
The Faithful Word

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Join Us For Service

Sunday Services

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.
Youth Service: 7:30 P.M.

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From the Pastor's Desk

“The Overmastering Majesty of Personal Power”

Submitted by Sis. E. Tahiru

“For the love of Christ constraineth us.” 2 Corinthians 5:14

Paul says he is overruled, overmastered, held as in a vise, by the love of Christ. Very few of us know what it means to be held in a grip by the love of God; we are held by the constraint of our experience only. The one thing that held Paul, until there was nothing else on his horizon, was the love of God. “The love of Christ constraineth us” – when you hear that note in a man or woman, you can never mistake it. You know that the Spirit of God is getting unhindered way in that life.

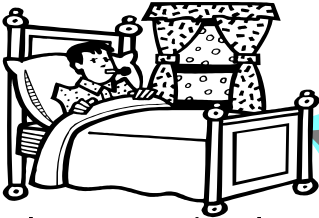
When we are born again of the Spirit of God, the note of testimony is on what God has done for us, and rightly so. But the baptism of the Holy Ghost obliterates that forever, and we begin to realize what Jesus meant when He said- “Ye shall be witnesses unto Me.” Not witnesses to what Jesus can do – that is an elementary witness- but “witnesses unto me.” We will take everything that happens as happening to Him, whether it be praise or blame, persecution or commendation. No one can stand like that for Jesus Christ who is not constrained by the majesty of His personal power. It is the only thing that matters, and the strange thing is that it is the last thing realized by the Christian worker. Paul says he is gripped by the love of God; that is why he acts as he does. Men may call him mad or sober, but he does not care; there is only one thing he is living for, and that is to persuade men of the judgment seat of God, and of the love of Christ. This abandon to the love of Christ is the one thing that bears fruit in the life, and it will always leave the impression of the holiness and of the power of God, never of our personal holiness.



June

Bro. Victor Sanders Jr.
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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.

Education Connection: Teach Your Child to Read

from <http://www.child-reading-tips.com>

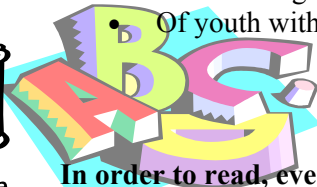
Teaching Your Child To Read At An Early Age Will Increase Their Chances For Future Success



What can happen if you don't start a reading program for your child at an early age?

These statistics are gathered from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development:

- 74% of the children who are diagnosed with reading problems in the 3rd grade, continue with problems into the 9th grade. This shows the importance of building a love for reading at an early age when children are most impressionable.
- children who fall behind at an early age (even in Kindergarten and 1st grade) fall further and further behind over time. Without remedial help, child reading problems do not diminish over time, but persist through the school years and into adulthood.
- Among those children, 10-15 percent drop out of high school and only 2 percent complete a four-year college degree.
- Surveys of adolescents and young adults with criminal records show that about half have reading difficulties.
- Of youth with a history of substance abuse, half have reading problems.



Teach your child the sounds of the alphabet

In order to read, every child must know the sounds of the alphabet letters. He must be able to recall them quickly without hesitation.

You can test your child's knowledge of alphabet letter sounds by using the provided alphabet list below. Point to each letter and ask your child to,

"Tell me what this letter says."

- The alphabet list has no pictures, so your child has to rely totally on memory.
- You are asking your child to tell you the letter sound, not the letter name.
- Write down letter sounds that he or she misses. This is a good place to begin fixing your child's auditory gaps.

If your child needs to learn most of the alphabet letter sounds, help her create her own alphabet book. Staple some pieces of paper together and ask your child to draw pictures of items that begin with the sound of each alphabet letter.

Children have different learning rates. Your child may need lots of direct instruction to learn the alphabet sounds. Don't forget, he will learn letter sounds more quickly with a short daily review.

It's Already Alright
 by Sis Savannah VanKummer

One of my favorite movies of all time is *Color Purple*. Whenever I watch it, I get excited because even though the character, Celie, experiences several traumatic experiences, I already know that the script was written for her to triumph in the end. Twisted as it may sound, I even enjoy watching the scenes when she is abused, belittled and distressed because it makes the ending that much more prevailing.

I have noticed, however, that even though I have seen *Color Purple* at least 100 times, I will occasionally allow myself to experience amnesia about the ending, and get all worked up over the drama. Once I even made myself late for an appointment, and literally struggled to walk out the door until I knew Celie was going to be alright. Sounds crazy - - I know, but it is exactly what we do when we second-guess the Author of our lives.

Psalm 139:16 says that all the days of our lives were written down (scripted) before one of them came to be. The New Living Translation says "Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." So in the spiritual realm, there is no such thing as coincidence, accidents, untimely deaths, or random events. God's sovereignty allows for nothing to come into the life of a Believer apart from His permissive will.

He is not the source of sickness, suffering, or death, but because He is all-powerful, He can override and harnesses our tumultuous experiences for the



accomplishment of His purpose. In the meantime we can anticipate victory knowing all things are working together for our good according to Romans 8:28.

