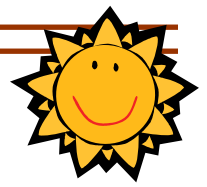


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Sunday Services

Early Worship: 8:00 A.M.
(2nd & 4th Sundays)
Sunday School: 9:30A.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.

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From the Pastor's Desk

“God's Protective Armor”

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

Key Scripture: “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph. 6:10-11)

Prayer: Heaven Father, thank you for the armor you have provided for me to wear for protection from all assaults. Help me to remember to put on each piece of your armor carefully every day, and to never forget to dress myself in your protective gear. I will gird up my loins with your truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness. I will wear the shoes of the preparation of your gospel of peace, and I will buckle the shield of faith to my forearm. On my head, I will place the helmet of salvation as I take up the sword of your Spirit (your most precious Word). I will pray with all supplication in your Spirit, and I will faithfully watch thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Give me insight into the cunning craftiness of the enemy, Lord, and prepare me to stand against him in your faith and power. Thank you for showing me that there is indeed a warfare taking place, and that I am not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

Through your power, I will be sober and vigilant, Father, while I wear your armor because I realize that my adversary, the devil, walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. With your help, I will resist him and he will flee from me, according to your Word.

Your protection keeps me safe, Lord. How grateful I am that I do not have to engage in warfare in my flesh, because the weapons you've given to me are not carnal; instead they are mighty through you, Father, to tearing down of every stronghold. It is your power that enables me to cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against knowing you. Through your grace and power, I will bring every thought into captivity to obedience to you. Thank you for the spiritual power you are imparting to me, Father, and for the protection your armor gives me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Other References: Eph. 6:10-18; Eph. 4:14; Eph. 6:12; I Peter 5:8; James 4:7; II Cor. 10: 4-5

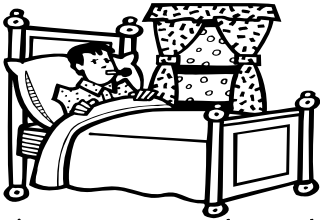
Summer Tips to Keep Skills Sharp
from the "Parent Connection" Newsletter
Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, MD



July

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 Bro. Quaid Cornell
 Dea. Missy. Jackie Parker
 Sis. Dominique Sims

*****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 Grant 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.**

Keep your child's brain from going on vacation this summer. Plan active, fun activities. Taking advantage of everyday learning opportunities will help your child return to school in the fall ready to learn. Here are some creative opportunities to keep your child's skills sharp over the summer break.

- ✓ A trip to the grocery store can provide many opportunities to sharpen your child's mathematical skills. Use grocery store sales circulars to estimate grocery totals. Use coupons and calculate the savings. Do price comparisons to decide which brands offer the better value.
- ✓ Whether making potato salad or pupusas, reading and following recipes can help improve your child's reading comprehension and mathematics skills. Read the recipe with your child. Then, work together to answer questions—What will you need to make this dish? How many people will the recipe serve? How much of each ingredient would you need if you doubled the recipe?
- ✓ Reading nonfiction is important. Help your child find topics of interest. Visit the library or explore free online Web sites for children's magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, National Geographic for Kids, and Time for Kids. Use the five Ws (Who? What? When? Where? Why?) and How? to review the most important facts in the article.
- ✓ Create a family or neighborhood book club that meets regularly to discuss a book. Together, focus on the characters' choices and actions. What would you do differently? Does the author have a message that he or she wants the reader to think about? How does this book compare with others by the same author or on the same topic?
- ✓ Write, write, write! Encourage your child to keep a journal on summer adventures and experiences. Your child can summarize the week's activities, including descriptive pictures. Send postcards if you travel. Write letters to relatives and friends about summer activities.

Read the entire newsletter here:

<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/info/parentconnection/parentconnection.pdf>



4 Ways To Know If *HE* Or *SHE* Is The *One*

by Evg. Savannah Vankummer

Ah, summer. The season of weddings, honeymoons, anniversaries...and getting caught up.

Well if you are single and dating, how do you know if he or she is the one? When it comes to Scriptural guidance on this matter, Paul in I Corinthians 7 seems to be the only one with anything to say directly to singles. In fact, the Apostle is all for staying "unhitched" so that you can do more for the Kingdom. To him, marriage was merely a way of avoiding the grave sin of fornication. However, Paul's desire was for everyone to be like him, and serve the Lord without distractions of falling in love, planning a wedding, buying a home, starting a family, raising teenagers and so forth.

Other than this, it seems as though the Bible is silent regarding dating. After all, dating is a fairly new concept that has only been around for a couple hundred years - - not long by generational timetables. Historically, marriages were more about practicality, and love was something that eventually evolved some time after the wedding day.

