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# GLORY

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"



"I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" Ps 81:10

As we begin a new year of Service for the Saviour I rejoice in past blessings and look forward to even greater things in the future. Our year verse this year at Grace is Psalm 81:10. In it God says what He has done and what He will do - He brought out and now He'll fill up. That's a promise we're claiming. I believe God is "able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think," (Ep. 3:20) which means that, if the Lord tarries, we should be able to look back at this time next year at the blessings of God and be even more in awe than we are right now. I can hardly wait!!

The Blessings that I'm talking about are really hard to explain. I'll give some Facts and Figures at the end of this article but they're just an outward sign of an inward growth. (I asked people to share what they thought was their greatest spiritual lesson learned in 1979 recently and it was a real Blessing to me to see that they recognized the growth in themselves.). And I'm convinced that outward growth without inward growth is doomed to collapse and great is the fall thereof. Spiritual growth involves accepting your place in the Body of Christ (and being satisfied where God wants you!), accepting your responsibility to God and other Christians, and reaching out to help others Know or Show Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of mankind. Thank God for the manifestation of this in people's lives this past year.

I hope 1980 is the year the Lord returns and when He does I want to have accomplished the work He had for me to do. God's got the Power and God's got the Plan if we'll be the People He can use. Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it! What a promise!!!

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

## Facts and Figures:

During the first year of mailing "Grace and Glory" we added over 100 names to our mailing list - which means that our newsletter goes into over 300 homes each mailing.

Our White Christmas offering of \$3210.97 was nearly \$1000 over our previous record and means we received over \$8000 for the Building Fund on our 4 Building Fund Sundays last year. (For a Church our size that took 2 Faith Promise Missionaries and added all the outreach ministries we did plus significantly increasing our weekly income I think it was great.)

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Fact and Figures (continued)

Sad to say we only received 9 new members last year (compared to 4 the year before) but they were all "good'un"! (You think that's just talk but in my years as Pastor I have almost come to accept the fact that a number of people claim to be saved, join the Church, and visitors come more often than they do! Praise God for the fact that EVERY one of these new members has been faithful to the Church and it's work.)

Of course there's the Fact that we've added a new Fellowship Building which is nearing completion and it's amazing to see how God has met every need we've had as we worked.

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Congratulations to the new Master's Men Officers (which are the old ones re-elected)

President	Danny Broach
Vice President	Ralph McAllister
Program Chairman	Marion Coker

I really appreciate the Master's Men and the work they've done this past year.

The first Wednesday Night of our Study thru the Bible was a real success. We had good attendance and hopefully learned a little about God's overall plan. Part of the Study is to encourage you to read thru the Bible this year. It's the greatest Book in the World and should be read and studied. Next Wednesday Night we'll be talking about "The Beginnings". Hope you'll be here and bring a friend.

This year marks the 20th year of Grace Free Will Baptist Church and we're looking for the best one ever. A number of events are planned for the year as we look back and press ahead. It will all come to a head with Home Coming Services on June 22. Many of the plans are still in the works but we do know that we'll be dedicating our new Fellowship Building during the Service and we do plan on a big day in the Lord.

A couple of other special days coming soon are:

Lake City Area Home Mission Rally with Rev. Roy Thomas Sat. Feb 16,

Foreign Mission Rally with Rev. Sherwood Lee on Sunday March 9

Joint Sunrise Service at Gilead FWB Church Sunday April 6.

I know this is late but I haven't put out a newsletter since Christmas and I do want to commend out Young People on the outstanding job they did with the Christmas Play. One of the best we've ever had.

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# GLORY

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Vol. 2 No 2

"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "What Does God Require?"

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?"

(Deut 10:12-13)

As we begin a new year (A year in which I hope the Lord will return), and face the confusion that is so prevalent in the world today I thought it would be good to look at the most important question that we can ask ourselves- "What does God require of us?". We'll be looking at that question in the next few issues and hopefully will get some answers that will change lives.

Our Scripture verse says that God requires 4 things of us: 1) Fear, 2) Faithfulness, 3) Fidelity, and 4) "Flint faceness". Today I want to look at the first of these.

I believe if I were to poll the average church and ask "What does God require of You?" that the thing God lists first would probably be mentioned last- if at all! Fear is not something the average person associates with God and yet it is a recurrent theme in the Bible.

There are a number of Promises given to those that fear God:

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; Ps 25:12

The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them Ps 34:7

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: Ps 145:19

The Fear of the Lord prolongeth days: Prov 10:27

The Fear of the Lord is the Way to Holiness - Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. II Cor 7:1. By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. Prov 16:6

The fear of the Lord is the reason Christians ought to submit to one another. Ep 5:21 (Which is the lead in to why Husbands and wives ought to submit to one another's place. The fear of the Lord would end many divorcees!)

Why God should be feared: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matt 10:28

The Fear of God is learnt from His word: The Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me... Deut 4:10. But a single heart is needed: ...unite my heart to fear thy name. Ps 86:11

After trying every way the world had Solomon finally came to this conclusion: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Ecc 12:13

So the first thing God requires of you is that you fear Him. (The Hebrew word means "to revere"). This doesn't mean that you cower in a corner but it does mean that you realize and respect the fact that God is GOD - and He is Holy. He is not a "good buddy" servant to satisfy our whims. He is approached with reverence - or not at all!

I'll close this part with some good advice from Isaiah- Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. Is 8:13

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



**SPECIAL SERVICES, TIME, AND LOCATION:** Our Evening Worship Service will begin at 4:00pm this Sunday (Jan 20) and will be held at Lynches River FWE Church on highway 378. This is in order to Baptise Mrs. Kathy Purvis. It would be difficult to have the Baptismal Service between morning and evening services so I thought it would be better to combine the Evening Service with it. I'll be talking about the "Practice of Victory" and it's a message and service you don't want to miss. (One day, the Lord willing, we'll have our own Baptisery!)

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** The Stone Trio of Hillside Free Will Baptist Church of Florence will be singing for us Sunday Night Jan 27 as part of our Evening Worship Service. These are dedicated Christians and I'm looking forward to their being with us.

**MISSIONARY SERVICES:** Rev. Roy Thomas, director of National Home Missions for Free Will Baptist will be with us for an area Mission Rally on Saturday Feb. 16. All of the area Churches are being invited to attend and I expect the Lord to really Bless. Brother Roy is a fine preacher and I believe he'll challenge our hearts. Put this on your Prayer list.  
Rev. Sherwood Lee, Missionary to Ivory Coast, will be with us on Sunday March 9 for our annual Faith Promise for Foreign Missions day. As a Church I think we are well aware of the Blessings God has bestowed on us because of our Faith in God's ability to supply needs. I trust that this year's Faith Promise commitment will be the best ever.

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Congradulations to Mr. Arnold Lowder on being chosen Deacon. His work in and for the Church has been appreciated and I believe he'll be a blessing as he continues to serve in this capacity.  
Congradulations also to Mrs. Marjorie McAllister on being elected Treasurer. She's faithful in everything she does and I'm looking forward to working with her. She replaced Brother CARL JORDAN who has been Treasurer for nearly 18 years (Almost since the Church began!). Brother Carl has served long and Faithfully and the Church really appreciates the job he has done. **THANK YOU BROTHER CARL!!**

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "What Does God Require?" (Part II)

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Deut 10:12-13

Last week I talked about the fact that the first thing God requires of a person is Fear (that is to Revere Him). This week I want us to look at the second requirement- FAITHFULNESS. The verse says it this way, "to walk in all his ways,". You may wonder how that can be translated Faithfulness but if you examine the words carefully it is apparent. "Walk in" has the idea of something that is done on a continuous basis. "All his ways" means that you don't do things "hit or miss" but take the bad along with the good. So this translation of Faithfulness could go like this- do everything you should all the time. With that in mind let's look at why the Lord requires Faithfulness and what Faithfulness means in everyday life.

Why would the Lord be so strict as to require Faithfulness? Why do men expect their wives to give up all their boyfriends when they marry? (Remember that Israel is God's wife and the Church is the Bride of Christ). Why should an employer expect you to show up every day and work for him instead of his competitor just because he's paying your salary? (Remember that Christ purchased our salvation with his own blood and the Blessings we receive come from God). Why should a man who has just had a heart attack listen to a doctor's advice about changing diet, taking medicine, and disrupting his normal way of doing things? (After all, all Jesus promised us if we heeded his word was Abundant Life!). Why indeed, does God expect Faithfulness??!

Now, then, does a person translate Faithfulness into a normal continuous part of life? Some of the answers are obvious- 1) Regular attendance where the Word of God is preached and taught ("Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," Heb 10:25) because the Word helps us Grow ("As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby;" I Pet. 2:2). 2) Regular giving (Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," I Cor 16:2). And 3) Regular Prayer ("Pray without ceasing" I Thess 5:17).

But Faithfulness is more than just adhering to some basic principles. Faithfulness is dependability in all thing. It means God and men can expect a standard of performance from you that will not vary according to whim. God said this is what He requires- and He tremendously blesses those who are faithful. "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me in to the ministry." I Tim 1:12. (Power and a Position to the Faithful!!).

ARE YOU FAITHFUL??

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



Attend Church  
Every Sunday

remember to Pray for the South Carolina Annual Conference to be held this Thursday (Jan 24) beginning at 7:30pm and Friday beginning at 9:30am. This is my first year as clerk and I need your prayers also. There is a lot of work in preparation this week and next week will be spent getting the minutes ready to publish. This in addition to the "Normal" things.

SPECIAL SINGING THIS SUNDAY NIGHT (Jan 27) beginning at 6:30pm. The Stone Trio of Hillside FWB Church of Florence will be singing the Praises of God before the Evening Message. I'm looking forward to a great day in the Lord.

Speaking of Sunday- Let's see if we can't boost our Sunday School attendance. I've been repeating the theme 80 in 80 to get you to realize that we need to get to work. (Now you know we expect to have more than 80 many times in 80 but what I'm after is for us to start having 80 regularly. We can do it if we'll keep working and the Lord keeps Blessing. How about it men?? Let's double our class this year!)

I just can't get over how the Lord continues to bless as we build. By taking our time and seeking the Lord as we go the work has gone so well and God has continued to meet every need. The paneling is almost up and I'm beginning to see "the light at the end of the tunnel". By Home Coming (June 22) every thing should be ready for the biggest day in the history of the Church. There is no way I can express my appreciation to the Building Committee and the men who have worked long and hard to accomplish what we've done so far. If we can keep it up I know God will do something with and for us.

