

# The Faithful Word

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## \*Join Us For Service\*

### Sunday Services

Early Worship: 8:00 A.M.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship: 11:00 A.M.  
Pastoral Teaching: 6:00 P.M.  
Evening Worship: 7:30 P.M.

### Tuesday Service

Prayer & Bible Band 10:00 A.M.

### Wednesday Rehearsals

Youth Choir: 6:00 P.M.  
Inspirational Choir: 7:30 P.M.

### Thursday Services

Y.P.W.W.: 6:30 P.M.  
Youth Service: 7:30 P.M.

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## From the Pastor’s Desk

### “Healing for Damaged Emotions”

Source: Unknown

\*A prayer submitted by Pastor Martin to help those in need.\*

Father, in the name of Jesus, I come to You with a feeling of shame and emotional hurt. I confess my transgressions to You (continually unfolding the past until all is told). You are faithful and just to forgive me and cleanse me of all unrighteousness. You are my hiding place and You, Lord, preserve me from trouble. You surround me with songs and shouts of deliverance. I have chosen life and according to Your word, You saw me while I was being formed in my mother’s womb and on the authority of Your word, I was wonderfully made. Now, I am Your handiwork, recreated in Christ Jesus.

Father, You have delivered me from the spirit of fear and I shall not be ashamed. Neither shall I be confounded and depressed. You gave me beauty for ashes, the oil for joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness that I might be a tree of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that You might be glorified. I speak out in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with my voice and making melody with all my heart to the Lord. Just as David did in Samuel 30:6, I encourage myself in the Lord.

I believe in God, who raised Jesus from the dead, who was betrayed and put to death because of my misdeeds and was raised to secure my acquittal, absolving me from all guilt before God. Father, You anointed Jesus and sent Him to bind up and heal my broken heart, and liberate me from the shame of my youth and imperfections of my caretakers. In the name of Jesus, I choose to forgive all those who have wronged me in any way. You will not leave me without support as I complete the forgiveness process. I take comfort and am encouraged and confidently say, “The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm. What can man do to me?”

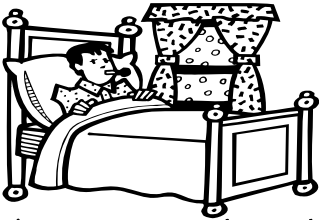
My spirit is the candle of the Lord searching all the innermost parts of my being, and the Holy Spirit leads me into all truth. When reality exposes shame and emotional pain, I remember that sufferings of this present life are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to me and for me and conferred on me! The chastisement needful to obtain my peace and well-being was upon Jesus, and with the stripes that wounded Him, I was healed and made whole. As your child, Father, I have a joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation. This hope will never disappoint, delude or shame me, for God’s love has been poured out in my heart through the Holy Spirit who has been given to me. In His name I pray, Amen.



May

Min. Ricky Parker  
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Mo. Jackson

### \*\*\*Sick and Shut-In\*\*\*



Please remember those who are sick and shut-in. Keep them in your prayers.

Sometimes a kind word, a phone call, or even a smile can make a world of difference.

\*Please remember the Scott family in prayer.

### Message From the Sunday School

\*\*\*If you know your Bible, the Sunday School needs you. If you don't know your Bible, you need to come to Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:30am. Sis Stephanie Harris - Sunday School Supt.

## Education Connection: Help your child in improving their writing skills

Source: [http://wywy.essortment.com/improvingwritin\\_njb.htm](http://wywy.essortment.com/improvingwritin_njb.htm)

If your children have good writing skills, they will have a much easier time and get better grades in school. Here are some tips to teaching good writing skills that will encourage your children and last a lifetime.

--Read to your children...read, read, read: from an early age. Readers turn into writers.

--When your child is a toddler, point out letters to them. Sing them the ABC's and, as soon as they are able to, teach them how to sing them.

--Have your young children tell you a story and write it down. Staple it into a book for them that they can keep. Show them that their words can make a story.

--Encourage your child to make lists and write things down.



--As soon as they are old enough, help them to start keeping a journal.

--Teach them about great books and literature. Start with the children's classics.

--When they are coloring, have them try and copy letters that you write for them.

--Help them find a pen pal that they can write letters to or e-mail. This will get them into the habit of writing often.

--If they are having trouble with writing or comprehension, help them or find them a tutor. **Don't let bad habits or lack of writing continue**...once you go down this path, it is hard to get back on track.

--Tell them how the movies they love and video games they love all started with the written word. This shows them that writing is everywhere.

--Cut out pictures from magazines and have them write a story to go along with the picture.

--If your children enjoy writing, try submitting their stories to a children's literature magazine or web-site. Once they see their name in print, they'll be hooked! (Here are a few to help you get started.)

