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Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship: 11:15 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.
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From the Pastor's Desk

“Authority Over Satan” and “Confession”

Authority Over Satan

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall be any means hurt you.” (Luke 10:19)

“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.” (Matthew 10:1)

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.” (Ephesians 1:21-22).

Confession

I have power to tread over Satan and demon power, and over all of the enemy's power. Nothing of Satan's power can hurt me. I cast demons out. I submit to God, I resist the devil and he must flee from me. I am above all principality and power, might and dominion and all things are under my feet because I am seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus.

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Ephesians 6:10-20) ***As we prepare for warfare this is our scripture of truth***

Education Connection

Submitted by Sis. E. Tahiru

“Safeguarding Your Children at School: Helping Children Deal with a School Bully”



January

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Bullying is often considered a "kids will be kids" problem. According to the National School Safety Center, however, bullying has become a pervasive and serious form of harassment in many schools. Dr. Dan Olweus, a professor of psychology and leading expert on bully-victim problems, reports that one child in 10 is regularly attacked either verbally or physically by bullies. Elementary school-age children are the most frequent target of bullying by older students.

The best way to safeguard your children from becoming a victim of a bully is to teach them how to be assertive. This involves encouraging your children to express their feelings clearly, to say no when they feel pressured or uncomfortable, to stand up for themselves verbally without fighting, and to walk away in more dangerous situations. Bullies are less likely to intimidate children who are confident and resourceful.

Profile on Bullies

The following are traits common to bullies:

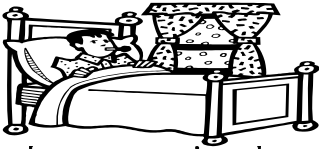
- * They are concerned with their own pleasure rather than thinking about anyone else.
- * They want power.
- * They are willing to use other people to get what they want.
- * They feel hurt inside.
- * They find it difficult to see things from someone else's perspective.

From Helping Kids Handle Conflict, National Crime Prevention Council in association with the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Tips for Helping Children Deal with Bullies

- * Teach your children early on to steer clear of youth with bullying behavior.
- * Teach your children to be assertive rather than aggressive or violent when confronted by a bully. Instruct them to walk away and get help from an adult in more dangerous situations. Practice various responses with your children through role-playing.
- * Teach your children to never defend themselves from bullies with a gun or other weapon.
- * Keep communication lines open with your children. Encourage your children to share information about school and school-related activities.
- * Pay attention to the following symptoms that may indicate your child is being bullied: withdrawal, abrupt lack of interest in school, a drop in grades, or signs of physical abuse.
- * If your child is a victim of bullying at school, inform school officials immediately. Keep your own written records of the names, dates, times, and the circumstances bullying incidents. Submit a copy of this report to the school principal.
- * Respond to your children's concerns and fears with patience, love, and support.

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.

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 9:45am. Sis Stephanie Harris - Sunday School Supt.

How to Get What You Want

by Sis Savannah VanKummer

Our American forefathers documented that by law we have the right to the pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately, there was no way they could actually promise that everyone would be successful in their endeavors.

If you are looking for a documented guarantee that will insure your getting everything you ever wanted in life for the rest of your life - - and with no trouble added to it, put down the yellow pages because the Source is not listed there. And unless your friends are hip to this particular hook-up, you can also put down the phone, because even an A-list Hollywood connection will land you nowhere on this one.

Also, don't bother hiring a lawyer, writing your congressperson, or taking your petition to the Supreme Court because they are not authorized with this kind of power.

There is, however, one who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all you have ever asked or thought about. In fact, He has a contract (covenant) that can be found in Matthew 6:25-33. Not only is it a guarantee, but also a

spiritual principle, which supercedes all other written laws, and contains no loopholes. Check it out:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. For the pagans run after these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

When it comes to getting the things that we need and/or want in life, I am often reminded of my pastor's simplistic, yet profound words, "If you want something from God, do something for God."

Simply believing that there is a God is hardly anything to brag about. Demons believe the same thing and tremble. But what truly sets a prosperous Christian apart is a passion for Kingdom work.