Already several Visitors have joined us for our Wednesday Night Study as we Survey the Old Testament. I hope everyone has learned the basic plan of the Bible by now and will be able to understand the book we survey each week. I think this service is just as important as any other service and hope you'll be here yourself and invite your friends to come also. (No matter what denomination or church you belong to you need to know about the Bible.)

HAVE YOU BEEN PRAYING ABOUT REVIVAL??? I have! I've been seeking God's face about when we should have Revival and Who He would have speak for us. There are so many lost people in this community that my heart is burdened for and I want to see them saved before it's too late. God still can and will save and I believe that He wants to - Let's be sure we give Him the Chance.

Speaking of Prayer, let me express my thanks to each of you who can "do nothing more than Pray" (!) for the Church and it's work. If you knew how many times I'm blessed and encouraged to know that someone is praying for me and the Work the Church is doing you wouldn't put an "only" in front of your Prayers. You keep on Praying- God's got a record (Rev 5:8).

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# GLORY

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "What Does God Require?" (Part III)

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Dt. 10:12-13

Already we have looked at the first two requirements God has- 1) Fear (to revere Him) and 2) Faithfulness (Dependable). This week I want to discuss the third requirement- FIDELITY, Love of God above all else.

We hear a lot these days about God's Love for us (and well we should for it is a tremendous thing) but little is mentioned about our responsibility to Love God. We need to realize that God uses Love as the final "acid test" of our religion (see more of I John) and if a man fails here then it's likely his religion will be either Pharisaical (Dead Doctrines) or Grecian (Mental ascent to that that "sounds" good and reasonable.).

Jesus said our obedience ought to rest on love ("If you love me, keep my commandments" Jn 14:15) and when Peter had turned back to his fishing the question Jesus asked to get him back on the right track was "Do you love me more than these?" (Jn 21:15). The fault the Risen Lord found with the Ephesian Church was that they had left their first love (Rev 2:4) and Jesus warned that the increased iniquity of these last days would cause the Love of many to wax cold (Matt 24:12). These things should make each one of us increasingly aware of the vital place OUR love has in our relationship with God.

Yet, even knowing these things is not all that God requires of us. Fidelity Love is like that of a Husband and wife relationship- a steadfast mutual Love that turns a house into a home, "two into one", and giving into receiving. This Love is not the mushy sentiment that the world uses that is actually a means of satisfying selfish desires. The Love God requires (and gives us the ability to have- Rom 5:5) is the Love God showed when He sent His Son to die thus enabling us to love Him in return. Jesus said it really meant that I abide in Him, and He abides in me (Jn 15:14). This is what the Bible and Salvation is all about; God created man for Fellowship (mutual giving of each other (Remember how God came to the garden in the cool of the evening to talk with Adam and Eve, Gen 3:8)) and when Sin entered breaking that Fellowship God then provided a means to renew it (therefore, Christ paying the wages of Sin which is Death). But God could not force men to return to Fellowship for Love can never be forced (A lesson many would do well to learn!). So we find God throughout the Bible loving men and desiring to be loved by men, wooing them by the pull of the Holy Spirit, and looking broken hearted as men refuse His Love and rush headlong into destruction.

God is Love (I Jn 4:16) and His first commandment to us is "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mk 12:30). He has manifested His love to us and He expects us to Love Him. It's one of the things God requires - But also one of the great Joys of being a Christian!

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



THE ADULT VALENTINE PARTY will be held this Saturday Nite (Feb 9) at the Barn House Restaurant just outside Lake City. It will begin at 7:00pm and you're invited to come and bring your "Sweetheart". Our Special Guests will be Rev. and Mrs. Jimmie Aldridge.

The Youth Valentine Party will be held next Wednesday Nite (Feb 13) at the Church at 7:30pm. (I'm interested in seeing how many of the Boys and Girls are going to be able to "Hog Tie" a "Sweet Heart" and bring with them!)

Valentines is a good time to give your heart to God!!

REMEMBER ALSO THE AREA HOME MISSION RALLY with REV. ROY THOMAS coming up Saturday Night, Feb. 16 at 7:00pm. Brother Roy is a great Preacher and I'm looking for a good service. Everyone in the Area is invited to attend this special Service.

The State Association of Free Will Baptist Will meet Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14 and 15 at Pee Dee FWB Church out of Conway. Some great speakers are on the program and I pray that God will begin a Revival at the State that will sweep across South Carolina. Remember these Services in your Prayers.

Rev. Bobby Jackson will be at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kingstree next week (Feb 11 - 16) for Revival Services. If you get a chance be sure and attend these services. He will also be leading a Pastors - Workers Conference on Saturday, Feb. 16 beginning at 10:00am on the subject "Our Churches in the 80's". Brother Bob Burke is the Pastor.

Congratulations to Brother Bob Burke on being elected the President of the newly formed Pee Dee Area Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association. Brother Jerry Ownby, Pastor of Salem FWB Church, is the Sec. and will be in charge of informing everyone when the group will meet. (Next meeting will be March 18 at Sand Hill FWB Church at 9:30am). Hopefully, this type of fellowship will help all the Churches in the area.

(Mrs. Julia Brown receives our Newsletter each week and she sent me an article the other day that I'd like to share with you.)

#### MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY

Mary had a little boy, his soul was white as snow;	But now the soul that once was white had turned an ugly black.
He never went to Sunday School, cause Mary wouldn't go.	She even started back to church, and Bible study, too,
He never heard the stories of Christ that thrill the childish mind;	She begged the preacher, "Isn't there anything you can do?"
While other children went to class, this child was left behind.	The preacher tried- failed and said, "We're just too far behind.
And as he grew from babe to youth, she saw to her dismay,	I tried to tell you years ago, but you would pay no mind."
A soul that once was white, become a dingy gray.	And so, another soul is lost, that once was white as snow.
Realizing he was lost, she tried to win him back,	Sunday School could have helped, but Mary wouldn't go!

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "What Does God Require?" (Part IV)

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Dt. 10:12-13

In this final article on "What God Requires" I want to look at an often overlooked requirement - one that I call "Flint Faceness". Already we have seen that God requires Fear (Reverential Respect), Faithfulness, and Fidelity Love. In this final requirement we can see all of these put into practice.

"Flint Faceness" according to our text means "to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy Soul," and "To keep the commandments of the Lord,...". This "Serving and keeping" is basically a matter of finding out which direction God is going and then setting your face steadfastly in that direction. This is what Christ did (Luke 9:51) when he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, even though he knew he would die there, because he knew that that was what God wanted. Paul, too, was steadfast in his determination and desire and was able to sum up his life's goal by saying, "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," (Phil 3:13-14).

I think one of the finest examples of "Flint Faceness" found in the Scriptures is Ruth when she tells Naomi "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." (Ruth 1:16-17). The next verse says that when Naomi "saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her" (Ruth 1:18). She might as well stop talking to her because Ruth had determined to follow the path set before her. (You do know, of course, that "Flint Faceness" is simply a polite way of saying "hard headed"!). But don't you forget that God was so impressed with Ruth's "Flint Faceness" until He had a book written about her and she was put in the line of Christ!!

James says that "a double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8) and that "faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17). God requires that we "serve him with ALL our heart and soul" and that we don't just know the word of God but that we KEEP his commandments. In a sinful world where "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," let us "take the whole armour of God, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to STAND" (Eph 6:12-13). This is going to require "Flint Faceness" and singleness of heart but you can do it "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed" (Is. 50:7).

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What: HOME MISSION RALLY with Rev. Roy Thomas,  
National Director of Free Will Baptist  
Home Missions.

When: 7:00pm Saturday, Feb 16, 1980

Where: Grace Free Will Baptist Church

Who: EVERYONE IS INVITED. You'll be  
challenged and blessed with good  
Preaching and singing.

Special Music by Rev. and Mrs. Theron  
Scott of New Town FWB Church.



PLAN TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND.

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Our "Year Verse" this year at Grace is Ps. 81:10, "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." Shortly after we adopted this verse one of the ladies in the Church decided to take it literally. Mrs. Mattie Floyd remembered a gold dental bridge she had and no longer used and she donated it to the Church to start a fund to buy a new refrigerator for the Fellowship Building. Last week it was sold for nearly \$72, which gives us a good beginning on the refrigerator fund. It never ceases to amaze me how God supplies our needs!!

Next Wednesday night (Feb 20) we will have a filmstrip about "The Tabernacle" as we continue our Survey of the Old Testament. I think the Wednesday Night study of the Bible is just as important as the Sunday Morning study of the Bible. (And YOU KNOW I think Sunday School is important!). If you're interested in getting an overview of the Plan and Purpose of the Bible then be here every Wednesday Night.

Speaking of Sunday School, March is the month we make a real effort to increase our Sunday School Attendance in order to get people saved and involved in Church each week. Two special days already planned are: MISSION DAY, Sunday March 9 with Rev. Sherwood Lee as guest speaker. This will be our annual Faith Promise time as well as time to reach out with the Gospel to everyone we can: And FAMILY DAY, Sunday March 30 with Rev. Johnny Evans as Guest Speaker. We want to get EVERY member of EVERY Family here that day. In addition to the regular services we will also have dinner in our new Fellowship Building and a Singing in the afternoon.

If God continues to so lead, I plan to speak on "God's Plan for your Life" this Sunday Morning. It's something everyone should be interested in and may surprise you a little. I Praise God for His Blessings on Last Sunday's Services and want you to pay with me for His continued blessing this week.

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February 20, 1980

Vol. II Num 6

"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

(From time to time people ask me "Who and what are Free Will Baptist?". I plan to try to answer that question in the next weeks as I give a series of articles on "What Free Will Baptist Are and What We Believe". Much of the material will be gleaned from official publications but some will be my own. That that is my own I will bear responsibility for because one of the first things you will learn about Free Will Baptist is that no one person can (or should) speak for everyone.) (If you would like a "Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists" then send me your name and address. I'll be glad to send it to you absolutely free of charge.)

The Free Will Baptist denomination is a fellowship of evangelical believers united in extending the witness of Christ and the building of His Church throughout the world. The rise of Free Will Baptist can be traced to the influence of Baptists of Arminian persuasion who settled in the colonies from England.

The denomination came up on two fronts at almost the same time. The southern line, or Palmer movement, traces its beginnings to the year 1727 when one Paul Palmer organized a church at Chowan, North Carolina. Palmer had previously ministered in New Jersey and Maryland, having been baptised in a congregation which had moved from Wales to a tract on the Delaware River in northern Penn..