Kid Literature: <http://mgfx.com/kidlit/> (This site is good for Kid Artists, too.)

The Children's Literature Web Guide:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/writings.html>

Cricket Magazine Group: [http://www.cricketmag.com/pages\\_content.asp?page\\_id=14](http://www.cricketmag.com/pages_content.asp?page_id=14)

### The Believer's Benefits Package

Evq. Savannah VanKummer

*"Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."*  
**Psalm 103:2**

There's nothing better than landing a job with benefits. I remember working for a company where the benefits were so good, I received paid holidays, 2 weeks paid vacation that could be rolled over annually, paid sick days, paid personal days, \$100 Christmas bonus, and full medical-dental coverage with no co-pay. Even the company's cleaning crew received similar benefits.

Now, just as someone who works the drive-thru at a fast food chain would not receive this same benefits package, neither can unbelievers cash in on the spiritual benefits of Believers. In order to receive the benefits package in Psalm 103, you must be an employed rep for the Kingdom.

*You believe that there is one God*  
*-- good! But even the demons believe that and shudder.*  
**James 2:19**

Scripture explains that being a Believer requires more than just believing in God and showing up at church on Sundays. In fact, John 3:3 makes it clear when saying, "You must be born again."

Many people think that they are a Christian, and that they are entitled to all the benefits of Heaven while on earth, but they are kidding themselves, and are actually no different from demons who believe the same things and attend church as well.

According to 2 Timothy 3:5, many people have a form of Godliness, but deny the power. In other words, they go to church, dress the part, and call themselves a Christian, but they constantly turn down the power it takes to forgive people, to stop cursing, stop fornicating, stop watching porn, to stop drinking, smoking, taking drugs, clubbing, partying, dressing unseemly, to stop stealing office supplies, or to stop milking the system.

Rather than sow to the Spirit through fasting, prayer, and study, they make excuses, accept Biblical modifications, and carve out their own beliefs to live by. Colossians 3:5 calls this idolatry. Make no mistake, these individuals cannot claim the benefits of Psalm 103, neither will they inherit eternal life (I Cor. 6:9-10) Those who understand that holiness is a full time job, and that worship is a lifestyle get to enjoy benefits that even the White House cannot beat.

According to Psalm 103, our sins are forgiven, which allows us to die in peace. When we get sick, we have access to the Great Physician who never loses a patient. If we ever feel that time has been wasted, we serve a God who can redeem years back to us. According to Romans 8:28, we also serve a God who can take any situation and make it work for our good - - but again, these benefits are only for true worshippers.

There are many other benefits to being a servant of Christ - - all of which can be found in your nearest Bible. The best part is that there are no premiums and no co-payments - - everything has been paid in full. Our only job is to live holy, which He considers "reasonable service" in Romans 12:1.

If you desire these benefits in your life, but struggle to live accordingly, fast and ask the Lord to do a new thing in you. Matthew 17:21 says that some strongholds in our lives can only go away when prayer is combined with fasting. In the end, it will be well worth the sacrifice to experience the better plan that He has for you.

### \*\*\*Message Board\*\*\*

#### A Message From the YPWW President:

Come and be blessed. Study to show thyself approved unto God.  
**Every Thursday Night at 6:30pm**

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Women, remember your **secret pals** throughout the year. Take time out to surprise them with a little something special every once in awhile. – Women's Department



### What Auto Repairs Should REALLY COST

When your car is on the blink, will you know if your mechanic is taking you for a ride? Here's a guide to what common maintenance and repairs should cost, taking into account parts and labor for each service. (Generally, European cars will be on the high end, American on the low.)

#### REPAIRS

**Transmission.** As a rule, expect a \$2,000 bill to replace a transmission in an American car...\$3,000 in a Japanese car...and \$4,000 in a European car.

**Timing Belt.** \$300-\$500 if you replace the belt before it breaks. If you wait for it to fail, the resulting damage can inflate your bill to \$1,500 to \$5,000.

**Head gasket.** \$800 - \$1,200. An underlying problem can substantially increase the cost.

#### MAINTENANCE

**Oxygen sensor.** \$80 to \$250 each (there may be as many as four). The life span of this device, which regulates gas consumption, is 100,000 to 150,000 miles, but it can be shortened considerably by using the wrong additive.

**Thermostat.** \$50 to \$215 for two wheels. Caution if you need rotor cups: Chinese manufacturers are currently flooding the market with substandard brake rotors. Insist that your mechanic use rotors labeled as meeting the D3EA standard.

