' “A Tale of Two Cities,” a classic illustration of John 15:13-14 can be seen. ***John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his mater's business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”***

Romans 5:8, *“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* Give all the love you can, and try to give a little more.

Self-sacrificing love is required of the believer. Though not many are called on to sacrifice their lives, all can give sacrificially of their substance, of their time, of their talents, and of their resources.



I have a question for you, **“what kind of friend are you?”** There is a difference between knowing someone well and being a friend. The greatest evidence of genuine friendship is loyalty (loving at all times). See 1 Corinthians 13:7, being available to help in times of personal struggles. Too many people are fair weather friends. They stick around when friendship helps them and leave when they think they're getting nothing out of the relationship.

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, *“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him and righteousness,”* and he was called God's friend.

John 15:13-15 Jesus said, *“I no longer call you servants, because servants do not know his master's business. Instead I have called you friend, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”*

Submitted by Deacon L. Kinsey
Friendship Baptist Church

Celebrating Our History

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

Attributed to Marcus Garvey

BLACK HISTORY

OUR VOICES. OUR STORIES.

Sis. Diane Russell, Black History Coordinator
Communications Ministry



March 5, 1770 | Crispus Attucks

The first American to die in the American Revolutionary War, Crispus Attucks was killed on March 5, 1770 during the Boston Massacre in Boston, Massachusetts.



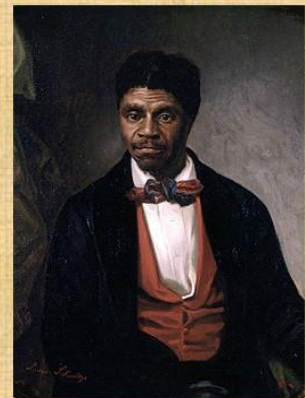
March 19, 1941 | Tuskegee Airmen squadron is activated

The 99th Pursuit Squadron is the first all-Black unit in the US Army Air Corps. The squad of enlisted men will become the core of other Black squadrons, collectively nicknamed the Tuskegee Airmen, that will go on to serve with great distinction in World War II's North African and Italian campaigns.

March 6, 1857 | Dred Scott Decision

On March 6, 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Dred Scott when it issued the Dred Scott decision.

March 1971 | Beverly Johnson is the first African American woman to grace the cover of a major fashion publication when she is featured on the cover of *Glamour*.



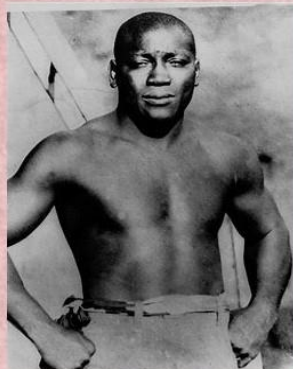
March 6, 1972 - Shaquille O'Neal, NBA star



Garrett Morgan was an African-American inventor born on March 4th, 1877



March 31, 1878 - Jack Johnson, is Afro-American boxer to win heavyweight crown



March 17, 1919 - Nat "King" Cole, singer



March 25, 1942 - Aretha Franklin, singer

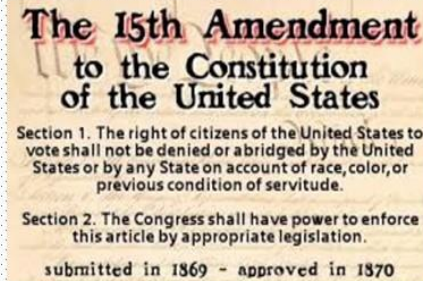


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March 7, 1965: Bloody Sunday. In the Selma to Montgomery March, around 600 civil rights marchers walk to Selma, Alabama to Montgomery—the state’s capital—in protest of Black voter suppression.



1869 - The Fifteenth Amendment, which outlawed the denial of the right to vote, was ratified.



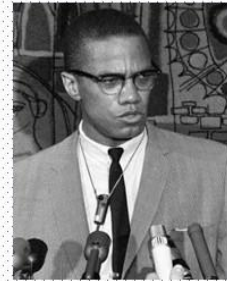
1875 - Congress passed a Civil Rights Bill which banned discrimination in places of public accommodation. The Supreme Court overturned the bill in 1883. 1881.

Civil Rights Act of 1875

- Civil Rights Act of 1875
- (later declared unconstitutional)
- guaranteed African Americans equal rights in public places like theaters & public transportation



March 12, 1964: Malcolm X publicly disassociates himself with the Nation of Islam, stepping down as a minister, and establishes Muslim Mosque, Inc. in Harlem. This same year, he founds the Organization of Afro-American Unity in New York City.



Ralph David Abernathy Sr. (born March 11, 1926) Was an American civil rights activist and Baptist minister.



Bernice Albertine King (born March 28, 1963) is an American minister and the youngest child of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Shelton Jackson "Spike" Lee (born March 20, 1957) is an American film director, producer, screenwriter, actor, and professor.



Cori "Coco" Gauff (born March 13, 2004) is an American tennis player.





You are young, gifted, and Black. We must begin to tell our young, There's a world waiting for you, Yours is the quest that's just begun.

— James Weldon Johnson —

National Black Anthem

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.