The northern line, or Randall movement, had its beginnings with a congregation organized by Benjamin Randall June 30, 1780, in New Durham, New Hampshire. Both lines of Free Will Baptists taught the doctrines of free grace, free salvation, and free will, although from the first there was no organizational connection between them.

The northern line expanded more rapidly in the beginning and extended its outreach into the West and Southwest. In 1910-1911 this body of Free Will Baptists merged with the Northern Baptist denomination, taking along more than half its 1,100 churches and all denominational property, including several major colleges. On Dec. 28, 1916, at Pattonsburg, Missouri, representatives of remnant churches in the Randall movement reorganized into the Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptists.

Free Will Baptists in the southeastern United States, having descended from the Palmer foundation, had often manifested fraternal relationships with Free Will Baptist of the Randall movement in the north and west; but the slavery question and the Civil War prevented formal union between them. The churches in the southern line were organized into various associations and conferences from the beginning, and had finally organized into a General Conference by 1921. These congregations were not affected by the merger of the northern movement with the Northern Baptists.

Now that the remnants of the Randall movement had reorganized into the Cooperative General Association and the Palmer movement had organized into the General Conference, it was inevitable that fusion between these two groups of Free Will Baptists would finally come. In Nashville, Tennessee, on November 5, 1935, representatives of these two groups met and organized the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

The denomination now comprises more than 2,400 churches in 39 states and 14 foreign countries.

(From the Preface of the Treatise)

Yours Invited

Our Special Guest Speaker this Sunday (Feb 24) is going to be REV. RONNIE JONES. I hope you'll be here because I'm expecting a great service. (I hope to have my entire family here for service. Why don't you get yours to come also and let God start a Family Revival among us!)

Then this Sunday Night I plan to speak on the Subject "The Other Side". Many people wonder what it's like when you die and I plan to show some clear examples from the Word of God about what it's like on the other side. You're going to have to die some day. (Unless you get "Raptured"! ) so you need to find out what it's like afterwards. After all, you're going to spend eternity on the "Other Side"!

SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. W.L. FRYAR for his contribution to the ministry of "Grace and Glory". I need a new mimeograph machine DESPERATELY so I decided to begin a MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE FUND. I won't be asking people for money for it but I will be praying that God will lay it on the hearts of those He WANTS to give to give. That way I'll get it when God wants me to- which will be exactly when I need it.

Our Sunday School campaign in March is just around the corner and I'd like for it to be a time of real ingathering. A little extra push for us this year should be the fact that all of our March Morning Worship Services will be broadcast live over WJOT. We had our highest attendance of the year last year when we broadcast our Morning Services and I want you to really pray that God would Bless again this year. Remember also that during March we'll have 2 guest speakers: Rev. Sherwood Lee on March 9 which is Mission Day. He'll be with us all day conducting a Faith Promise Conference in the Evening Service. And Rev. Johnny Evans will be with us on March 30 for Family Day. This will be a Building Fund Sunday and will include dinner in the new Fellowship Building and a Singing in the afternoon. Two things we need to remember- 1) Talking the campaign among ourselves won't get other people here! and 2) If we have 1000 people and aren't prayed up and ready to share the Gospel with them we haven't done a thing except inflate our Pride!

The Vacation Bible School Committee is seeking VOLUNTEERS to help this year. They need for you to sign up now so they can get everything straight and the teachers can begin studying their lessons. VBS is one of the great outreach ministries of the Church and you want to be a part of it.

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

"What Free Will Baptist Are and What we Believe" (part II)

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
  2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
  3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
  4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
  5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
  6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
  7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
  8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
  9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
  10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
  11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
  12. Perserverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
  13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.
  14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor 16:2a).
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ARTICLES OF FAITH (continued)

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



The next 6 Sundays are going to be extra special here at Grace and I hope you're going to make a SPECIAL EFFORT to attend and promote these days.

March 2- Begin Sunday School enlargement Campaign. Sunday School is important and we want EVERYONE to be a part of it.

Morning Worship Service broadcast over WJOT.

March 9- MISSION SUNDAY. We hope to have many new people in our Sunday School. Rev. Sherwood Lee will be with us in both preaching services with the Evening Service being a Faith Promise Commitment time.

Morning Worship Service live over WJOT.

March 16- Youth Day. Accent on the Youth in Sunday School and the Youth Choir singing the Special during our Morning Service over WJOT.

March 23- Hope we're looking for places to put Sunday School Students by now. Morning Worship live over WJOT.

March 30- FAMILY DAY. Everyone trying to get all their Family in Sunday School. Rev. Johnnie Evans will bring the Morning Message live over WJOT. Dinner in the Fellowship Building and a Singing in the afternoon.

April 6- Sunrise Service at Gilead FWB Church with area Free Will Baptist. Over 100 (?) in Sunday School and many saved during the Worship Service. Communion And Feet Washing during Evening Service.

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Praise God for the good services we had last Sunday. Brother Ronnie REALLY PREACHED and God gave us a good day, a great way to get ready for the coming weeks.

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

"What Free Will Baptist are and What we Believe" (Part III)

## The Church's Relationship to Other Churches

"The Local congregation of believers is the only visible form of the "Church" founded by the direct authority of Scripture. Free Will Baptist, therefore, recognize the local church as the sole source of authority possessed and exercised within the visible church. The local church is an independent and self-governing body, with full authority to transact its business, choose its pastor, and officers, receive, discipline, and dismiss members, hold free title to all its properties, and conduct all its internal affairs.

The local Free Will Baptist Church bears two important relationships to other churches: A) Christians within the local church are members of the universal and invisible church, known as the body of Christ. B) Local Churches voluntarily form associations which organize and cooperate as the Free Will Baptist denomination." (From the Treatise)

One of the most closely guarded distinctives of a Free Will Baptist Church is its independence from outside control. We firmly adhere to the fact that there is no higher authority than the local Church (except, of course, the authority of the "Head of the Church"- Jesus Christ). Individual churches join Conferences and Associations for the purpose of Fellowship and to combine efforts to spread the Gospel and advance the work of God. These Conferences, however, have no control over the Church and the only "power" the Conference can yield is that of withdrawing Fellowship from an offending Church. This is a tremendous Blessing for the local Church while at the same time being a great responsibility.

In order to "pool" our efforts and for fellowship Grace is a member of the Second District S.C. Conference of FW Baptist (The S.C. Conference is divided into 2 Districts with highway 301 the dividing line. Churches north of 301 are First District while those South of 301 are Second District). These two districts form the S.C. Annual Conference which is in turn a member of the S.C. State Association (which is composed of 5 conferences; S.C., Central, Eastern, Beaver Creek, and Palmetto). The S.C. State Association is a member of the National Association of FW Baptist which is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn..

Thru the joint efforts of Churches from the various states the National Ass. is able to help sponsor such things as Bible Colleges, Sunday School and Church Training Department, Master's Men, Ladies Aux, Retirement and Insurance, Executive Department, and Home and Foreign Missions. This allows Grace Church to help do a great deal that we could not even think of if we had to do all of it.

Our Church has agreed to help in almost every one of these areas but the one that we seek to do the most in is the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world by sending Missionaries to the region beyond. That's why our Mission Day this Sunday (March 9) is an annual event here. It allows us to be challenged for the cause of missions and at the same time exercise our faith by pledging our Faith Promise Offering for the coming year..

We support our missionary thru regular Church Giving (Rev. Charlisle Homan in India) and last year our Faith Promise was divided between Rev. Jimmie Aldridge of the Ivory Coast and Rev. Bobby Poole of Brazil. This year our Guest for the day is Rev. Sherwood Lee of the Ivory Coast and we want to add him to our Faith Promise giving.

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"The Church's Relationship" (Continued)

A Faith Promise Offering is just what the name implies. It is an Offering promised by Faith in God's Provision. It is not your regular tithes and offerings. It is a pledge made with Faith that God will supply it. No one will "dun" you if you don't pay because if God doesn't supply it then you're under no obligation to give it. I personally think it is one of the best methods of giving available and not only helps the missionaries to spread the Gospel but also helps the giver to grow in trust in God's Provision.

I'm glad we're able to join with other Churches to help get the Gospel out this way. I believe it's God's way. Each person is responsible to God for themselves and yet we are also a part of the overall Body of Christ. I'm glad I'm a Christian and a Free Will Baptist!

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Last week's snow canceled our Services (although I hope everyone listened on Radio) so we'll just have to have twice as many this week. Everyone ought to be ready to get back in Church and have some wonderful services with Brother Sherwood Lee. Let's be "Missionaries" to our communities this week by getting someone to join us for Sunday School and Church Services. If you're Dreadfully sick and can't POSSIBLY make it then remember that the 1st am Services will be broadcast live over WJOT.

I want to especially THANK everyone for their kindness and concern last week end for Mrs. Mattie Floyd and her family on the loss of Mrs. Mattie's son-in-law. The food, the visits, and the Love were greatly appreciated.

Special Thanks also to Mrs. J.S. Hanna for her gift to the Memograph Fund. She has been very generous in her support of this ministry and it's greatly appreciated.

Remember that Sunday, March 16 is my Sunday. (You know, YOUTH Sunday!). I'm interested in seeing how many Young People we have. And don't forget to have all your family make their plans to be with us for FAMILY Sunday, March 30. It'll be a big day for Preaching, Singing, Fellowship, and Food, and also an opportunity to really help our Building Fund along.

You talk about a fellow getting into trouble with good intentions! Brother Ralph and his family were the only ones who came to Church Sunday and so when I preached I couldn't point my finger at anyone but him! But at least we didn't have "0" like we did last year when it snowed.

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

#### "What Free Will Baptist are and What we Believe" Part IV

In the first 3 articles I have dealt with general information about Free Will Baptist. In the next several articles I want to deal with some of the DISTINCTIVE DOCTRINES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST. I think most of these were covered by Dr. Charles Thigpen, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, at the last State Association and I am grateful for his outline. I will add my own "meat" to it and hope I won't do him an injustice. These are areas that FWB differ with one or more denominations.