**Brake fluid flush.** \$100 to \$150. Have this done every three years or 36,000 miles.

**Coolant flush.** \$100 to \$150. Have this done every three years or 36,000 miles.

**Fuel injector cleaning.** \$100 to \$150. Have this done at 60,000 miles.

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*Inspirational Thought:*



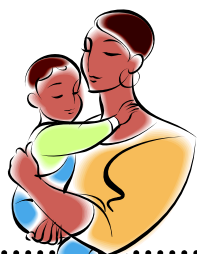
*“We are to live by faith because the Word of God commands us to live that way.” – Jerry Savelle*

*Reference Scripture: “...As it is written, But the righteous man shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17 NIAS*



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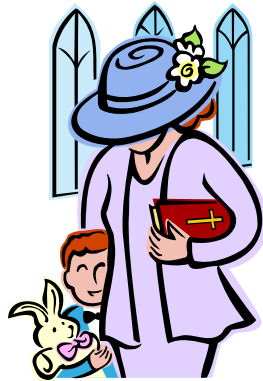


- M** - Messenger, relaying God's Word
- O** - Outpouring of genuine Love
- T** - Trusts in God
- H** - Heart set on things above
- E** - Earthly saint
- R** - Rescuer of the Wayward

**A Tribute to Mothers**

Source: <http://www.entourages.com/barbs/Mother.htm>

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, [and to be] a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 113:9



**WHO IS MOTHER?**

Mother is half of the Father/Mother team, the one who gave birth to you as a child. When she first held you in her arms, she fell madly in love with you! She is the one that changed your diaper, gave you your bottle, bathed and dressed you.

She is the one who tended to you when you were sick, wishes she could have bore your pain, but unable to even share it with you. There is none like a Mother.

If you have children, then you know what it's like to be a Mother. Often, it's a tough job, with unruly children, and many heartaches before they are grown. Sometimes a Mother is lucky that she has well-disciplined children, but only because she has done her best in order for them to be well-adjusted teenagers and later adults. Mostly, Mother sits and worries that she hasn't done her best with her children, especially if they don't turn out as she thought they should, with all the training she had given them.

Mother is a human being, capable of making mistakes. She is not perfect, just as none of us are perfect. But she is the one that we picture as being perfect during our childhood. As we become older, we realize that Mothers are capable of right and wrong ways of doing things, missing the mark, just as much as the next person. But she is still Mother. The thing that sets her apart is her everlasting love for her children and her intent that they lead normal, well-adjusted lives.

Not until we become adults, do we really begin to appreciate WHO Mother really is. She has nurtured you through your childhood, put up with your sassy ways and times of being lazy during your teenage years, and cried through your becoming an adult. But Mother was always there to encourage you when you made a mistake; although sometimes it's hard not to show disappointment {I am sure I've done that}.

As we grow older and have our own children, we realize that Mother was a very strong person, and we begin to wonder can we ever fit into her shoes. No, we wear our 'own shoes'.....we can never do things the same as our Mother, although she has given us the pattern from which to build. IF we have a Godly Mother {I did!}, then we can bring up our children in the ways of God, so that when they grow older we have the assurance that some day they will live for God. After all, Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the ways he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Mothers are special. Is your Mother living today? If so, try to make this Mother's Day the most wonderful day of her life! Show her you care if only by telling her you love her. Take her out to eat, take her flowers, but show up on Mother's Day, if possible. You will never know how much this helps Mother to realize her family still cares. Sometimes we get busy doing the usual things in life, and lose sight of the most important aspects - loving our family. And Mother happens to be where that 'family' began. Without Mother, there would never have been a family. You might also tell Daddy that you are so happy that he chose Mother to be his wife. Make his eyes light up as well!!

## Health Wise: Acne Myths Continued

Web Source: <http://kidshealth.org>

### Calendar Events

#### May Events:

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Couples' Seminar & Retreat  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Women for Christ 7p  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Tea 10a  
 14<sup>th</sup> – **MOTHER'S DAY**  
 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Regional Fellowship Mtg.  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Singles' Mtg. 6:30p  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Women's Dept. Mtg. 9a  
 20<sup>th</sup> – YWCC Mtg. 10a  
 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Pastor & Wife  
 Appreciation  
 29<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY  
 29<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Int'l Women's  
 Convention

#### June Events:

12<sup>th</sup> – Women for Christ 7p  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Youth Dept. Picnic 10a  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Singles' Mtg. 6:30p  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Couples' Mtg. 7p  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Purity Class Field Trip  
 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> – Youth Revival &  
 Retreat

**Acne** (say: **ak-nee**) - also known as pimples or zits - is a totally normal part of growing up. Kids get acne because of changes that occur during puberty, the time when kids' bodies begin the many changes that turn them into adults.

