

THE WALL

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Pastor's Brief

Fully Equipped

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts” (Romans 13:14, New King James Version)



Beloved,
 All praise, glory, and honor to God, our Creator and Father, to Jesus Christ, our Savior and Liberator, and to the Holy Spirit who abides with us and in us forever. We thank God for all the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, as we are reminded of His Great Faithfulness of love, mercy, and compassion that fails not, but are renewed every morning, so that, we are not consumed (Lamentations 3:21-23).

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Briefly, Alicia and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you concerning your “walk of faith.” We acknowledge that in this world, we will have test and trials; but Jesus has promised to abide with us and in us forever, never forsaking us. What is more, He has given us tools (weapons) that will help ensure our victory. We have “the Armor of God” to battle the enemy, quenching his fiery attacks, and forcing him to withdraw and flee from us. We have “the Weapon of Prayer” and “the Word of God” that empowers us, revives us, and propels us in the Work of the Kingdom. Lastly, we have “the Empowering of His Holy Spirit,” which is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, dwelling in us richly to enable us to live a victorious life in Christ, pleasing to God.

Undeniably, much more could be said of our weapons and our station in Christ to the Father, but know this, there is nothing that we will ever face that is able to separate us (tear us away) from the Love of God, which is forever grounded in Christ Jesus. Therefore, hold your head up and look to the hills from which comes your strength, for all of our help comes from the Lord.

To Him alone belongs all praise, glory, honor, and majesty who is the everlasting King of Glory!

Pastor and First Lady

Elder Jerry and Alicia Jones

2024 Theme: All of me worshipping all of Him.

How to Give Thanks

From the You Version Online Bible
Submitted by Dr. Barbara Smith

The Old Testament recounts many moments where God provided for His people. But one powerful retelling of God's greatness is found in Psalm 105. This Psalm focuses on events found in the book of Exodus, and worshipers were encouraged to remember God's faithfulness and show gratitude for what He has done. And while all 45 verses are worth studying, let's take a closer look at the verse that sets the tone for this Psalm, and the four ways it invites us into worship... "Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done." Psalm 105: 1 ESV

1. Reflect on what God has done for you.

Gratitude comes from recognizing what God has done for us. So in order to show gratitude, we have to recognize how God was at work in our past circumstances. When we do that, we can acknowledge God's faithfulness and genuinely worship Him.

2. Thank God.

In Psalm 105:1, the term "giving thanks" stems from the Hebrew word yadah which means, "to revere or worship." To revere someone, you have to respect who they are. Giving thanks is an ongoing act of worship that involves recognizing who God is and offering up gratitude to Him for all that He's done.

3. Praise God.

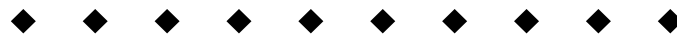
God's name carries authority and power and is above all other names, and we proclaim God's greatness when we call on His great name. When we call on God's name we gain a greater understanding of who He is-and this can encourage us to praise Him even more.

4. Tell Everyone.

God wants everyone to know Him personally, and we get to help people find Him when we

proclaim His greatness. As people discover what God has done for us, it can inspire them to seek God for themselves and discover His love for them.

We were made to worship God, and one of the ways we do that is by recounting His wonderful works. So today, intentionally set aside time to reflect on God's faithfulness. And then-tell other people about His great works. Who knows? Your praise just might inspire others to worship God as well.



Gospel of Jesus Christ

Author Unknown

Submitted by Sis. Jeanette McNeill

God

The Bible explains that God created everything including us. He has the right to tell us how to live. Sin is the rejection of God's authority over us. God is loving, and He is righteous. He will not ignore sin and leave the guilty unpunished.

Man

We rejected God and are guilty of sin. Sin has corrupted every part of our human existence. Our entire being is under sin's power, The penalty of sin is both physical and spiritual death. Our final destiny is eternal active judgment in hell.

Christ

Jesus is fully God and man. He came to die on the cross as a substitute for His people and to pay sin's penalty. Jesus rose from the dead, assuring us that God's wrath is satisfied. Sinners can be freed from sin's power and reconciled with God.

Response

We must turn away from our sin and trust in Jesus and nothing else to save us from sin and the coming judgment. When we repent and believe in Jesus, all our sin is placed on Jesus, and the perfect life Jesus lived is credited to us.

A Reflector of Light

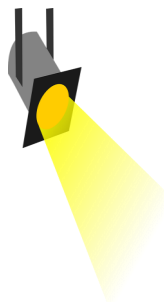
By Frances Culp Wolfe

Lord, make a reflector
Of the true and living light:
May I send out rays of beauty
That are seen in dark of night.