1. SPEAKING IN TONGUES IS NOT FOR THIS AGE. I deal with this first not because it is the most important or even the most distinctive but because various people keep asking me about it. The following statement was adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptist meeting in Charlotte, N.C. last July:

"Free Will Baptist understand the Bible teaches the following facts:

On the Day of Pentecost believers spoke in distinct foreign languages which were readily understood by the nationalities present. (Acts 2:5, 8, 11)

Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign which confirmed the witness of the Gospel to unbelievers. (I Cor 14:1-40; Heb 2:4)

While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues (I Cor 12:10, 30). When this gift was abused it became a source of disturbance in the congregational meetings. To eliminate confusion and correct error, Paul set particular guidelines for the Christian church to follow (I Cor 14:18, 19, 23, 33). The gift of tongues was neither an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nor does it bring about sanctification (I Cor 12:13).

We believe that speaking in tongues as a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an erroneous doctrine to be rejected. Any implication of a "second work of grace" has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches and will not be permitted.

We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed the scriptural admonition, "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph 5:18b-20) "

I heartily agree with the statement and add my own observations:

1. First of all Tongues were for a sign to the Jewish nation to cause them to realize that the Gospel proclaiming Christ as Saviour and Lord was indeed from God (I Cor 14:22). There is no longer any need of this sign because the Jews have been "broken off" and the Gentiles "grafted in" (Rom 11:17).

2. When tongues were used they had to follow specific guidelines: a) no more than 2 or 3 at a meeting (I Cor 14:27). b) No more than 1 at a time (I Cor 14:27).

c) Women were NOT to speak (I Cor 14:34). d) a Spiritual person would acknowledge the Word of God above feelings or "Prophecies" (I Cor 14:37).

3. The Fruit of the Spirit is not a Prideful attitude (See Gal 5:22-23) and a Spirit filled person will realize that his gift was given according to grace (Rom 12:6) and to help the body of Christ as it pleases God! (I Cor 12:18).

#### 2. THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS PERSON AND WORK

Basically the relationship of the Believer to the Spirit is this: a) The Spirit draws us to God and when we accept Christ by faith the Spirit Baptises us into the body of Christ (I Cor 12:13). The Spirit is our earnest (down payment) of the

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promises of God (Ep 1:13-14) and the Christian can grieve the Spirit (Ep 4:30) by doing wrong or Quench the Spirit ( I Thess 5:19) by not doing right. But we are to be Filled with the Spirit (Ep 5:18) by submitting ourselves to God and His plan and order (Ep 5:2 -22).

3. ATTITUDE TOWARD TRANSFER OF CHURCH LETTERS. "Upon receipt of a letter of good standing from any church recognized as Christian, with the qualification that the applicant must have been baptized by immersion and satisfied therewith" (Qualifications for Membership from the Treatise p 52). Most denominations only accept letters from other churches in their denomination (as if they were the only right group in the world!) while FWB accept them as Brothers in Christ.

4. ATTITUDE TOWARD WATER BAPTISM - PERFORMED BY NON-FREE WILL BAPTIST. Most denominations require you to be re-baptized if you join their church calling baptism by other groups "alien" baptism. (That's why some of those groups report so many baptisms. They're re-doing what was done correctly the first time!). I find the policy repulsive and dishonoring to the cause of Christ. It stinks of salvation by water baptism instead of by Faith in Christ. (Next week the final 4 distinctives)

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Brother Sherwood Lee was a real Blessing to the Church and I believe he really helped us understand more about the Burdens and Work of a missionary. Our Faith Promise committment was \$117.50 per month (to be received the 3rd Sunday in each month beginning in April). An offering of \$168.76 was received for Brother Sherwood's account. With our Home Mission and Budget giving we're giving around \$200 per month to missions. I think it's something to be thankful for.

Remember our WORK DAY Saturday, March 22 to clean up and fix up for FAMILY DAY on March 30th. Is all of your family coming???

Our Wednesday Night classes have really shown an increase in interest lately. AND it's largely because the teachers have been burdened and put forth a lot of work. My primary goal when I came here was to get people to go forward in the work of the Lord without being pushed or prodded every step and I've been very thankful to see that goal fulfilled lately. Keep n growing Children! If we can have 125 in Sunday School we'll have reached every goal I set. Can't think of a better time to do it than on FAMILY DAY.

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DISTINCTIVE DOCTRINES (Part II)

5. EVERYONE CAN BE SAVED. "The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men (Mk 16:15), both by the word and strivings of the Spirit (Joel 2:28), so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all (1 Tim 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth.); and if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own (Hosea 13:9, Jn 5:40 And you will not come to me, that ye might have life.)" (from the Treatise, chapter VIII) Many denominations believe that God wants to save only certain people (Naturally, it's always them and their group!) but Free Will Baptist believe that "whosoever will may come and drink of the waters of Life freely" (Rev 22:17). Our doctrine of election is called "conditional election" - that is, anyone who meets God's conditions of Repentance of sin and Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ becomes one of the elect and is saved. This is why FWB are so evangelistic and mission minded; we don't exclude anyone from the Gospel call.

6. THE POSSIBILITY OF APOSTASY "There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support (Rom 8:38, 1 Cor 10:13); but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost"

1. We believe that salvation is a present possession by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he has this possession. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that salvation depends on human works or merit

2. We believe that a saved individual may, in freedom of will, cease to trust in Christ for salvation and once again be lost. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that a believer may not again be lost.

3. We believe that any individual living in the practice of sin (whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner") must be judged by that evidence to be lost should he so die in his sins. This we hold in distinction from those who suggest that pernicious doctrine that a man may live in sin as he pleases and still claim Heaven as his eternal home.

4. We believe that any regenerate person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner") and in whose heart a desire arises to repent may do so and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that when a Christian sins he cannot repent and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. (From the Treatise)

Many denominations believe in "Once saved, always saved" and simply place all those people who claim to be saved and then go back into the category of "never were really saved". The Bible is abundantly clear that "The Just shall live by his faith" and there are numerous examples of people who have turned away from faith and were lost (Heb 3:17-19). This does not make me scared of "losing my salvation", it makes me more that ever aware of my need for a close walk with God (1 Cor 9:26-27 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.)

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## THE POSSIBILITY OF APOSTASY (continued)

Many other denominations believe in being "saved and lost and saved and lost". They base Salvation on works and goodness. We do not believe in Salvation by works. We believe a person is saved by FAITH. Once they are saved they can never be "saved again". (Although they can rededicate themselves to God). And if they ever make shipwreck of faith (I Tim 1:18-20) and become an Apostate "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation," (Heb 10:26-27).

7. OPEN COMMUNION Most denominations hold "Closed Communion" (You may partake only if you are a member of that particular church). Free Will Baptist invite all Believers to join us in the Ordinances of Communion. (After all, Brothers in Christ should be able to eat at the same table!!)

8. WASHING THE SAINTS' FEET. We believe that when Jesus said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (Jn 13:14-15) that he meant what he said. We celebrate Feet Washing as part of our Communion Service and it is one of the great Blessings of our Fellowship. Every Believer is invited to join with us in this Blessed Service.

Those are some of the things that make us different. Things not based on Personal Preference but on the Word of God.

Because it is so difficult to fully explain the Doctrine of Salvation in something as short as this newsletter I plan to preach on "How to Never Fall" this Sunday. Make a special effort to be here for this message. It may determine where you are a million years from now!

Choir Practice for the Joint Sunrise Service will be this Sunday (March 24) at 3:00pm at Gilead F.W.B. Church and Sunday, March 30 at 3:00pm at Gilead. The Sunrise Service will be at Gilead beginning at 6:30am on Sunday, April 6. Rev. Samuel Taylor will be speaking. Brother Theron Scott will direct the Choir. Can you help in the Choir??

FAMILY DAY is almost upon us. Sunday, March 30, we hope to have every member of every Family with us in Sunday School, for the Preaching Service with Brother Johnny Evans (My Brother-in-law), for the big dinner in our new Fellowship Building, and for the Singing in the afternoon. All offerings received that day will go to our Building Fund (Need to finish paying for what we've just built so we can build more!). Make sure every member of your Family is URGED to come.

Today is my 18th Birthday! March 19, 1962 God gloriously saved me and made me a Child of the King. And you know what, it just gets gooder and gooder!! Praise God for saving me and keeping me these 18 years.

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# FAMILY DAY



THIS SUNDAY (March 30th) IS FAMILY DAY HERE AT GRACE AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR A BIG DAY IN THE LORD. WE HOPE TO HAVE AS MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE HERE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 10:00am. (Hopefully this will be our biggest Sunday School this year.) THE 11am WORSHIP SERVICE WILL FEATURE THE SPECIAL MUSIC OF BROTHER JOHNNY EVANS AND THE SINGING ECHOS AND THE MORNING MESSAGE WILL BE DELIVERED BY BRO. JOHNNY. (This entire service will be carried live over WJOT radio).

ALL OF THE OFFERINGS RECEIVED WILL GO TOWARD

OUR BUILDING FUND (and we're trusting God to meet our needs there.) THEN AROUND 12:30pm WE'LL JOIN TOGETHER FOR A FELLOWSHIP DINNER IN THE NEW FELLOWSHIP BUILDING. (Which is completed except for the floor and appliances.) (Won't it be great to be able to eat together instead of trying to find a corner to eat in?)

AROUND 2:00pm WE'LL GATHER BACK TOGETHER FOR A TIME OF PRAISING THE LORD IN SONG. BROTHER JOHNNY EVANS AND THE SINGING ECHOS WILL BE SINGING AGAIN AND THE STONE TRIO FROM HILSIDE FWB CHURCH WILL JOIN THEM ALONG WITH CHURCH AND LOCAL SINGERS.

WE'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR AND LOOKING FOR THIS DAY FOR A LONG TIME. GOD BLESSED IN OUR SERVICES LAST WEEK WITH 3 REDEDICATIONS AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR HIM TO SAVE SOME LOST FAMILY MEMBERS THIS WEEK.

Why don't YOU make a special effort to be with us this week and let God bless your heart.

Have you ever thought of the priorities you teach? For example: that sleep (because of the Late Show on Saturday night) is more important than Sunday School...that picnicing, fishing or hunting is more important than studying God's Word...that visiting with friends is more beneficial than conversations with God...that the development of the body and its skills in sports are more important than the health of the soul (which lives forever!)? THINK!!!



We gratefully acknowledge a MEMORIAL GIFT from Mrs. Clara Leach in memory of Mr. Stenson Morris. Gifts like this keep on working because they help the work of God go forward "and by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Heb 11:4)

Remember that the Joint Sunrise Service will be held at Gilead Free Will Baptist Church Sunday, April 6 beginning at 6:30am. Special Speaker will be Rev. Samuel Taylor, pastor of Camp Branch FWB Church. It's one of the best services of the year and you want to attend if at all possible.

