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# 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

**“But It Is Hardly Credible That One Could Be So Positively Ignorant!”**

Submitted by Sis. E. Tahiru

“Who art Thou, Lord?” Acts 26:15

“The Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand.” There is no escape when Our Lord speaks, He always comes with an arrestment of the understanding. Has the voice of God come to you directly? If it has, you cannot mistake the intimate insistence with which it has spoken to you in the language you know best, not through your ears, but through your circumstances.

God has to destroy our determined confidence in our own convictions. “I know this is what I should do” – and suddenly the voice of God speaks in a way that overwhelms us by revealing the depths of our ignorance. We have shown our ignorance of Him in the very way we determine to serve Him. We serve Jesus in a spirit that is not His, we hurt Him by our advocacy for Him, we push His claims in the spirit of the devil. Our words should all right, but our spirit is that of an enemy. “He rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.” The spirit of our Lord in an advocate of His is described in I Corinthians 13.

Have I been persecuting Jesus by a zealous determination to serve Him in my own way? If I feel I have done my duty and yet have hurt Him in doing it, I may be sure it was not my duty, because it has not fostered the meek and quiet spirit, but the spirit of self-satisfaction. We imagine that whatever is unpleasant is our duty! Is that anything like the spirit of our Lord, “I *delight* to do Thy will, O My God”?

## Education Connection: Teach Your Child to Read

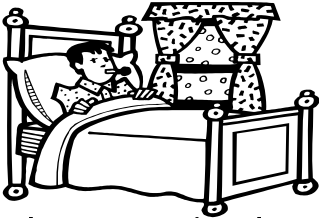
from <http://www.child-reading-tips.com>



### May

Mo. Grant  
Mo. Jackson  
Min. Ricky Parker

\*\*\*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.

### Teach your child to read by using selections and the "to - with - by" method What is a Reading Selection?

It is a big mistake for a parent to insist that their child read a whole book. You will achieve more if you choose a specific selection for your child to read. A short selection is one or two pages from an easy book or one paragraph from a higher level book.

If you choose a selection that is on the correct reading level for your child, he or she should make no more than one or two mistakes per twenty words. If you make your child read more, they will more than likely grow frustrated and be turned off to reading as a whole.

Don't make him read it cold turkey either. We don't want your child to practice bad reading. This is where you can use the "To - With - By" method:

- **Read the short selection to him twice.**
- **Read the same selection with him twice.**
- **Finally, ask him to read it by himself twice.**

To, With, and By is a useful reading technique that will catapult your child forward in reading skills. It will help him learn and apply sight words more quickly, helps him to practice fluent reading and improves his comprehension-all the important skills of reading.

You might be thinking, "My child isn't getting enough practice if she isn't reading a whole book." My answer is, your child gets excellent practice when you do To, With, and By in a short selection. A little bit of good reading is a lot better than a whole lot of bad reading.

### Using music to teach reading

This method is based on the fact that children love to read the words of songs they sing.

I am sure that your child has memorized the words to most of his favorite songs. Use this fact to his advantage by writing down the words and then help him to follow along with them as he sings. Use your finger and point to each word as it is sung. I know what you are thinking. He is merely repeating words that he has memorized. It is true that there may be little or no actual reading. In that respect, it looks like the whole language approach to teaching reading.

But you can easily move it to a phonics approach and have your child identify letters that make the sounds he is singing. **(Phonics and whole word will be explained below)**

Let's say, for example, that you are singing **Mary Had a Little Lamb**. Look at and point to the title. Ask your child which word is **Mary**?

Most children will look at the first letter of the word. If he points to the wrong word, correct him and sound out Mary. Show him it's the only word that start with an **M**.

Sound out **m--"emmmm"**. If he got it right, ask him why it's the correct word. If he doesn't know, tell him it's the only word that starts with "**M**".

Make the sound of **m--"emmmm"**. Continue on the next sound. Explain that the **y** frequently makes the **ee** sound at the end of words and so on.