#### Myth #4: Popping pimples will help them go away faster.

**Fact:** Popping a pimple may make it seem less noticeable temporarily, but popping can cause it to stay around longer. By squeezing pimples and zits, you can actually push bacteria further into the skin, causing more swelling and redness - and sometimes causing a red or brown mark or scar to form. Sometimes marks can last for many months and true scars (dents and pits) will last forever.

#### Myth #5: Don't wear makeup if you want clear skin.

**Fact:** As long as you choose cosmetics that are nonacneogenic or noncomedogenic, they shouldn't cause breakouts. In fact, some concealers now contain benzoyl peroxide or salicylic acid, which help to fight acne. You can also try tinted benzoyl peroxide creams that hide pimples while helping treat them.

If you've had moderate to severe acne, though, talk to your doctor or dermatologist about the best cosmetics to use - he or she may recommend avoiding cosmetics altogether or only using certain brands so you're acne isn't aggravated.

And even if a product is labeled nonacneogenic or noncomedogenic, you should stop using it and talk to your doctor if you notice that it's irritating your skin or seems to cause breakouts.

#### Myth #6: If you keep getting breakouts, it helps to use more acne medication until the breakouts stop.

**Fact:** Because acne medication contains drying agents like benzoyl peroxide and salicylic acid, using too much medication may cause overdrying, leading to irritation and more blemishes.

If over-the-counter acne medication doesn't seem to work on your acne, it's a good idea to talk to your doctor or dermatologist. Also, if you're taking a prescription acne medication, make sure you follow your doctor's instructions; some medications may take up to 8 weeks to make a significant difference.



### Dining Out With the Shields

During the month of April, the Shields dined at the Bombay Restaurant (Cuisine of India) in Ontario, CA. This restaurant serves excellent Indian Cuisine. The atmosphere is quaint yet elegant. Sis. Shields had the #2 Curry Chicken, while Deacon Shields enjoyed the Curry Chicken Pakoda (Spinach). The food was excellent.

Bombay Restaurant is open seven days a week and they have a banquet hall that will hold up to 300 guests. They will also cater events.

The address for the restaurant is:  
 405 N. Vineyard Ave., Ste. A  
 Ontario, CA 91764

Located on the corner of Vineyard and D Street, Bombay Restaurant is right down the street from the Ontario Convention Center. Lunch is served from 11am - 3pm and dinner is served from 3pm - 10pm. Please feel free to call the restaurant at 909-937-1282 for more information.

## Kids' Korner

**Springtime means a time of new birth. Adult animals give birth to baby animals. Every mother knows her baby---but do you? Take the quiz!**

1. A mother horse gallops with her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The mother cow gives milk for her \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The mother hen looks for worms for her \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The mother dog plays with her \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The mother duck swims with her \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The mother cat catches a mouse for her \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The mother goat nibbles grass with her \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The mother pig is busy caring for her \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The mother sheep calls her \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The mother fox hunts for her \_\_\_\_\_.



Source: <http://www.akidsheart.com>

\*\*\*Answers below---don't peep until you finish!



**Activity  
Idea Place**



**Hand shaped flowers:**

Have each child trace their hand onto a piece of paper. Then have the child cut it out. Obtain a picture of the child to place in the middle with glue. Have the child paint a popsicle-stick green. When the stick is dry, glue or tape the hand shape on the stick to make hand shaped flowers.

Variation: Supply each child with a cup to decorate. Place a little bit of playdoh in the bottom of the cup and stick the flower in the cup.

**Necklace for Mom:**

Children can bead a necklace for mom with real beads and fishing line.

**Make a card with:**

- Glitter Crayons Pens Colored Pencils Markers Paint
- Lace String Yarn Ribbon Paper Doilies Tissue Paper
- Torn Paper Heart Shaped Paper The Holes from a hole Punch
- Stickers Sand Twine Old Puzzle Pieces Buttons Colored Glue
- Colored Tape Chalk Wet Chalk Wrapping Paper Stamps Aluminum
- Foil Heart Shaped Confetti Glue on Candy Confections Heart Shaped Sponge
- Painting Pasta or rice colored with red food coloring

**Flowers:**

Obtain small clay pots. Have the children decorate them with non toxic paint. When dry add dirt and flowers. The children will enjoy this one.

**The Ultimate Paperweight:**

Supply each child with some modeling clay. Let them shape it however they wish. Let them add marbles, buttons, glitter, sand, pebbles, string, whatever you can think of. After it dries it's a paperweight.

**Mother's Day Dinner:**

The children help prepare a dinner for Mom on the Friday before Mother's Day. 1 cook free day is enough to make a mom smile. Dads and siblings are of coarse invited:)

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 Answers: 1. foal/colt/filly, 2. calf, 3. chick, 4. pup, 5. duckling, 6. kitten, 7. kid, 8. piglet/shoat, 9. lamb, 10. cub