Matthew 6:33 in essence says that when you get with God's agenda, He then gets with yours.

In the daily cares of life,

it is easy to get so caught up that we tend to push the needs of the church aside. Sure, we're down with the Pastor's vision and can rattle off a list of things wrong within our assemblies, but with barely enough time to pray and study the Word, it takes an extra sacrifice to volunteer our time to be part of the solution.

I would suggest that just as there is a divine principle that ensures our financial security in Malachi 3:10 when we tithe, there is further prospering available when we take our daily focus off of ourselves, and seek a way in which we can further Heaven's divine mission.

Whether you take time out of your busy week to help out at church, or if you have chosen to make your life's career a type of ministry, the divine principle in Matthew 6:33 ensures that your daily needs will be met.

Be blessed today.



Devotion: The Love of God

from Women of Color Devotional

Excerpt by Jan Hall-Lunn

How many times have we given our love to people who did not want it, did not appreciate it, or just abused it? Consider a loving God, our heavenly Father, who has promised to always love us, never to leave us, and never to forsake us, even when we don't deserve it.

He will lovingly provide for our needs. He loves us so much that he sent his only Son to walk among us so that he could know our pain and could identify with our sinful nature. He took on himself all of our suffering and sin, yet he himself was without sin. He took our sin to the cross, dying so we might live. This is the epitome of love, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for your great love. As the psalmist said: "I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Father, I adore you and love you. Help me pass your love on to others. In the wonderful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Something to Ponder:

Describe the kind of love you want to give to people in your life.

Inspirational Thought:



“Dare to believe it, and God will perform a miracle for every setback along the way.”

– Benson Idahosa

Reference Scripture: “...Rest assured, bretheren, that what [has happened] to me [this imprisonment,] has actually...served to advance and give a renewed impetus to the [spreading of the]...Gospel. Phil 1:12 AMP



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Tribute to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Excerpt from “I Have A Dream” speech

“...So I say to you, my friends, that even though we must face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day, even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places shall be made plain, and the crooked places shall be made straight and the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith we will be able to hear out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to go to jail together, knowing that we will be free one day. This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning-"my country 'tis of thee; sweet land of liberty; of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride; from every mountain side, let freedom ring"-and if America is to be a great nation, this must become true..."

Women for Christ's Mission Day by Sis. Gayle Branch

The Women for Christ hosted their first Mission Day on Saturday, December 20, 2003. Over 100 families from all over the area came to be blessed with food, clothes, toys, and blankets. Little did they know that they would have to participate in a worship service before they could collect the items. The guests stood anxiously, outside the front door of the church waiting to get in. Once they were invited in, service was opened with a testimony service followed by worship and praise. Many children and adults said that they felt welcome at the door and said that they had never been to a gathering for the community like the Women for Christ's Mission Day. Many other community outreach give-a-ways, allow the people to come, get what they need, and leave, but the Women for Christ made it a full day event. Once service was over, snacks were served. This gave many people extra time to fellowship and be blessed. As a result of this outreach program, many families joined the church, and claimed to have rededicated their lives to Christ. At the end of the day the Women for Christ had given out over 200 new toys and hand made comforters and quilts. Mission Day was truly a success and will be a monthly venue for the Women for Christ.

Health Wise: Best Mattress for Lower Back Pain

From WebMD Website

Calendar Events**January Events:****"Happy New Year"**

- 5th – 9th – State Workers Mtg 7-9p
 16th – Singles' Mtg 6:30p
 17th – Couples' Mtg 7p
 24th – Keep Pace w/ Pastor 8a
 25th - Building Fund Rally 3p

February Events:

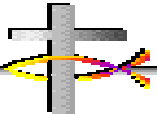
- 8th - Women for Christ Pre-retreat
 Service 3p at Greater Victory
 14th – Couples' Valentine's Day
 Party 6p (Quality Inn, San
 Bernardino)
 25th- 27th – General Church Revival
 28th – YWCC Mtg 10a
 29th – Tribe Rally Day