One of my favorite songs that we sing in church says:

Don't wait 'till the battle's over, shout now! 'Cause you know in the end, you gonna win!

Just like we have peace in knowing that our favorite television heroes will defeat the bad guys in the end, so we can also rest in the spiritual principle that everything that happens to us is meant to be, and that it will all work out for the good.

Before I close out this month's issue, I just want to leave you with my version of Jeremiah 29:11, which as many of you know is one of the DES's theme scriptures. Read and know that whatever it is, it's already alright.

For I know the plans (the scripted episodes of your life) I have for you, says the LORD. "They are plans (episodes) for good and not for disaster, to give you a future (a life) and a hope (something to look forward to).

*****Message Board*****

"Building Fund Rally Day!"

Congratulations to the Tribe of Ephraim for raising the most money in the month of April toward our Building Fund. Thank you everyone for contributing because everyone is a winner when giving unto God.

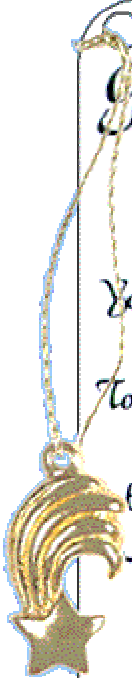
A Message From the YPWW President:

Come and be blessed. Study to show thyself approved unto God.

Every Thursday Night at 6:30pm

Our Pastor and First Lady would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone for making the Appreciation Service such a success. Again, thank you for all your gifts and support.


Congratulations to Bro. Carl Sims on graduating from Eisenhower H.S., Class of 2004. Your church family is very proud of you. May God continue to richly bless your life.



Graduation Wishes

Congratulations Graduate
on this momentous Day
You've worked hard to achieve your goals
And now you're on your way
To seek new vistas, Dream new Dreams
Embark on who you are
Embrace your Life with Passion
And keep reaching for your Star

Go for it!


Simply Special™
Creations

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

Emergency Numbers: Call for Assistance

When in sorrow, call **John 14**.

When men fail you, call **Psalm 27**.

If you want to be fruitful, call **John 15**.

When you have sinned, call **Psalm 51**.

When you worry, call **Matthew 6:19-34**.

When you are in danger, call **Psalm 91**.

When God seems far away, call **Psalm 139**.

When your faith needs stirring, call **Hebrews 11**.

When you are lonely and fearful, call **Psalm 23**.

When you grow bitter and critical, call **1 Cor. 13**.

For Paul's secret to happiness, call **Col.3:12-17**.

For idea of Christianity, call **11 Cor. 5:15-19**.

When you feel down and out, call **Romans 8:31**.

When you want peace and rest, call **Matt.11:25-30**.

When the world seems bigger than God, call **Psalm 90**.

When you leave home for labor or travel, call **Psalm 121**.

Your prayers growth narrow and selfish, call **Psalm 67**.

For a great invention/opportunity, call **Isaiah 55**.

When you want courage for a task, call **Joshua 1**.

How to get along with fellow men, call **Romans 12**.

When you think of investments/returns, call **Mark 10**.

If you are depressed, call **Psalm 27**.

If your pocketbook is empty, call **Psalm 37**.

If you're losing confidence in people, call **1 Cor. 13**.

If people seem unkind, call **John 15**.

If discouraged about your work, call **Psalm 126**.

If you find the world growing small and yourself great, call **Psalm 19**.



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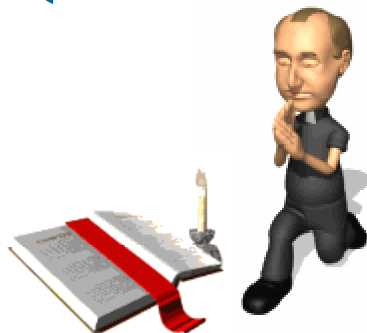
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NOTE: EMERGENCY NUMBERS may be DIALED DIRECT. No operator assistance is necessary. ALL LINES ARE OPEN TO HEAVEN 24 HOURS A DAY!

Health Wise: Protecting Yourself in the Summer Sunby Branda Polk (from *lifeway.com*)

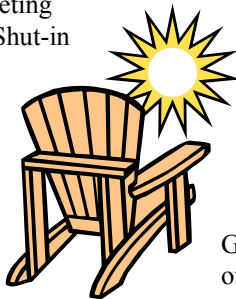
Calendar Events

June Events:

7th-13 – 90th Annual State Conv.
 18th- Single's Mtg. 6:30p
 19th- Pastor & Wife's Wedding Anniversary
 20th – Father's Day
 26th- YWCC Glenn Ivy Trip 10a
 27th- Tribal Rally Day
 28th- July 3rd – AIM Conv. in L.A.