Since this exercise is taking place with his favorite songs, this will be very entertaining for him. Go over all the words in this way. After a while, your child will have shifted from singing words that are memorized to being able to read the words in isolation.

**How to Forgive**  
**Submitted by Sis Tracy Jones**

One day a while back, a man, his heart heavy with grief, was walking in the woods. As he thought about his life this day, He knew many things were not right. He thought about those who had lied about him back when he had a job.

His thoughts turned to those who had stolen his things and cheated him.

He remembered family that had passed on. His mind turned to the illness he had that no one could cure. His very soul was filled with anger, resentment and frustration.

Standing there this day, searching for answers he could not find, knowing all else had failed him, he knelt at the base of an old oak tree to seek the One he knew would always be there and with tears in his eyes, he prayed:

"Lord- You have done wonderful things for me in this life. You have told me to do many things for you, and I happily obeyed. Today, you have to forgive. I am sad, Lord, because I cannot. I don't know how. It is not fair, Lord. I didn't deserve these wrongs that were done against me and I shouldn't have to forgive.

As perfect as your way is Lord, this one thing I cannot do for I don't know how to forgive. My anger is so deep Lord, I fear I may not hear you, but I pray that you teach me to do this one thing I cannot do - Teach me To Forgive."

As he knelt there in the quiet shade of that old oak tree, he felt something fall onto his shoulder. He opened his eyes. Out of the corner of one eye he saw something red on his shirt. He could not turn to see what it was because where the oak tree had been was a large square piece of wood in the ground. He raised his head and saw two feet held to the wood with a large spike through them. He raised his head more, and tears came to his eyes as he

saw Jesus hanging on a cross. He saw spikes in His hands, a gash in His side, a torn and battered body, deep thorns sunk deep into His head.

Finally he saw the suffering and pain on His precious face. As their eyes met, the man's tears turned to sobbing, and Jesus began to speak.

"Have you ever told a lie?" He asked. The man answered, "Yes, Lord."

"Have you ever been given too much change and kept it?" The man answered, "Yes, Lord." And the man sobbed more and more. "Have you ever taken something from work that wasn't yours?"

Jesus asked. And the man answered, "yes, Lord."

Have you ever sworn, using my Father's name in vain? The man, crying now, answered, "Yes, Lord." As Jesus asked many more times, "Have you ever"?

The man's crying became uncontrollable, for he could only answer "yes, Lord." Then Jesus turned His head from one side to the other, and the man felt something fall on his other shoulder. He looked and saw that it was the blood of Jesus. When he looked back up, his eyes met those of Jesus, and there was a look of love the man had never seen or known before.

Jesus said, "I didn't deserve this, either, but I forgive you."

It may be hard to see how you're going to get through something, but when you look back in life, you realize how true this statement is.

Read the first line slowly and let it sink in.

This is simple, and important. Read on....This first line is deep. If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it. Lord I love you and I need you, come into my heart, today.

For without You I can do nothing..

**\*\*\*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.

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**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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**-Attention GV Soldiers-**

\*There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday/Youth Sunday in the month of May  
 Mandatory practice on  
 Monday, May 24th

"Let's get ready to "Stomp" on the Devil!"

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The Nelson Family extends a warm thank you to the Greater Victory Family for all prayers and support during their time of bereavement.

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**Holy Alphabet**

**Although things are not perfect**

**Because of trial or pain**

**Continue in thanksgiving**

**Do not begin to blame**

**Even when the times are hard**

**Fierce winds are bound to blow**

**God is forever able**

**Hold on to what you know**

**Imagine life without His love**

**Joy would cease to be**

**Keep thanking Him for all the things**

**Love imparts to thee**

**Move out of "Camp Complaining"**

**No weapon that is known**

**On earth can yield the power**

**Praise can do alone**

**Quit looking at the future**

**Redeem the time at hand**

**Start every day with worship**

**To "thank" is a command**

**Until we see Him coming**

**Victorious in the sky**

**We'll run the race with gratitude**

**Xalting God most high**

**Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...**

**Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!**

## Inspirational Thought:



*“A doubter often prays for things he already possesses.”*

– T. L. Osborn

**Reference Scripture:** *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:14 NIV*



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## Lost Your Wallet? Act Fast

from <http://moneycentral.msn.com>

Thieves are faster and cleverer than ever -- and your personal identification is a gold mine for them. Here's what to do and when.