Help me reflect Your goodness
And Your patient loving care;
May my heart be warm like sunshine
With much joy that I can share.

Help me be a friend to others
Who have lost their way in life;
Grant me wisdom to help them
And give me patience in all strife.

Give me courage for each battle
And help me to lift some fallen soul;
May I run the race with vigor
Until I shall reach the goal.



FINDING SELF-WORTH

Jentezen Franklin Daily Devotional
Submitted by Mother Veronica Smith

When you read God’s Word, you discover how He feels about you. As a result, your memories begin to heal, your self-worth is restored, and you stop trading with a devalued self-image. When that happens, you no longer believe that “anybody’s company is preferable to my own.” In a survey of supposedly happy couples, over 50 percent said they wouldn’t marry the same person again. Why? Because the answer to loneliness isn’t people; It’s purpose! The apostle John was a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos when God showed him the glories of heaven and he wrote the book of Revelation. Paul was alone in a Roman dungeon when he wrote half the New Testament. God did some of His best work when He was alone with no one to applaud Him, so he praised Himself, saying, “It [is] very good” (Ge 1:31). Can you do that? It’s nice when others speak well of you, but when you can speak well of yourself, it reflects your opinion of yourself-and that’s the one you live with every day. Three cheers for those whose departure taught us how to be alone and enjoy it! Somewhere beyond loneliness, there is a contentment born of necessity. When your options close in the natural realm, you find doors opening to you in the spiritual realm. So work on deepening your relationship with God. As you do, you will find joy, and you will also develop qualities that make you attractive to the right people. It’s why Jesus said that when you “seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously...he will give you everything you need” (Mt 6:33)-including self-worth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 2nd - Labor Day
- 4-6th - Annual Revival
- 22nd - **121st Homecoming/Anniversary**
- 28-29th - District Union

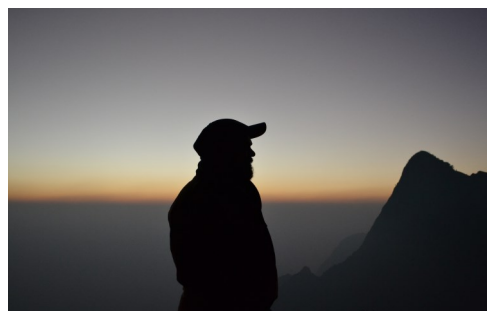


October (*Pastor Appreciation Month*)

- 25th - Quarterly Conference
- 27th - Holy Communion

November

- 5th - **General Election Day**
- 11th - Veterans’ Day
- 11-17th - 157th Annual Conference@ CFA
- 28th - Thanksgiving Day



The Answers Came

By Edna Massimilla

I asked the Lord to answer me—
I prayed all through the night,
For I have many burdens to bear
That do not seem just right.

And then the Lord did answer me—
“The burdens will not stay.
Trust My Word and keep the faith,
For I will lead your way.

Just believe you will have the strength,
For you are in My care...
Friends surround you with songs to sing.
Blessings are yours to share.”

And then I suddenly realized.
If burdens come my way...
Faith will shield me. God is there.
The answers came as I prayed.



SEEDS 4 H.O.P.E.

Submitted by Dr. Barbara Smith
Christian Education President

Seeds for H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Prepare for Eternity) are spiritual seeds given to grow in you and for you to share with others.

Meditate on the following scripture. Think about these verses. Read and reread these verses and let them marinate and sink into your spirit. Think about each word in the verses. Isn't God awesome?

“Oh, the depth of the riches both the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?” (Romans 11:33-34 NKJV).

Another **SEED 4 H.O.P.E.** is to listen to this song sung by Mandisa. Please listen to this song.

God Speaking

Have you ever heard a love song that set your spirit free
Have you ever watched a sunrise and felt you could not breathe
What if it's Him
What if it's God speaking

Have you ever cried a tear that you could not explain
Have you ever met a stranger who already knew your name
What if it's Him
What if it's God speaking

Who knows how He'll get a hold of us
Get our attention to prove He is enough
He'll do and He'll use whatever He wants to to tell us I love you

Have you ever lost a loved one who you thought should still be here
Do you know what it feels like to be tangled up in fear

What if He's somehow involved
What if He's speaking through it all
His ways are higher
His ways are better

Though sometimes strange
What could be stranger than God in a manger
God is speaking I Love you

Sung by Mandisa, written by Ronnie C. Jr. Freeman



Thorn in the Flesh, Part Two

Author Pastor Tony Evans

Why does God allow us to be afflicted with a thorn in the flesh? What purpose does it serve in our lives?