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Why are we having a FAMILY DAY? In order to have a big crowd? Give a big offering? or have a good time? NO! the reason is because God wants the Family before the Church and the Family is under attack today. (Satan knows that if he can destroy the Family he can destroy the Church). You need to be saved and your family needs to be saved! Here are some alarming facts from "Pulpit Helps" about today's youth and why they need to know Christ as Saviour:

1. The parent spends about \$25,000 on each child by the time he or she graduates from high school.
2. American teens will spend \$300 million on cosmetics this year.
3. Five out of ten have taken some form of drugs.
4. Satanism, witchcraft, and moon-worship has increased tremendously and is growing daily.
5. Ten per cent of the grade school-aged need psychiatric help, says the Mental Health Association.
6. Four out of ten college students say they do not believe in a personal God.
7. A young person anywhere in America can see sex acts openly performed on the movie screen.
8. Rock music instills the messages of drugs, parental hatred, revolution and illicit sex. (Watson, who participated in the famous "Sharon Tate murders" stated that Manson received messages from rock music to kill.)
9. In a recent survey, over 50% of 10,000 teachers in 28 states admitted they have used drugs. Four out of ten drug offenders say they were first introduced to drugs by a teacher.

Nelson T. Leeman

If there has ever been a day when Families need to be in the House of God, studying the Word of God, it's today. Why don't you decide now to make EVERY SUNDAY a Family Day at the House of God.

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "Enduring"

Most of us have heard Preachers say that some people are enduring their salvation while they should be enjoying it. But that's not what the Bible says- "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt 24:13). As we face an increasingly wicked and unstable time I think Christians need to be reminded again that the call of Christ was to "deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mk 8:34). Preachers who promise everyone a "spiritual high" all the time or "big bank accounts" thru faith need to read again that Jesus was "despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;" (Is 53:3) and that he fed the multitude thru the power of God and not from an unlimited checking account (Mk 8:1-9).

As we look at what it is to Endure from the Word of God may it stir us to remember afresh that we don't serve God because of WHAT He gives us but because of WHO He is! Then when troubles come, we, like the apostles, can "rejoice that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name:" (Acts 5:41).

I. WHAT IT IS TO ENDURE (The various Greek meanings of the word define it)

A) To stay under- Matt 24:13 (The idea being to remain faithful even though Pressures and Problems remain and even increase. Jesus said that as long as were in this world we would have tribulations (Pressures) (Jn 16:33) but he also said He would be with us thru it all.)

B) To be strong- Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the King: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

C) To undergo hardship- II Tim 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. II Tim 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

D) To Be long spirited- Heb 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

E) To hold oneself up against- II Thess 1:4-5 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for you patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

II. WHY SHOULD WE ENDURE??

A) For Christ's sake- Mk 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

B) The elect's sake (Their salvation)- II Tim 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

C) To know we're sons - Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

D) To set an example - James 5:10-11 Take, my brethern, the prophets who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

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Pastor's Message (continued)

E) For Conscience sake - I Pet 2:19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

F) For the Crown of Life- James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

G) For the Joy set before us- Heb 12:2-3 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

III HOW CAN WE ENDURE??

A) Charity...endureth all things (I Cor 13:7)

B) I Cor 9:26-27 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway

1. Is your goal GOD or goods? Faith or Feelings?

2. Are you just "pretending" to fight (beating the air)

3. Are you disciplining yourself?

Let me close with the words of Jesus (Mk 4:16-17) And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. I hope you'll get so deep in God until you can endure because remember this, **TO BE SAVED IS WORTH ENDURING ANYTHING!!**

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

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Our Family Day was a real success. I thank everyone for their work and participation. In spite of a really bad day weather wise the Lord blessed. Our attendance was fair (95 in Sunday School, 100-125 for preaching), our offering was good (\$1590), and our services were great. We really saw the need of the Fellowship Building because of the weather and I rejoice in the fact that God has allowed us to get it so near completion.

Special Thanks to the Young People for the Easter Program they presented directed by Mrs. Kay Floyd. Also Thanks to the Ladies Aux. for another good Easter Program. The Lord has blessed us with some good talent to be used for His glory.

Are you praying for REVIVAL??

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# GOSPEL

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

# REVIVAL.

# APRIL 20 - 25

REV. LAMAR SMITH, PASTOR OF SAND HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR OUR REVIVAL SERVICES. HE WILL BE HERE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY AT 7:30pm EACH NIGHT. BROTHER LAMAR IS A GREAT SPEAKER WITH A PASTOR'S HEART AND I LOOK FOR GOD TO USE HIM TO STIR OUR HEARTS AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST.

WE WILL HAVE SPECIAL SINGING EACH NIGHT WITH THE FOLLOWING ALREADY SCHEDULED: SUNDAY MORNING, MISS BETSY THOMPSON AND THE ADULT CHOIR. SUNDAY NIGHT, THE JUNIOR CHOIR. MONDAY NIGHT, MISS JENENE BROWN AND MR. MARION COKER. WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MRS. FRANKIE RODGERS. THURSDAY NIGHT, MRS. MERRY GROOMS.

Let's begin with a good Sunday School and Wonderful Worship services. (I plan to speak on "Continuing in Sin" and God's Salvation" this Sunday. These are messages that can change people's lives.). Make plans to be here for every Service - and bring a friend.

If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (II Chron 7:14)

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (I Tim 2:3-4)

To help get our Revival off to a good start we plan to have a service on this Friday (April 18) beginning at 5:00pm. Individuals or Families are being asked to sign up for ½ hour of Prayer at the Church Altar. Prayer helps and Requests will be available. I've found that if People begin to Pray they will begin to be "Revived".

Since Revival includes Prayer and Repenting of sin I thought it would be good to list some Hinderances to Prayer. That way you will know what to repent of so you can pray effectively!

#### CAUSES OF FAILURE IN PRAYER

**DISOBEDIENCE** Deut 1:45 And ye returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

**SECRET SIN** Ps. 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

**NEGLECT OF MERCY** Prov 21:13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

**DESPISING GOD'S LAW** Prov 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

**BLOOD-GUILTINESS** Is. 1:15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

**INIQUITY** Is 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your god, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

**STUBBORNNESS** Zech 7:14 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord

**SELFISHNESS** James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

**REFUSING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN** I Pet 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life: that your prayers be not hindered.

But when our sins are confessed and forgiven "This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5:14-15)

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

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Pastor's Message: "The Conversion of Zacchaeus"

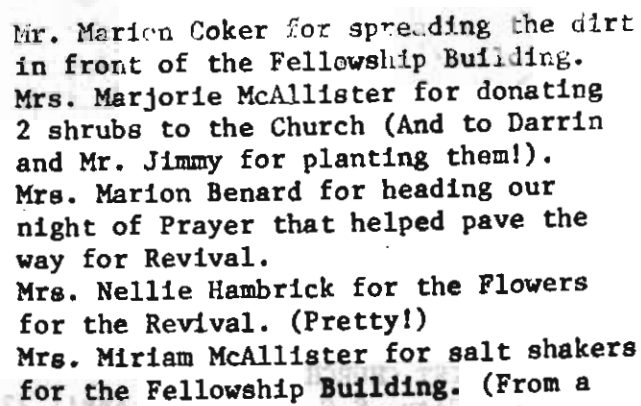
Luke 19:1-10

"And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:9-10) I thought that since we were in the midst of Revival then the thing I ought to write about was how to be saved. PAY ATTENTION! What's said on the news today may not mean anything tomorrow but if you get saved it'll mean something a million years from now. I like to read about the Conversion of Zacchaeus because it was a SUDDEN conversion of an UNLIKELY man that was THOROUGH.

1. You must mean business and seek the Lord with determination. "And he sought to see Jesus who he was..." vs 3-4. If you're satisfied to "take it or leave it" you'll never be saved. (The reason more people aren't saved today is that they don't realize how hot hell is and how much they need to flee the wrath to come!)
2. You must overcome some obstacles vs 2-4
  - a. Pride- "chief among the publicans, and he was rich". (If you think what people say is more important than what God says you won't be saved)
  - b. People- "could not for the press". (The devil will make you think you're as good as most of the Church members or use a mistake by a Christian to take your eyes off Jesus. Remember you've got to answer to God for YOU.)
  - c. Personality- "he was little of stature". (So many people think they have a problem too big for God to solve or else think they couldn't "hold out" if they did come but they need to know that the power to live the Christian life comes from the indwelling Holy Spirit and not self effort)
3. You must receive the Lord Jesus as your Personal Saviour. "and received him joyfully". vs 5-6. Christianity is not trying to do better- it's receiving Jesus Christ as your Saviour. (He paid the price and we get the benefits- no wonder it makes you Joyful!)
4. You must expect and be ready for criticism and opposition. "they all murmured" vs 7 Following Christ means taking up your Cross and following him and the Devil will fight you but the Victory is ours thru Christ's power.
5. You must confess the Lord before others. "And Zacchaeus stood, and said" vs 8 (That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom 10:9-10)
6. You must be willing to obey the Lord vs 8
  - a. Resolution- "I give to the poor" (By this shall all men know you are my disciples, by your love one for another.)
  - b. Restitution- "I restore" (You're a new creature now)
7. You must rely on the Word of Christ for the assurance that you're saved. vs 9 Saved by Faith in the Word of God and kept by FAITH. Not what Circumstances say but what Christ says.

If Christ can save a Rich Publican like Zacchaeus, He can save a poor sinner like you! Trust Him as your Saviour today. If you need help then call me.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



REMEMBER THAT THE TIME CHANGES THIS SUNDAY. BE in Sunday School an hour earlier than usual and you'll be on time.

Mr. Marion and Miss Jenene did a fine job of singing last night and we're looking forward to Miss Gail Prosser tonight, Mrs. Frankie Rodgers Wednesday night, Mrs. Merry Grooms Thursday night, and Both Choirs on Friday night (Did those Choirs sing good Sunday!).