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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15



Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams
of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither
whatever they do prospers.



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FBC Sunday School on ZOOM! Please join one of our Adult online Sunday School classes every Sunday from 9:45 am – 10:45 am. The study for this quarter will focus on **“Prophets Faithful to God’s Covenant.”**

CLASSES AVAILABLE

Men’s Class
 Women’s Class
 Marriage Class
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 Singles Class

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 Primary Class (Pre-K thru 2nd Grade)
 Junior Class (3rd Grade – 5th Grade)
 Teen Class (6th Grade – 12th Grade)

Also, join us for Youth Church and Teen Church. Please go to our website at www.fbcduluth.org for the link to the Zoom classes. See you there!

Sunday school books are available for pick up from the Church office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.

From the February 28th lesson “Lydia: Called to Serve” Acts 16:11-15, 40; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30 Before arriving at the welcome mat of Lydia’s hospitality the principal point of this passage, we are compelled to pause and empathize with these spiritually frustrated disciples. As Paul and his companions zealously set out to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), they were held back by the Spirit from following a logical path to the next place to preach and to baptize. They were restrained by the Holy Spirit from going to places that were conveniently along the way. Before celebrating Lydia’s conversion and commitment, it is important that we feel the frustration of releasing our desire to simply do good works in the church. Instead, we should want to mature in the Spirit—to grow up from being generally obedient to becoming strictly obedient to God’s will. When we listen to and are led by the Holy Spirit, we can be assured that our fervent efforts will bring God glory.

Liberating Lesson: Missionaries who travel to Africa report that the nature of hospitality is such that within the community whenever anyone needs food or shelter, the members of the church rise up and take them into their own homes until they can correct whatever problem might have caused their circumstance. Such hospitality is not uncommon across the world. What do you think would happen in America if Christians practiced that type of hospitality?

Application for Activation: Through Lydia’s successful trade of purple, God equipped her to perform the task of hospitality. When Paul’s team came, Lydia faithfully jumped at the chance to make use of the skills and means that God had given her. Take time this week to examine how God has equipped you and presented you with the opportunity to make use of your gifts. Find a way to take that opportunity this week and just like Lydia, don’t take no for an answer!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Bible Word Search: Palm Sunday

All the words listed below are in the puzzle (left, right, up, down or diagonally). Print this page and circle each word you find. After you have found all the words, write down the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

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Mystery Answer: - - - - - (Answer on page 28)

OPPORTUNITIES TO **SERVE** AT FRIENDSHIP

WEEKLY

Classes and Meetings are virtual until further notice

Bible Study (Adult)	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Intercessory Prayer	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Mid-Week Service	Wednesday	12:00 noon	Lower Level Main Building
New Members' Class	Sunday	9:45 am	Room 209 Family Life Center
Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 am	Family Life Center
Sunday School Teachers	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lower Level Main Building
Sunday Worship	Sunday	7:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Teen Church	Sunday	7:30 & 11:00 am	Heritage Church
Youth Church Bible Study	Wednesday	7:45 pm	Lower Level Main Building

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Communication's Ministry	3rd Saturday	11:00 am	Room 135 Family Life Center
Deacon's Meeting	Tuesday (1st & 3rd)	7:00 pm	Room 232 Family Life Center
Education Ministry	2nd Monday	7:00 pm	Room 303 Lower Level Main Bldg
Gatekeepers Ministry	4th Saturday	10:00 am	Room 130 Family Life Center
Gospel Choir Preparation	Tuesday before 1 st & 3 rd Sunday	7:00 pm	
Health Ministry	2nd Saturday	11:00 am	Room 303 Lower Level Main Bldg
Male Chorus Preparation	2nd & 4th Saturday	9:30 am	Sanctuary
Marriage Ministry	3rd Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:45 am	Room 239 Family Life Center
Media Ministry	1st Saturday	9:30 am	Room 130 Family Life Center
Men's Ministry	1st Saturday	10:30 am	TBA Monthly
Minister's Meeting	1st Saturday	3:00 pm	Room 232 Family Life Center
Money Matters	2nd Saturday	11:30 am	Fellowship Hall
Mother's Ministry	1st Saturday	9:30 am	Room 135 Family Life Center
Outreach Ministry	3rd Saturday	9:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Prison Ministry			
Seniors Ministry	4th Saturday	11:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Shepherd's Care Ministry	3rd Saturday	10:00 am	Room 202 Lower Level Main Bldg
Singles Ministry	4th Saturday	12:30 pm	Lower Level - Heritage Church
Usher Ministry	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm	Room 135 Family Life Center
Women's Ministry	2nd Saturday	8:45 am	Fellowship Hall
Youth Choir Preparation	Tuesday before 2 nd & 4 th Sunday	6:45 pm	

SPECIAL MONTHLY SERVICES

Holy Communion	1st Sunday	7:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Baptism	3rd Sunday	11:00 am	Sanctuary
Baby Dedications	4th Sunday	7:30 & 11:00am	Sanctuary



Get plugged in using your gifts, talent, skills and time serving God's people **TOGETHER IN LOVE.**

Mystery Answer: PASSION WEEK

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