By Julie Sturgeon, Bankrate.com

You just saw it on the counter. Honestly, it was right there a second ago. Yet, in a flash, your wallet or purse is AWOL and the hunt is on. So when do you call off the search and dial up the credit card companies to cancel your accounts?

In these days of burgeoning identity theft, industry insiders insist you pick up the phone instantly. Cate Williams, vice president of financial literacy at Money Management International, lives by a more real-world time frame. If you're in public -- as in you had it at Macy's but not Burdines -- she imposes a 15-minute rule, just enough time to retrace your most recent steps. If you're at home, she increases that limit to an hour. But when the clock runs down, here's the drill:

### Call the credit card companies

You should keep a list of credit card account numbers and phone numbers to the issuing banks' customer service departments somewhere in your home. But few Americans find the motivation until they're frantically searching for a billfold. Credit card companies established easy-to-recall numbers like 1-800-VISA 911 or 1-800-MasterCard with this in mind. These customer service reps walk you through the process and notify the individual banks.

Expect to pass a security test at this gate, Williams says. Could be they'll ask your address, other's maiden name or details on a recent purchase you made. "They're trying to protect you, not make you cry," she says.

Tell the representative that you have lost your card, followed by the place, time and amount of the last transaction you know you made. Although the ultimate decision rests solely with the issuer, this call doesn't automatically commit you to the disruption of switching account numbers, says John Schettino, vice president in charge of global and North America credit at MasterCard. It is possible to merely flag the old number for unauthorized activity.

### Don't pay for account-closing chores

If you take the cancellation route, both Visa and MasterCard can send replacement plastic into your hands anywhere in the world within 24 hours. In some cases, banks send the new cards to the airport where you are scheduled to land. Everything from your previous account -- amounts due, incentive programs, interest rate deals -- transfers to the new plate, although it's up to you to update merchants with recurring charges, such as your cable bill or health club dues.

The Federal Trade Commission reminds you to pick different Personal Identification Numbers and passwords for these new accounts, too. Some companies offer to handle these account-closing chores for a fee, a temptation you should resist, says Chris McGoey, an identity theft expert who runs McGoey Security Consulting in Los Angeles and San Francisco. "I'd never feel comfortable handing all my credit information and personal details to some company. Who are these people? Who do they employ? Do they do background screening? It's not worth the risk," he explains.

### Notify the DMV

Canceling credit cards takes approximately five minutes each; replacing your driver license requires more tenacity. "Some areas may take the report over the telephone to put an alert on your license in case someone is stopped for a traffic violation," Williams notes. "But you probably still need to go in person for the replacement." Arrive armed with back-up documentation to prove your existence: a passport, birth certificate, Social Security card, marriage license.

If your state still prints your Social Security number on the driver license (you were too intelligent to carry that Social Security card in your wallet, weren't you?), the game gets uglier. It's not as if you can get a new government ID number in a snap. "You usually need an extreme case or governmental support like the witness protection program to change your SSN," says McGoey.