## REVIVAL REFLECTIONS

"Since a revival can never lay hold on the world until it has first laid hold on the church, the need is for the fountains of sin to be broken up in the church. Backslidden Christians must be brought to repentance. They must have their faith renewed. Before the world can be moved, we must renew the image of Jesus Christ in ourselves. It is vain even to call upon the church to love others when the church has ceased loving Christ first." Charles Finney

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May 6, 1980 Vol II Num 15

"TO KNOW ALL SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "A Virtuous Woman" Proverbs 31:10-31

vs 10 She is not the usual "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

vs 11 Her Husband doesn't have to buy her love "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil"

vs 12 Her Husband can trust her "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life"

vs 13 She is a Willing Worker "She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands."

vs 14 She is a "Shopper" "She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar"

vs 15 She is not lazy "She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens"

vs 16 She has "business sense" "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard"

vs 17 She keeps herself in shape "She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms."

vs 18 She looks to the future "She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night"

vs 19 She does things for herself "She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff"

vs 20 She loves others "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy"

vs 21 She plans ahead "She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet"

vs 22 She dresses well "She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple."

vs 23 Behind every good man there is a good woman "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land"

vs 24 She helps with the budget "She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant."

vs 25 Her eyes are on Heaven and not on this world's fashion "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come."

vs 26 She is not a gossip "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

vs 27 She is a good housekeeper "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness"

vs 28 Her family praises her (as well they should) "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

vs 29 Her Family thinks she's the best "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

vs 30 She is a God fearing woman "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised"

vs 31 She ought to be treated special on Mother's Day (And all year long!) "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates"



Let me cast a few Roses at my Mother as we approach Mother's Day. I was thinking just recently about how blessed I was to have the Mother (and Mother-in-law) I have. When I got to Prov 31:29 and saw that a Virtuous Woman's family thought she was the Best, I could really relate to that. I've always thought I had the best Mom around and the older I get the more I think that. She's always encouraged me and, even though I made a stand early in my life for Christ and the ministry, she has never tried to lead me to do anything except what God wanted me to do. She's a good Mom and I thank God she's mine! I want to also say I appreciate my Mother-in-law. She gave me the prettiest and best of her children and still invites us over to eat with her! She's a good woman and I appreciate her.

Be sure and be with us this coming Sunday (May 11, Mother's Day) because we've got several special speakers lined up for the services. The Ladies Class will have Mrs. Clara Leach (Fine Christian Lady) for their teacher and the Men will have Brother Carl Jordan for their class in Sunday School. Then REV. RONNIE JONES will be speaking in the Morning and Evening Worship Service (11am and 6pm). Bring your Mom to Church (or come with her!) and make Mother's DAY special by Worshipping together.

Did you know that it's just a little over a month before our BIG 20th Anniversary Home Coming? June 22 is the big day and it promises to be just that. The first Pastor of the Church, Rev. Roger Tripp will be the Guest Speaker in a morning Service loaded with special events. We'll be looking back over the past years and rejoicing in God's Blessings, recognizing some of the people who have helped keep things going, and receiving a BIG Offering toward the debt retirement on the new Fellowship Building. There will also be a number of special singers, dinner for everyone, The dedication of the Fellowship Building, and time to Fellowship with old and new friends as we worship God together. We'll also be broadcasting our services live over WJOT.

Special THANKS to Mr. Marion Tunstall for his contribution to the ministry of "Grace and Glory".

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"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "What Paul Prayed for one of his Churches"

Col. 1:1-13

Paul says he began praying for these people when he heard of their:

- A) FAITH in Christ Jesus- The basis of Salvation and Fellowship
- B) LOVE to all the Saints- How my heart has rejoiced lately to see this Love manifested in our Church. People have been expressing it in word and deed and I believe that's why there has been such a moving of the Spirit.
- C) HOPE which is laid up for you in heaven- People need their eyes set on the triumph in Heaven instead of the troubles in this world.

This is what Paul wanted God to grant the Church:

- 1. WISDOM TO KNOW GOD'S WILL- To desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. (Anything outside of God's Will is wrong. If you don't know what you're supposed to do then you'll not do it and there will be no peace with God or self.)
- 2. A WORTHY WALK- That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing. (Which simply means Doing God's Will!) This includes:
  - a) A fruitful work- being fruitful in every good work (Read John 15:1-5 to see how God deals with unfruitful Branches and Gal 5:22-23 for the fruit of the Spirit)
  - b) Increased knowledge of God- and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Most people try to know themselves but Christ came to show us the Father Jn 14:9. Self knowledge brings confusion and sorrow God knowledge brings peace and Joy.)
- 3. A WONDERFUL STRENGTH- Strengthened with all might, according to his glor power. (Power here means "Abundance of Ability", and that's what have when God's power works thru us.) What is the purpose of the Power? To do great miracles? No! Unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. (I wonder how many people pray for Patience and Longsuffering with Joyfulness??)
- 4. A WORSHIPFUL THANKS- Giving thanks unto the Father (For What?:
  - a) Salvation- Who hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.
  - b) Sanctification- Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness
  - c) Glorification- and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son

As God spoke to my heart thru this passage of Scripture I asked Him to help me so live and preach that these things would be a reality in every Church member I have.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 1



Mrs. Mattie Floyd for the Potholders, dish  
rags, and other material you donated to the  
Church Fellowship Building.

Mrs. Clara Leach for picking up roots in  
front of the Church before some hurt them  
selves on them

EVERYONE for the Welcome Home signs, the  
cake, and the strawberries

and my wife  
and I arrived home from vacation. We really appreciate these  
expressions of love. (Thanks to for helping us to go on vacation  
and taking care of things while we were gone.)

This Sunday (May 25) we will have a special MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE as  
part of our Morning Worship Service. America has problems and I want  
to do all I can to help correct them but still I'm glad God allowed  
me to be born in America and I think we ought to honor those who  
have defended our Country in days gone by.  
Then this Sunday Night we will honor our Grads during the Evening  
Worship Service. The Lord has given us a marvelous moving of His  
Spirit lately so be sure and plan to attend these Services.

Now let me mention the bad along with the Good. Our Sunday School  
attendance has been down lately and this shouldn't be. Sunday  
School is one of the most important hours of your week and every  
member of every family ought to attend. Much of a Family's basic  
Bible training comes from Sunday School and in our increasingly  
Godless Society it's vital that the Family gets Bible Training  
each week. See you at 10am Sunday!!

Remember that we have lots of things planned for the month of June.  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 2-6 from 7:00pm til 9:00pm each  
night. Teachers should be ready by now. We going to have good  
crafts this year. And I'm looking for the Lord to give us a great  
week.

20th ANNIVERSARY/HOMEGOMING will be June 22 with Special Speakers,  
Special Singers, and a Special Day in the Lord. I'm so excited  
until I'm starting this week to work on the displays and other  
things we'll use. Remember to pray for the Services and the Building  
Fund Offering we'll be receiving.

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May 28, 1980 Vol II Num 17

"TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "To Be Like Christ"

We that are Christians desire to be "Christ Like". That's our goal, and purpose, and plan, and desire. And yet it seems that many Christians seem to have a confused picture of what Christ was like. They seem to think he was just a "goody goody" who lived in a continual state of "grinning cheerfulness" (That is, what time he wasn't shouting all over Israel!). He did have Joy (He is the SOURCE of Joy) and He did shout when he saw the disciples doing the work of God (Luke 10:21) but let's look at how the "Fifth Gospel" of Isaiah pictured Him.

Isaiah 53:

2 he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. (His adorning was not the outer man the world saw but the inner man of the heart. Do you spend as much time preparing your soul to face the Spiritual battles of the day as you do preparing your outer appearance?)

3 He is despised and rejected of men- (Not popular to be for God and against sin)

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: (A Christian has a burdened heart and sorrow over sin)

We hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (A Christian learns to live without the world's smile of support and persecution instead of praise when he makes a stand for righteousness.)

4. He hath borne our griefs- someone to lean on

And carried our sorrows- others cry on his shoulder

Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted (The world says his troubles are because of some wrong HE has done- He took our troubles and we scorned him for having any!!)

Just a few verses but they show us the need of Christians really meaning business when they make a stand for Christ. BEing a Christian is not just a lark - it's a life; and as far as I'm concerned the only life. It's not easy but with God's Presence here and the Promises to come it's well worth while.

As we face these last days while awaiting the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ it is very important that Christians continue to be faithful to the Lord. With this in mind I plan to begin a Series of messages this Sunday from the book of Hebrews on "Backsliders Beware". I think this is one of the most needed studies we can have now and I hope it will cause all of us to re-examine our commitment to Christ and rededicate ourselves to standing fast for Christ.

Plan now to be with us every service this summer as we learn to Know and to Show Christ.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 2-6

Monday - Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Friday 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Graduation Friday at 7:30pm (All parents are urged to be here for this service)

Hot Dog Fellowship Supper immediately after the Graduation Program Friday Night.



Classes for all ages with Song times, Story times, and crafts.

(We've also got some "crafts" for the adults that aren't involved in VBS. Things like hoeing, hedge trimming, and general clean up around the Church in preparation for our 20th anniversary on June 22.)

This Sunday begins a new Quarter in our Sunday School and we'll be in the Book of Isaiah for the next 3 months. This Sunday's lesson on "God's Curse on Meaningless Religion" is simply great! Sunday School is an important part of a Christian's growth process. (If you have any interest in learning about the Bible then you need to be here for EVERY service this Summer. Sunday School we'll be in the Book of Isaiah, Preaching Services we'll be in the Book of Hebrews, and on Wednesday Nights we're surveying the entire Old Testament this year.)

(I keep stressing that EVERY member of the Church is important and Brother Sammy Floyd found this poem that says that and shared it with me and I want to share it with you. It was written by John Weber.)

TALENT

Talent, what a wonderful thing!

If, only I could play or sing...

Oh, how happy I would be

Just to have people listening to me!

Now I enjoy the others playing,

While I sit and hear others saying,

That sounds nice or they sure are good.

If I could play or sing, I know I would.

But I know that I'm just what I should be...

So, you'll hear no real complaining,

At least not out of me.

Now, everyone has a talent, of that I'm sure.

We all have a gift that's rich and pure.

It's a special gift-- the gift of Love

That is only sent from the One above.

So, maybe you can't play or sing

Just show your love to every living thing.

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June 4, 1980 Vol II Num 18 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "What More Could Be Done?" Isaiah 5:1-7

Our Sunday School lesson this Sunday is great so I thought I would share some thoughts God gave me awhile back on this Scripture. I hope this outline will interest you enough to cause you to be in Sunday School this Sunday and shake you enough to cause you to see that God has done all He can for America and we (like Judah) face Judgment unless we return to serving God.