Special Announcement:

Women for Christ 11th Annual
 Fellowship Retreat (March 11-14)
 Embassy Suites - Santa Ana, CA

Deposits due: NOW (\$75)
 Balance due: Feb. 15th (Total:
 \$150)

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Nov. 13, 2003 -- For years, many people with back pain have been advised to sleep on a firm mattress. But a new study shows that might just add to the nightmare of their morning-after misery. Researchers in Spain say that people who sleep on a medium-firm mattress were twice as likely to report improvements in lower back pain compared to those sleep on more firm bedding. They reach this conclusion after replacing bedding of 313 patients with a history of back pain with new "firm" or "medium-firm" mattresses. The patients didn't know which mattress type they received.

This study, published in the upcoming issue of the *Lancet*, is among the first to test the popular belief -- at least among some orthopaedic doctors -- that the firmer a mattress is, the better it is at preventing or relieving lower back pain. While there's little hard scientific data to support that firm mattresses are better -- only a handful of studies have been conducted -- the Spanish researchers say that about three in four orthopaedic doctors recommend firm mattresses to their patients.

In fact, a survey of Atlanta-area orthopaedic surgeons indicates that two in three said they recommend a firm mattress to their patients, and most believed that a mattress' firmness had a definite role in managing back pain. This finding, by Emory University orthopaedist Howard I. Levy, MD, was presented at the 1996 annual meeting of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons. But chiropractors have long argued that firm mattresses are not the best choice, says George McClelland, DC, spokesman for the American Chiropractic Association.

"Traditionally, what we have recommended is that a moderately-firm works best, or when using a firm mattress, you should add a 1½- to 2-inch thick padding on top of it," he tells WebMD. McClelland says that this extra padding -- or using a medium-firm mattress without the extra padding -- better adapts to the natural curvatures in the spine. This padding is available at most stores that sell mattresses or bedding supplies. "The spine is not a straight line, and padding or a moderately firm mattress 'gives' better to the concavities and convexities of the spine," he says. "A younger spine may tolerate a firm mattress perfectly well. But as we get middle years any beyond, when back pain is more prevalent, we find that more equalized support seems to be better."

"From my own perspective, if a mattress is soft or too hard, it's not comfortable," says orthopaedic surgeon Dana C. Mears, MD, PhD, of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "Something in the middle works best for me -- a medium-firm mattress. If a mattress is too firm, you might as well be sleeping on the floor." His advice: "When testing for a mattress, don't push on it or bounce up and down, as many people do. What's better is to lie on it for 10 minutes or so -- on your back, on your side, every way. It shouldn't be too hard. If it is, get some padding to place on top of the mattress."