Having a thorn that God doesn't just miraculously remove keeps everything in perspective. It keeps me from exalting myself. It reminds me that I always have to trust in Him. The thorn is often allowed so that God can correct the sin in our lives. In the apostle's case, as he tells us in 2 Corinthians 12, it was to deal with the pride in Paul's heart. The nagging existence of the thorn was a reminder that he must rely on God. It didn't matter how smart and capable he was, he needed to remember that he couldn't make it without God's help. The thorn was God's needle fix. Never more real than when you feel weak, helpless and hopeless. In such times, His grace and His power are the only things that can pull you through.



Nicknames

Submitted by Mother Lois Murphy

Please match Column A with Column B

A

- 1) Nimrod
- 2) Pharisees
- 3) John
- 4) Timothy
- 5) Job
- 6) Lucifer
- 7) Jesus' Disciples

B

- A) Paul's own son in the faith
- B) Son of the morning
- C) "Perfect" and "Upright" and one that feared God.
- D) The voice of one crying in the wilderness
- E) The "Salt" of the earth
- F) A mighty hunter before the Lord
- G) The separated ones

Watch for the next newsletter and see if you are right.



The Proud Rose

Author Unknown

Submitted by Sis. Jeanette McNeill

Once upon a time, in a desert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her beautiful looks. Her only complaint was growing next to an ugly cactus.

Every day, the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, all while the cactus remained quiet. All the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was too swayed by her own looks.

One scorching summer, the desert became dry, and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly began to wilt. Her beautiful petals dried up, losing their lush color.

Looking to the cactus, she saw a sparrow dip his beak into the cactus to drink some water. Though ashamed, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the tough summer, as friends.

The Moral:

Never judge anyone by the way they look.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Submitted by Mother Veronica Smith
 Sunday School Superintendent

Coming Up Next Quarter September, October, November 2024 “Worship in the Covenant Community”

The lessons this quarter are a study of worship practices offered as a grateful response to the covenantal relationship God initiates, first with Abraham, and later with the people of Israel. The patterns of worship reflect the gamut of community life, from praising God’s goodness and mercy to calling on God for help in times of crisis.

Unit 1 observes how various leaders of the Israelite people honored God through their worship. These examples include Abraham, Solomon, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

Unit 2 looks at various songs in the Old Testament that Israel used in worship and prayer.

Unit 3 looks at four songs from the Hebrew psalter (fitting the U.S. calendar in it’s season of thanksgiving). We look at Psalm 23, Psalms 146-150 (with 146 and 150 being the songs for emphasis), Psalm 100, and 139. Lessons come from Echoes Adult Comprehensive Bible Study



Faith

Submitted by Sis. Lena Smith
 Author Unknown

An umbrella cannot stop the rain but it
 Allows us to stand in the rain.

Faith in God may not remove
 Our trials but it gives us
 Strength to overcome them.



Heart Attack Signs in Women

Submitted by Mother Lois Murphy

- 1) Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of the chest.
- 2) It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
- 3) Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- 4) Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- 5) Other signs such as breaking out in cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness.
- 6) As with men, women’s most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.



Pay attention to your body and call 911 if you experience these signs.



September

- 8th- Bertha Williams
- 13th- Crystal Jones
- 23rd- Linberg Crosby
- 26th – Glenda Signal

October

- 4th- Mary Autry
- 12th- Howard Bell
- 15th- William Autry
- 25th- Sandra Crosby

November

- 1st- Hayward Bell
- 12th- Diane Hart and Janice E. Ingram
- 25th- Linwood Gainey

12 Ways To Be A Blessing To Your Church

by Katie McVeigh

- 1st Way: Ask not what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church
- 2nd Way: Pray daily for your pastor
- 3rd Way: Bless your pastor on special occasions

(Note: See previous issues of The Wall Newsletter for 1st-3rd Way)



The fourth way to be a blessing to your church is to get involved in the Helps Ministry.

Helps ministry simply means “to help” in any way that help is needed. It’s important that you do what helps your pastor the most and not just what you think he needs. It’s kind of like buying someone a birthday present. You may really like it, but it doesn’t mean the other person will like it as much as you do. The best thing to do is to find out what that person really likes and get him what he wants. Even if it’s not what we like, it’s a much bigger blessing.

Back Your Pastor’s Vision

We must remember that it is our job to back the vision God has given to our pastor. Sometimes people tend to promote their own vision instead of backing their pastor’s vision, not realizing that it is his vision that counts the most in your church.