Before the onset of modern transportation, people usually hooked up with someone from their neighborhood, church, town, or circle of friends - - hence the phrases "girl next door" and "high school sweethearts." But now, people "move away to college," "commute to work," or are "bussed to school."

Most of us don't even speak to the people who live next door, let alone know their names. Nowadays it takes a disaster such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and terrorist attacks for neighbors to come together. In addition to this, it is reported that America is the most mobile nation in the world, and that the average American will move 11 times in his or her lifetime.

So what is a single person to do? How do you know if someone is worth approaching/being approached by? How do you know if you should keep dating someone in particular, or begin taking someone else's call/calling someone else? All of these are loaded questions, but hopefully this issue of the DES can help you spot a winner from a loser...or at least narrow your search.

Consider the following "4 ways" as legs under a table. Without all 4 legs, the table would be unstable if not lopsided. Even if the table could be balanced on 3 legs, it could hardly be trusted to support anything. Yet many people enter marriage with only 1 or 2 legs, and expect the table to support children, a mortgage, bills, family crisis, and the daily stresses of life.

Read the entire article at

<http://www.geocities.com/thedoubledgedword/Summer2006.html>

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

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

Inspirational Thought:



God Always Answers Prayers



"We believe the Word of God; therefore we do the Word of God."

-Frederick K. C. Price

Reference Scripture:

"...I will show you my faith by what I do."

(James 2:18b NIV)



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YOU SAY

You say: "It's impossible"

You say: "I'm too tired"

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

You say: "I can't go on"

You say: "I can't figure things out"

You say: "I can't do it"

You say: "I'm not able"

You say: "It's not worth it"

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

You say: "I can't manage"

You say: "I'm afraid"

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

You say: "I feel all alone"

GOD SAYS

God says: All things are possible

God says: I will give you rest

God says: I love you

God says: My grace is sufficient

God says: I will direct your steps

God says: You can do all things

God says: I am able

God says: It will be worth it

God says: I Forgive you

God says: I will supply all your needs

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear

God says: Cast all your cares on ME

God says: I give you wisdom

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you

BIBLE VERSES

(Luke 18:27)

(Matthew 11:28-30)

(John 3:16 & John 3:34)

(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

(Philippians 4:13)

(II Corinthians 9:8)

(Roman 8:28)

(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

(Philippians 4:19)

(II Timothy 1:7)

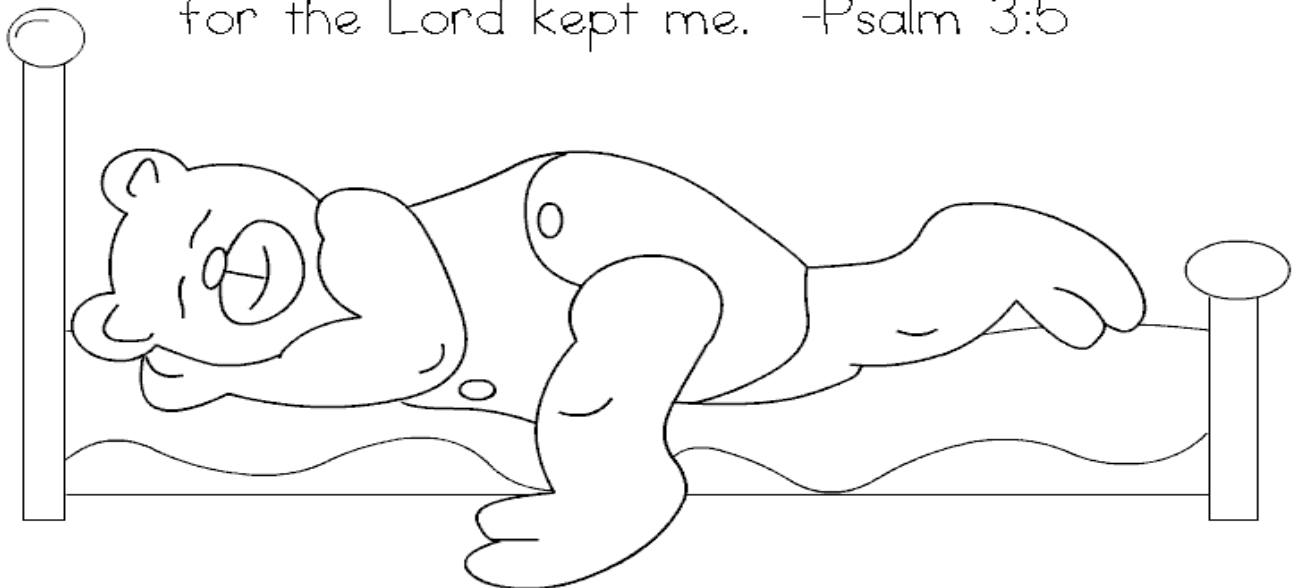
(I Peter 5:7)

(I Corinthians 1:30)

(Hebrews 13:5)

Directions: Color the picture below and memorize the bible verse.