The FTC recommends you first call its hotline (877-IDTHEFT or 438-4338), followed by a call to the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213. (con't on page 22d)

## Calendar Events

### May Events:

23<sup>rd</sup>- Building Fund Rally Day  
 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Pastor & Wife  
 Appreciation  
 31<sup>st</sup>- MEMORIAL DAY

### June Events:

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

### Health Wise: Breakfast for Learning

by Doris Beck (from christianwomentoday.com)

**Which of the following meals makes a nutritious, balanced breakfast?:**

- a) scrambled eggs with cheese, b) whole wheat toast with jam, c) coffee and bagel,  
 d) slice of vegetable pizza and orange juice

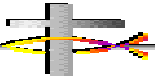
\*\*\*The only answer is d). To find out why, read on. \*\*\*

A balanced breakfast provides three of the four food groups and sustains a child's energy until lunchtime. Breakfast should provide 25% of a child's daily energy. Poor nutrition is a daily pattern for many school children, and has become a public health issue with negative consequences. And contrary to what you may believe, poor eating habits are not just found in inner cities and poor communities, but are found in all walks of life. Reality is, there's less time for meals with two working parents, single-parent families, early bus schedules and lack of adult supervision during mealtime. Children who make their own food choices are heavily influenced by media, particularly fast food franchisers.

Nutrition and Learning: The Canadian Living Foundation promoted National Breakfast for Learning Week to increase awareness of the importance of child nutrition and learning. Without adequate nutrition, children cannot learn. Without optimal learning, children cannot develop into contributing members of society. The importance between child nutrition and learning is vital. A 1996 evaluation of one School Meal Program found that students who eat a nutritious meal concentrate better, attend school more regularly, are less aggressive, less anxious, cope better with stress, and have better school performance.

To give your child a head start, try the following tips:

- Turn the TV off and sit together at the table.
  - Set up a "jiffy breakfast bar" on a tray. Include favourite breads, muffins, spreads, cereals and fruits the family enjoys. Keep a supply of spoons, glasses, mugs and bowls right on the tray for self-serve.
  - Spend some time with the kids drawing up weekly breakfast menus; call them "specials of the house."
  - If time or poor morning appetites are your challenge, try offering your kids this easy, quick shake idea.
- Peanut Butter Banana Shake 1 cup milk, white or chocolate; 2 tbsp. Smooth peanut butter; 1 ripe banana, peeled and frozen; In blender, puree until smooth, Makes 2 servings.**



### Lost Wallet Con't from page 22c

#### File a police report

This step, too, requires a trip to your local precinct. But filing an official report adds validity to your story. "It tells the world, 'I really did lose the card; I'm not just having buyer's remorse over a \$900 purchase,'" Williams explains. Definitely save a copy of the report as proof should odd purchases begin cropping up in your account.

#### Dial the credit bureaus

Finally, a break: Pick any of the three credit reporting agencies and it will share the information with the other two and add a "security alert" to your file, says Maxine Sweet, vice president of public affairs at Experian. This alert is a temporary statement that advises any company accessing your report to please verify your identification before granting credit because you may be a victim of fraud. After you receive your reports you can determine if there has been any fraudulent activity and decide if you need to add a "permanent" alert.

To do so, you must provide proof of your address and proof of your phone number such as a copy of your phone bill. That statement does not block access, but provides a phone number for the company to contact you to verify your identity before granting credit. The temporary alert period varies by credit reporting agency; Experian's remains for 90 days. The permanent alert remains for seven years on all the reports. To remove that alert, you must send the request in writing with proof of your identity.

#### Contacting a credit bureau to report fraud

- Equifax: Call 1-800-525-6285 and write to P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA. 30374-0241
- Experian: Call 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742) and write to P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013
- TransUnion: Call 1-800-680-7289 and write to Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA. 92834-6790

#### Tell your local bank

According to the FTC, no federal law limits your losses should someone obtain your checks and forge your signature. State laws usually hold the bank responsible in this case, but the Catch-22 comes when they also require you to "take reasonable care" of your account. Stay in the law's good graces by closing your current checking account and reopening a new one. The bank will notify its internal processors about the now defunct account, but the FTC recommends you also get on the horn and call the check verification services to stop someone from using one of your checks at a merchant's cash register

#### Check verification services

- TeleCheck: 1-800-710-9898 or 927-0188
- Certegy, Inc.: 1-800-437-5120
- International Check Services: 1-800-631-9656

### Kids Korner: Double Puzzle

from <http://members.tripod.com>

#### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

#### PSALM 3

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