You may have a great idea for something you think your church should do, but you should understand that your pastor may not feel called to do that, or the church is already doing everything it can and can’t take on another project. But if you have a great idea, there are some things you can do. You can pray about it, or you can volunteer to start it and keep it running. One reason pastors don’t always go for a great idea is, people often have great ideas, but they’ll bail out of it after three months, and the church gets stuck running it. Often, we must prove ourselves faithful before the church leadership will accept our ideas.

Be Open To Help Anywhere

The best thing you can do is make yourself available for any position, wherever help is needed. Often you will start out in one area of helps ministry but end up somewhere else. You may have a heart to be in one position, but there’s not an opening there yet. I believe God will honor your act of obedience and willingness to help, even if your area of service is not your ultimate desire. (Proverbs 28:20 – A faithful man shall abound with blessings...)

Be Part of the Solution

One minister friend of mine always says, “You will be remembered in life either by the problems you solve for others or by the ones you create.” Problem solvers are usually the ones who end up getting promoted. Why is that? Because they’re relieving stress on their pastor by solving a problem. God can promote you when you’re part of the answer, not the problem.

Hold Up Your Pastor’s Arms

In Exodus 17, Moses and the children of Israel fought a battle against the Amalekites. Moses, the leader, and his two help helpers, Aaron and Hur, went to the top of a hill to watch the battle, and when Moses held up his hands, the Israelites prevailed over their enemies. But when his arms got tired and he lowered them, the Amalekites prevailed.

That is what happen in your church too. Your pastor can’t do everything himself. When helps ministers hold up his arms by doing the work of the ministry in the church, the whole congregation can win battles and many souls to the Lord. People need you when they need you, even if it is not convenient for you.

Make Your Pastor's Job Easier

The Bible says that the pastor's job is to teach you and me how to do the work of the ministry. Things run more smoothly in your church, and you can be more effective in reaching others when everyone is doing his part. *And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11)*

Do You Qualify?

Read Acts 6:2-4. When God chooses people to help, He's looking for these qualities. There are even more qualifications for helps ministry: they should be people that *"everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense."* There are even more qualifications mentioned in First Timothy Chapter 3. **Submitted by Dr. Barbara Smith**



General Election Day Dates and Deadlines

Here are voter dates and deadlines for the 2024 general election in North Carolina:

- **Sept. 6, 2024:** County boards of elections begin mailing absentee ballots to eligible voters who submitted an absentee ballot request form.
- **Oct. 11, 2024:** Voter registration deadline (5 p.m.).*
- **Oct. 17, 2024:** In-person early voting begins; same-day registration available.
- **Oct. 29, 2024:** Absentee ballot request deadline (5 p.m.).*
- **Nov. 2, 2024:** In-person early voting ends (3 p.m.).
- **Nov. 5, 2024:** General Election Day.
- **Nov. 5, 2024:** Absentee ballot return deadline (7:30 p.m.).*

*Voter registration and absentee voting deadlines are different for [military and overseas citizen voters](#).

It is Your Duty as a Citizen of the United States of America to VOTE !

Memories of recent activities



Family & Friends' Day
Elder Dorothy Blue and Mother Lois Murphy



Elder Fred McNeill and new members—
Kevin and Sheneiza Bobbitt



Elder Jones baptizes Sis. Sheneiza Bobbitt



Special Recognition of the Trustees— Elder Joseph Crosby, Bro. Charles McNeill, Bro. Everett Crosby, Sis. Ann Robinson, Sis. Lena Smith, Mother Lois Murphy, Deacon Willie Murphy, Pastor Jerry Jones. Not Pictured Deacon James Smith and Sis. Annie Cameron



Sakhia Byrd, granddaughter of Sis. Rhonda Byrd, shows her Achievement Awards for the school year!



Eldress Frances Harvey and Dr. Barbara Smith



Mother Emily Byrd and Mother Veronica Smith



Sis. Bertha Williams and Sis. Denise Morris

Absolute Care Community Day and Cookout

Photos courtesy of Mother Veronica Smith, Sunday School Superintendent

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 277

Matt.20:1-19

The Hired Hands

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ASKED	BURDEN
BEING	CONDEMN
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EARLY	ENVOIOUS
EQUAL	FOREMAN
GAVE	FRIEND
HIRED	GENTILES
JESUS	GRUMBLE
LAST	HEAVEN
LIFE	JERUSALEM
MONEY	KINGDOM
ONES	MOCKED
ONLY	OWNER
RIGHT	PRIESTS
STILL	RAISED
TOLD	TEACHERS
WAGES	VINEYARD

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Answer: Have mercy on me, O Lord