## I. THE VINEYARD

A) The Location- a very fruitful hill (God has given us abundant resources and blessed us with creativity. Spiritually we have the Gospel available in print, on Radio, TV, and records. Truly God has given us a fertile place to grow.)

### B) The Labor-

1. He fenced it- That made it special, set apart. (While other nations have been ravished by world wars America has escaped the destruction.)

2. He gathered out the stones- God made it so easy for us. Americans used to find more resources and invent more inventions by accident than the rest of the world did on purpose.

3. He planted it with the choicest vine- God brought to America the "huddled masses yearning to be free" to Worship and to Work; the cream of the crop!

4. He built a tower and winepress in it- God made America the base of the fundamental Church in the World. From here the message could be carried to the ends of the earth.

C) The Looking- God looked for sweet usable good grapes and got bitter useless wild grapes. It was not fruitless but wrong fruited. "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." Mt 23:28

## II. THE VEXATION

A) Take away the hedge thereof, it shall be eaten up.- America now earns wages to put them into a bag with holes. The American dream has become a nightmare.

B) Break down the wall thereof, it shall be throdde down- America has lost her last 2 wars and almost expect riots and bombing and destruction anymore.

C) I will lay it waste, not pruned nor digged. Listen to when it happen before- "Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams; therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy." I Sam 28:15

D) It shall become a home for briars and thorns (Think of all God's Blessings turned to Curses and imagine what America will be like if she continues as she is)

E) There shall be no rain- No showers of Blessing (And the heathen shall mock and laugh and say "Where is there God?". Remember Iran.)

God sums it up well in Heb 6:7-8 "For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, and receiveth blessings from God: But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing: WHOSE END IS TO BE BURNED."

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Graduation Services for Vacation Bible School will be Friday Night beginning at 7:30pm. All Parents are urged to attend. (Vacation Bible School will begin at 6:00pm Friday Night and end at 7:30pm.) Our attendance so far has been good and the workers have been excellent (Except for the fellow who beat me Horsehoes!) Continue to Pray for this ministry this week.

We decided this past Sunday night to go ahead and get the new stove for the Fellowship Building even though we still lack over \$100 having enough to pay for it and (Praise the Lord!) before the day was over we had more than enough to pay for it. Just shows what can happen when you put your Faith inot practice. (The Stove is a project of the Ladies Aux and we really appreciate them.)

One of the reasons we wanted to get the new stove was because of our 20th ANNIVERSARY/HOME COMING coming up on June 22. We're trying to fix up, and clean up, and pray up as much as possible because we're expecting a big day in the Lord that day. Rev. Roger Tripp, the first Pastor of the Church will be the guestspeaker and there are many many special things planned- Dedication of the Fellowship Building, Special Offering for the Building Fund, Displays of past events and happenings, a big dinner for everyone, a singing in the afternoon, and on and on. There have been a lot of ups and a lot of downs in the past 20 years but I think the Goodness and Mercy of God deserve a day of Praise and Thanksgiving. Make plans to be here with all of your family.

Have you read the Book of Hebrews this week?? Remember to come expecting a Blessing from the Lord.

Speaking of Blessings, The Lord really Blessed me last week. I was talking with a man who has only been saved for 5 months and he was sharing with me the fact that he had just finished reading the whole Bible all the way through. He's had some physical and personal problems and he told me that the communion with God was what carried him thru. (Good advice for some older Christians!). He was one of several people who shared with me that the strength of God had sustained them in the midst of trials and Problems lately. What a joy to be able to share with people something (The Gospel) that affects them in the deepest part of their being and not just on the surface.

**ARE YOU PRAYING FOR OUR NATION???**

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This Coming Sunday is Father's Day so I thought I'd share a few facts about Fathers and their responsibilities. I'm not a natural Father but I've had to try to help other Fathers raise their children for a number of years now and I realize it's a big responsibility. It's not something to be done in a "hap Hazard" "hit or miss" fashion but something every Father should make one of his main duties. One of the main complaints I get from Children is that their Fathers don't take time for them and don't really listen when the child talks. Time and energy invested in children is one of the best investments

you'll make. Remember that even God's children don't always turn out like He wants them but He still loves and leads them- Go and do thou likewise!

#### A GOOD FATHER:

1. Trains his Children- Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. (Alos Pro 22:6)
2. Disciplines out of Love- Prov 3:12 Whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son is whom he delighteth. (Also Ep 6:4)
3. Stores up for His Children- Prov 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children.
4. Realizes that others judge him by his children- Prov 27:11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.
5. Loves God above His Family- Matt 10:37 He that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
6. Sets the example- I Chron 28:11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern...

Here is some good advice from a Father to his Son:

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee: but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. I Chron 28:9

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

It looks like a good day to be in Church this Sunday. Not only is it Father's Day but we have a good lesson in Sunday School on "A Vision of a Holy God" and two great messages planned on "3 Ways to Victory" and "Boldness in Asking for Help". I can't think of a better place to be this Sunday than with us as we Worship and Adore the King of Kings and Lord of lords.

The Pee Dee Minister's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, June 17 at Black River Free Will Baptist Church, Andrews at 9:30am. A three part program dealing with Divorce (led by Rev. Lamar Smith), Mixed Marriages (led by Rev. Harry Cooper), and Abortion (led by Rev. Mike Jones) will be presented. I hope to get the notes from these lessons and try to adapt them to some articles for the Newsletter in the near future. Pray for God's guidance.

Special Thanks to Mr. Marion Tunstall, Jr. for his contribution to the Ministry of "Grace and Glory". He also asked for his children to be put on our mailing list (which we happy to do). If you've got children or friends you'd like to see receive our Newsletter then get me their name and address. The news of our local church might not do them much good (except to show that God still blesses people who serve Him) but the sermons and articles can be used to change lives. (Because I keep it before the Church to Pray for this ministry.)

The Lord gave us as good a Vacation Bible School as I remember having lately. Everything seemed to go well, the teachers and helpers worked hard and did a good job, and the men fixed up several of the things around the Church that really need doing. And then Friday we got the new stove and vent in just in time to heat the Hot Dogs. We also purchased 4 new tables to handle the crowd at Graduation and to help at Home Coming. Now that we have the Fellowship Building I don't know how we got along without it before. It really proved its value during VBS.

Speaking of Fellowship Building, one of the things we plan to do during our 20th Anniversary/ Home Coming is to dedicate our new Fellowship Building. It will be only one of a number of Blessing we hope to have June 22 when we rejoice in God's goodness over the last 20 years. Getting the displays and records ready for Home Coming has been a Joy because it gives me time to see what God has accomplished - and it makes you want to shout "Praise the Lord!"

An active mind, a busy hand, and a shut mouth accomplish miracles!

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# GLORY

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IT'S FINALLY ARRIVED!!! 20th Anniversary/ Home Coming is this Sunday. The Lord has been good to Grace in the past 20 years and we're excited as we welcome our Friends and Families to share with us as we celebrate these blessings. We're praying and working and hoping YOU can be with us this Sunday. Here is what the Program looks like:

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages 10:00am  
Welcome by Supt. Ralph McAllister  
Special Music- Miss Betsy Thompson, Miss Jenene Brown and Mr. Marion Coker  
Class time- "Promise of the Prince of Peace"

HOME COMING SERVICE (over WJOT) 11:00am  
Hymn #51 "Take the Name of Jesus With You" (First song at organization)  
Opening Prayer  
Welcome and Announcements  
Special Offering for Building Fund  
Recognition of Charter Members  
Reading of Church History- Carl Jordan  
Hymn #3 "How Firm a Foundation" (First song in Church Building)  
Special Presentations- ???  
Special Music- Richard and Venroe  
Message- Rev Roger Tripp (first Pastor)  
Invitation

DEDICATION OF FELLOWSHIP BUILDING 12:10pm  
We recognize those who have made the Building possible and dedicate it to the Glory of God.

DINNER 12:30pm

WORSHIP IN SONG 2:00pm  
We Welcome the Singing Echoes, Carey McElveen, Richard and Venroe, and others to a time of Praising the Lord in Song.

There will also be display boards of Pictures and documents of past events so you can get the "feel" of the past 20 years.

Come share with us in this time of Past and Present Blessings. Who knows, you might even be Blessed yourself!

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps 16:11

**CHARTER MEMBERS:**

Marion Coker  
Althea Coker  
Genevieve Rogers  
Kenneth Miles  
Betty Lou Thompson

Wilma Gaskins  
Robert Sullivan  
Dorothy Sullivan  
Blondell Buckles  
J.W. Gaskins

**PASTORS:**

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Rev Roger Tripp       | 1960-1965 |
| Rev. Conrad Williford | 1965-1967 |
| Rev. Ned Pattillo     | 1967-1972 |
| Rev. Dennis Lowry     | 1972-1973 |
| Rev. Mircheal Jones   | 1973-1977 |
| Rev. Van Powell       | 1977-1978 |
| Rev. Mircheal Jones   | 1978-     |

For you Ladies that are preparing dinner, remember that the Church is supplying 20 fried chickens and dressing, ice (compliments of Brother Marion and Brother Ralph), bread, and all the "extras" (Forks, spoons, napkins, cups, etc.).

Thanks to Kelly's IGA for a Salt and Pepper shaker. (We could use several more by Sunday. And if someone twisted my arm they might could get me to accept a paper towel hanger!)

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One day we're going to gather at that great HEAVENLY HOME COMING.  
It will be a time of:

I. Joining (Home Coming is when people get together!)

A) We will be Raptured and see him face to face whom so long we have known heart to heart- Jesus Christ our Saviour.

B) Families will be reunited (If they're saved!)

II. Judgment

A) Judgment Seat of Christ for Believers II Cor 5:10

B) Judgment of God's wrath on world. Revelation

III. Joy We'll be with God and sing a new song. (What a time that's going to be! I can hardly wait.)

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Pastor's Message: "Excuses" Judges 5:16-18

Judges 5:- is a Victory Song sung by Deborah and Barak after they had defeated Sisera and his army (Remember that the honor was given to Jael the wife of Hebner because Barak would not take his place of authority. She slew Sisera with a tent peg.). In the Song they tell why some of the tribes of Israel didn't come help with the fight. The excuses they used for not doing God's Work are the same ones used today.