Kids Corner: Crossword Questions

DOWN

- 1 I _____ longer worthy to be called your son (2,2) (Luke 15:19)
 2 I will give the right to sit with _____ my throne (2,2) (Rev 3:21)
 3 We put _____ Syracuse and stayed there three days (2,2) (Acts 28:12)
 4 Set _____, set it on, and also pour water into it (2,1,3) (Ezek 24:3) (KJV)
 5 to ambush and _____ everyone who passed by (Judg 9:25)
 6 The LORD _____ with you when you are with him (2 Chr 15:2)
 7 Woe to the women who _____ magic charms on all their wrists (Ezek 13:18)
 8 _____ man who casteth firebrands, arrows (2,1,3) (Prov 26:18) (KJV)
 9 James son of Zebedee and his brother _____ (Matt 4:21)
 10 Two men _____ money to a certain moneylender (Luke 7:41)
 11 You lie on _____ inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches (Amos 6:4)
 12 I was given a reed like a measuring _____ and was told _____ (Rev 11:1)
 13 I will _____ praise to your name, O Most High. (Ps 9:2)
 14 a hundred and twenty thousand sheep and _____ (2 Chr 7:5)
 15 fine linen, _____ and rubies for your merchandise (Ezek 27:16)
 16 one of the twelve tribes of Israel (1 Chr 2:2)
 17 Do not hide your face from me _____ will be like those (2,1) (Ps 143:7)
 18 His father was sick in _____, suffering from fever (Acts 28:8)
 19 Do not steal. "Do not _____." "Do not deceive one another (Lev 19:11)
 20 I have food to _____ that you know nothing about (John 4:32)
 21 who was _____ think that I could oppose God? (1,2) (Acts 11:17)
 22 Sing to the LORD a _____ song (Ps 96:1)
 23 Surely his salvation is _____ them that fear him (Ps 85:9) (KJV)
 24 you, then, who teach _____, do you not teach yourself? (Rom 2:21)
 25 those who go to great depths _____ their plans from the LORD (2,4) (Isa 29:15)
 26 precious stone (Exod 28:11)
 27 _____ your cloak around you and follow me (Acts 12:8)
 28 Men at _____ have contempt for misfortune (Job 12:5)
 29 wrapped _____ linen cloth and placed it in a tomb (2,2) (Luke 23:53)
 30 Rescue the _____ and needy (Ps 82:4)
 31 dug a _____ in the ground and hid his master's money (Matt 25:18)
 32 Not _____ was the Teacher wise, but also he imparted knowledge (Eccl 12:9)
 33 there before me was a _____ with two horns (Dan 8:3)
 34 Jacob _____ apart the young of the flock by themselves (Gen 30:40)
 35 said to Noah, " _____ into the ark, you and your whole family (Gen 7:1)



Kid's Corner

Bible Crossword No. 59

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ACROSS

- 1 But why _____ so favored, that the mother of my Lord should (2,1) (Luke 1:43)
- 4 his offering is the result of a vow _____ freewill offering (2,2,1) (Lev 7:16)
- 9 the eighteenth book of the Old Testament
- 12 For evil _____ will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will (Ps 37:9)
- 13 they have ears, but cannot hear, _____, but they cannot smell (Ps 115:6)
- 14 indebted to (Rom 15:27)
- 15 through all generations; _____ will pitch his tent there (2,4) (Isa 13:20)
- 17 he took water and _____ his hands in front of the crowd (Matt 27:24)
- 19 the surrounding area _____ of the mountain will be most holy (2,3) (Ezek 43:12)
- 20 he opened their _____ so they could understand (Luke 24:45)
- 21 Why should this dead _____ curse my lord the king (2 Sam 16:9)
- 23 Through patience a ruler _____ be persuaded (Prov 25:15)
- 24 In another battle with the Philistines at _____ (2 Sam 21:19)
- 27 is there room in thy father's house for us _____? (2,5,2) (Gen 24:23) (KJV)
- 32 Many, O LORD my God, _____ the wonders you have done (Ps 40:5)
- 33 Look at the birds of the _____; they do not sow or reap (Matt 6:26)
- 34 So I _____ it, and it tasted as sweet as honey (Ezek 3:3)
- 35 For three days he was blind, and _____ or drink anything (3,3,3) (Acts 9:9)
- 39 drag, pull
- 40 He set the earth on _____ foundations; it can never be moved (Ps 104:5)
- 41 Old Testament liquid measurement (Lev 14:10)
- 43 Our offenses and sins _____ us down (Ezek 33:10)
- 46 _____ gathers crops in summer is a wise son (2,3) (Prov 10:5)
- 50 instruction instead of silver, knowledge _____ than choice gold (Prov 8:10)
- 52 second son of Leah and Jacob (Gen 35:23)
- 53 I will call on him as long _____ live (2,1) (Ps 116:2)
- 54 All day long the battle _____, and the king of Israel (2 Chr 18:34)
- 56 Jesus went through _____ the towns and villages, teaching (Matt 9:35)
- 57 actually the lying _____ of the scribes has handled it falsely (Jer 8:8)
- 58 and took the reed, and _____ him on the head (Matt 27:30) (KJV)
- 59 an angel coming down out of heaven, having the _____ to the Abyss (Rev 20:1)