July Events:

3rd – Brothers' Mtg. 8a
 3rd – Board Mtg. 10a
 6th – Youth Skating
 8-11 – State Women's Convention
 11th – Choir Dinner Sale
 16th – Single's Mtg. 6:30p
 17th – Sunshine Band 9a
 17th – Couple's Mtg. 7p
 18th – Men's Annual Day
 19-23 – Vacation Bible School
 24th – Sunday School Picnic
 26th – Ministers Meeting
 30th – Consolation Shut-in



The long, sunny days of summer – The sun is warm, and the extended length of daylight calls you outside to garden, play a sport, swim in the pool, picnic with friends, or relax on a beach with a good book. Sunlight has both benefits and dangers. Sunlight helps the body make vitamin D to keep bones and teeth strong. The warmth from the sun refreshes us and makes us feel good. However, the sun also carries the dangers of skin damage and skin cancer after years of damage. Even if you don't develop skin cancer, sun exposure can lead to increased wrinkles, age spots, and weathered skin.

To receive the benefits of the sun without damaging your skin, follow these helpful tips:

1. Stay out of the sun during the peak hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. These are the hours when the sun's rays are most direct and can cause the most skin damage. If you must be outside, stay in the shade. For the most protection, stay indoors.
2. When outside, cover yourself with light, loose-fitting clothing and a wide-brimmed hat.
3. Protect your eyes by using a good pair of sunglasses with UV (ultra violet) ray protection. Your eyes can burn as easily as your skin if left unprotected.
4. Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher on all exposed skin – face, hands, feet, neck, and ears. Apply at least two ounces of sunscreen to get the full protection value. Reapply sunscreen after swimming or sweating and every two hours. Sunscreen should be worn year-round to prevent sun damage, even in the spring, fall, and winter.
5. Protect children with shaded areas for play and sunscreen of at least 30 SPF. Keep babies younger than six months out of the sun completely; infant skin is thin and at high risk for burning. Most skin cancers are started by sunburns in childhood. Encourage sunscreen use as a safety element just as you would a helmet.
6. When you plan to be outside for long periods of time, check the UV rating for your area with the local weather report or online at www.weather.com. The latest UV scale is from 1 (very low) to 11+ (extremely high). When UV ratings are high, take more precautions to avoid sun damage.
7. Know your skin type to judge the level of sun exposure you can handle. Fair skin is easily burned with minimal exposure. Darker skin tones are not as sensitive, but don't allow your skin tone to fool you into thinking you are at a lower risk of skin cancer. All skin types are vulnerable.

God created the sun as the greatest light in the sky. Use wise judgment when enjoying it and the outdoors this summer. (*Brenda Polk is a credited Fitness Instructor, personal trainer, and wellness coach in Memphis, TN)

Frugal Father's Day Gift Ideasby Nancy Twigg at www.christianwomentoday.com

- **The Gift of Laughter** – Is there some old comedian or sitcom that always makes him chuckle? Use your VCR to make a tape of as many episodes as you can record. When you give your gift, include a note instructing him to watch it anytime he needs a good laugh.
- **Dad's Own Webpage** – Use your scanner and computer skills to create a homepage devoted to all Dad's many interests. Include pictures of his children, hobbies and accomplishments. Tell how proud you are of him and how grateful you feel to have him as your father. After you've uploaded the site with the help of your Internet Service Provider, include the URL in a card telling Dad to visit that webpage for a special surprise.
- **The Gift of a Clean House** – If your dad lives alone, housecleaning may not be high on his list of priorities. If possible, surprise him by giving his home a good, thorough cleaning while he is away for a few days. Even if you can't surprise him, he is sure to enjoy the results when you finish.
- **The Gift of Encouragement** – Find a special quote or Bible verse that is particularly meaningful. If you are handy with a needle and embroidery floss, create a cross-stitch sampler featuring those words. If not, use your calligraphy skills and put the verse in an attractive frame to sit proudly on his desk at work.
- **A Subscription to His Hometown Newspaper** – This gift may cost a little more but is sure to be a winner. If he no longer lives in the small town where he grew up, purchase a gift subscription to that town's local newspaper. This gift will help him keep up with the happenings in the place he used to call home.

Kids Korner: Crossword Puzzle

from <http://akidsheart.com/bible/Fathersp.htm>

Solve the puzzle by writing in the name of the fathers of the sons and daughters given in the clues.

akidsheart.com

Across

- 4. Ephraim and Manasseh
- 5. Rehoboam
- 7. Hezekiah
- 9. Moab
- 11. Nimrod
- 12. Obed
- 15. Joshua
- 16. Esau and Jacob
- 17. Jesus
- 18. Isaac and Ishmael
- 19. Samson
- 21. Josph and Benjamin
- 23. James and John, The sons of thunder

Down

- 1. David
- 2. Jonathan, Merab, and Michal
- 3. Cain and Abel
- 4. Simeon Peter
- 6. Samuel
- 8. John the Baptist
- 10. Absalom and Solomon
- 13. Rachel and Leah
- 14. Shem, Ham, and Japeth
- 20. Jehoshaphat
- 22. Jesse