I laid me down and slept; I awoke; for the Lord kept me. -Psalm 3:5



Health Wise

Fighting Obesity: The Role of Behavior, Biology and Bad Choices (Part I)

Source: <http://health.msn.com/reports/obesity/articlepage.aspx?cp-documentid=100140085>

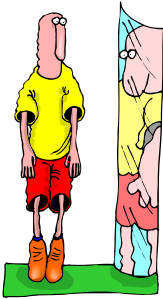
Calendar Events

July Events:

18th – 20th – Pre-Conv. Consecration
 22nd – YWCC Mtg. 9a
 27th – 30th – State Women's Conv.

August Events:

1st- 4th – Vacation Bible School
 5th – Women's Dept. Luau
 7th- 13th – United Jurisdictional Conf.
 (West Angeles COGIC)
 12th – Sunday School Picnic
 14th – Women for Christ 7p
 18th – 19th- Regional Appreciation Srvc
 – Supt. Lenoir
 24th – 27th – GV Men's Conference
 30th – Sept. 1st- Women's Dept. Fall
 Revival



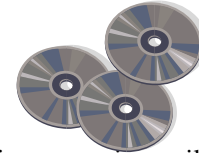
What Can Make You Fat

Although skinny people sometimes attribute fatness to laziness, it's not so simple. There are plenty of thin, lazy people who eat poorly and get no exercise. The reason that some people become fat is a complex interaction between who they are and how they live.

Your genes absolutely play a role. If you have one parent who is fat, your risk is increased. If both parents are fat, your risk is increased even more. Researchers estimate that as much of 60 percent of obesity risk is genetic. So far over 600 genes and chromosomal regions have been linked with human obesity, but more are being decoded all the time. Still, we do know that for most people, there are many factors involved and it's not genes alone that determine obesity. Although you may share DNA with your parents, you may also share lifestyle behaviors that encourage you to be—and keep you—fat.

One just needs to look at what's happening in the U.S. for proof. The human genome has not changed in the past two decades, but obesity levels have dramatically increased in this country during that time. What has changed is the way that people live: The environment is obesigenic, or, rather, it helps to make you fat. All the junky [fast food](#), [calorie-filled drinks](#), [huge portions](#) and couch-potato, car-driving, desk-working living have triggered those who are prone to it to become obese. In another environment where famine was a reality, these people might have lived the longest. But in this modern setting, they may end up with heart disease, diabetes and other conditions that result from carrying too much fat. If you are fat, you may not have control over whether you are susceptible to packing on extra weight, but you do have control over how much weight you gain.

CD Review: Bishop Leonard Scott - Hymns & Church Songs-Live From Alabama



As a dentist, Dr. Leonard Scott enjoyed enhancing smiles. As a minister, **Bishop Leonard Scott** thrives on seeing smiles on newborn Christians. The founder of Tyscot Records, celebrating thirty years as the oldest independently black-owned Gospel label, heads to New Hope Baptist Church in Birmingham for the latest CD, **Hymns & Church Songs-Live From Alabama**. Music played a major role in Scott's life as a versatile instrumentalist (woodwinds and guitars) and vocalist.

Eight plus minutes of jam-packed, foot-stomping pure adoration launches the project with the *Pentecostal Praise Medley: I Don't Mind Giving God The Praise, Praise The Lord Everybody, One Day, Living, and He Loved Me*.

With Caribbean undertones, the first of two Scott's originals, *Sing Unto The Lord*, finds the congregation in a sing off with the choir declaring: "He's done marvelous things" (**Revelation 15:3**).

My Body Belongs To God, about our bodies being temples of the Lord (**1 Corinthians 6:19**), throws in a double treat, *Since I Laid My Burdens Down*. The effervescent **Lillian Lilly**, an original member of **Mississippi Mass Choir**, and company stake their claim in the name of Jesus for healing and financial bondage during *Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*.

Under the direction and on-point arrangements of Minister Velder from the group **DFC, New Hope Baptist Choir** along with members of DFC, holds their own with precious embellishments and assured harmonies. With the exception of *Sing Unto The King*, the first radio single, there's old-fashioned, riveting church service without modern day production gimmicks. Kudos to Bishop Scott for **Hymns & Church Songs**, rekindling a piece of Christian music history, a big dose of spiritual refreshment, and smiles all the way around.

See the full review at <http://www.gospelcity.com/dynamic/music-articles/reviews/397>