I. SATISFACTION - "Ruben lingered among the sheepfolds, listening to the bleating of the flock." Too many people today think they're rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing (Rev 3:17) and in their Satisfaction allow the world to perish without Christ. May God shake us out of our complacency and stir us to lift up our eyes to the perishing field.

II. GOOD INTENTIONS - Ruben had "great searching of heart". The old saying is that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. If every one of God's Children did what they intended to do then there would be a great deal done! James said that good intentions wouldn't fill an empty belly (James 2:14-16) and they do little to fill an empty pew.

III. NO COMMITMENT - "Gilead abode beyond Jordan" Too many people settle for defeat in good pasture land instead of Victory in the Promised Land. Commitment will mean you have to cross Jordan (die to self) and fight the good fight of Faith but how much better that is in comparison to being doomed to defeat by doubts. You can be like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed (James 1:6) and never accomplish anything, or you can abide in the Rock.

IV. TOO BUSY IN THIS LIFE - "Dan remained in ships" Remember the story Jesus told of how men used land, oxen, and wife to keep from doing His will (Luke 14:16-24) and how he said at the end, "None of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." You might not be able to find time to live but you'll find time to die!

V. WAITING FOR OTHERS TO DO IT - "Asher abode on the beach" Because Dan didn't go then Asher didn't. (You influence others). Asher felt it's responsibility to take care of Dan's shipping needs was more important than it's responsibility to serve God. If the average Christian worked on the job as he does for Christ there'd be a lot of people looking for a job!

There was some who didn't use any excuse, however. "Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field". They were willing to give everything to God and His work and they made a firm stand in the open for the Lord. That's the kind of people God is looking for.

WHAT EXCUSE WILL KEEP YOU FROM SERVING GOD??

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

Praise God for His Blessings during our 20th Anniversary/ Home Coming Services. There was the sweetest moving of His Blessed Holy Spirit all day and everything seemed to just move right along. The Charter Members did a good job in the organization of the days events and they are to be commended. (They were recognized and received a special certificate during the Services). Brother Roger Tripp preached a great message and the Special Singers were a real blessing.

We only had 85 for Sunday School but we reached our 125 in the Preaching Service and we had a big crowd for dinner and the singing. Our offering for the Building Fund was \$2090 (Praise the Lord!).

Congratulations to Brother Ralph McAllister on being selected as "Layman of the Year" and to Sister Marjorie McAllister for being selected as "Laywoman of the Year". Congratulations also to Brother Carl Jordan who was recognized for over 18 years of service to the Church as Treasurer and Deacon, to Brother Marion Coker who was recognized for 20 years service as Deacon, and to Sister Jackie Lowder who was recognized for many years of faithful service as Church Pianist.

May the 21st year be the best one yet.

We are thankful to acknowledge Memorial Gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Hutchinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Broach in memory of Mr. Bethea Coker.

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Some up coming events that may be of interest to you:

The Master's Players Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College will preant a service of Drama Tuesday, July 1, 1980 at 7:30pm at Tabernacle FWB Church of Coward. Pastor Harry Cooper invites you to attend.

Master's Men at the Church Monday, July 7 at 7:30pm. (Brother Jack Hanna and Mike Jones Hosts)

Church Conference - Wednesday, July 9 at 7:30pm. (Among ather things, we'll need to elect a Sunday School Nominating Committee and a new Trustee)

Ladies Aux at the Church Monday, July 14 at 7:30pm (Kaye Floyd and Mildred Lowder Hostesses)

Teen Camp - August 4-9 (13up)

Youth Camp - August 11-16 (7-12) (Pick up your application today)

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# GLOBS

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## ABORTION

I want you to know first of all that I love my wife. The problem is that we're living in highly unsettled times when it's hard to make ends meet and besides all that sometimes she's a pain! She won't let me do some of the things I want to do and many times I have to rearrange my plans because of something she wants. So, after a great deal of thought, I have decided to do away with my wife! I'll find a convenient time when she's asleep, pour gas all over her and burn her to death!

If you think that that sounded horrible then you know how I feel about abortion. Many of the reasons given for abortion are like those I gave for getting rid of my wife - and one of the methods of abortion is to inject a salt solution that actually burns the baby at it kills him!

### I. WHAT IS ABORTION? - the ending of a life during the first 9 months.

People are trying to re-define it or change it to meet modern thinking but the Bible is clear that Pregnancy begins with fertilization.

Ps. 139:15-16 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

Jer 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Matt. 1:20 Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived is her is of the Holy Ghost. (Remember that John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elisabeth when Mary came because of the presence of Christ in the Womb Lu 1:41-42)

### ABORTION IS THE MURDER OF A LIVING PERSON!!

### II. COMMON REASONS GIVEN FOR ABORTIONS

A) Rape- "Studies in Penn. and Minn. show that as many as 5000 rapes have occurred successively without a single pregnancy" "Abortions in the U.S. for rape, incest, to protect the life of the mother, or to void a defective fetus comprise less than 5% of all abortions" The rest of the over 1 million abortions performed annually in the U.S. are matters of convenience! (That means that over 950,000 out of every million abortions are matters of convenience.). (From May, 1980 "Moody Monthly")

Remember this, destroying the child does not end the trauma of the rape, nor does it defer the rapist. It simply adds to the guilt by killing the child.

The Classic Illustration- Suppose your wife was raped by a Negro (or by a white if you're Black) and became pregnant, would you have an abortion? No! If life is given by God then this too is a life and the Book of Judges has numerous examples of "wrong born" sons who God used to deliver the Nation.

B) Unwanted Pregnancy- For whatever reason: too old, too young (Studies indicate that sterility is as high as 30% among women 15 to 17 years old who have abortions), to expensive.... The main reason given here is that as long as the child is in the woman then the child is a part of the woman and after all, "Women should have the right to chose what to do with their own bodies". (Continued on Back)

(Unwanted Pregnancy continued) 1. You are not your own. You are bought with a price. You now belong to God. 2. When married my wife and I became one body in the Lord but that doesn't give me the right to kill her. 3. The main problem is SELFISHNESS. (Sarah was 90 years old when she had the child of promise. Mary had to face a bad reputation to give birth to the Christ child. And you'll never have enough money to "afford a child" but you put a price tag on what it means when your child hugs your neck and says, "I Love You".)

C) Life of the Mother is in danger- Who makes us God to decide which is more important, the Mother or the Child? In my own family the doctors told my sister-in-law that she had to choose between her child and her life (When my sister went thru!). After much prayer and study she decided to trust God and abort the child. Mother and child today are fine.

D) The child may be deformed- Again who makes us God. Some children are deformed after birth. Should we kill them then?? Despite the heartache and expense, deformed children have a place in God's plans. Ex 4:11 And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?

The non-accidental death of a child whose conception may have been accidental or even criminal does nothing to remedy the cause of that conception. The elimination of one of the innocent parties is a wrong that does not make a right.

### III. WHAT CAN WE DO??

A) Become informed and concerned (There will be no "Crying aloud" from the pulpit until there is a broken heart in the prayer room.)

B) "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Is. 58:1). Preach it, Publish it, and Practice it. (What will you do if it happens in YOUR family??)

Over 8 million abortions have taken place in America since 1973. Has it dawned on you yet that America's woes of oil embargo and spiraling inflation began the very year we legalized Abortion? Can God Bless a nation which continues such wholesale murder? Can He Bless Christians who remain silent while it goes on??

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# GLORY

July 15, 1980 Vol II Num 23 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

## PASTOR'S NOTES:

Congradulations to Arnold Lowder who was ordained as a Deacon during last Sunday Morning's Service. It was one of the best ordination Services I've been in lately and I Praise God for His continued Blessings. I believe Brother Arnold will make a fine Deacon and I'm glad to have him on the Board.

Congradulations also to Charles Hanna who was selected as a Deacon under the Watch care of the Church for 6 months. Brother Charles has done a fine job as Trustee and I look forward to having him on the Deacon Board. (Well, sort of! He will be the first Deacon I've ever had in all my pastoral work who was younger than I was. And he's only 30 days younger!)

We decided several important things at our Church Conference last Wed.:

- 1) We decided to combine the office of Deacon and Trustee at this time to make better use of our men. Both offices have worked closely together since their beginning and I believe they'll continue to do the same fine job.
- 2) We decided to sell our Bus. It hasn't been used in the past several years due to mechanical problems and we felt it would take more to repair and re-insure the bus than the good we get from it would warrant. We hope to look into purchasing a van in the near future.
- 3) We decided to instruct our delegates to the 2nd District to vote to ask the 2nd District to withdraw from the S.C. Conference to make a better and more convient conference. But they were to do so only if the vast majority of the churches decided to do so as well. (The idea being that the Conference we have now is better than a split small Conference would be.)
- 4) We decided to continue with many of the projects around the Church instead of placing all our money into debt retirement. (It seems that as long as we're doing something the Lord blesses but when we begin to think only of self we begin to fail.)
- 5) Danny Broach, Billie Ard, and Henry Miles were elected to the Sunday School Nominating Committee. They have a tremendous responsibility and need our Prayers. Our Sunday School has begun to grow again and Sunday School Teachers are some of the most important people in the Church ministry.
- 6) And finally, the Church decided to give the Pastor a \$20 a week raise to \$185 per week. (I agreed to accept it only if our offerings increased so that it wouldn't be a strain on the Church. And, Praise God, our offering was up substancially this past Sunday.)

The Church Conference was followed by a home made ice cream supper (Prepared by the Yound People) and it was one of the best conferences we've had in a long time.

These are the basic Guidelines we use in selecting Deacons:

1. Must meet the Qualifications of I Tim 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-7 which include:
  - a. Saved long enough to show Spiritual Maturity (at least 1 year)
  - b. Of good report in the Church and Community
  - c. Have a proper Home Life (Which excludes Divorce)
  - d. Be willing to SERVE the Lord and the People
2. Their duties include:
  - a. Exercising general Spiritual Leadership
  - b. Preparing for and helping administer the Ordinances
  - c. Conducting the Services in the Pastor's absence (Or making sure there is someone available to do so)
  - d. Helping the Pastor tend to the flock by keeping abreast of the members needs. (Thru visiting, fellowshiping and communicating with them)
  - e. Dealing with people at the Altar and helping new converts to grow in the things of the Lord.

Mrs. Kay Floyd shared a clipping with me the other day that I think would be timely as we select Teachers for the new year.

1. An ounce of Illustration is worth a ton of talk.
2. A teacher plus flannelgraph make two teachers
3. Not what pupils may remember constitutes knowledge, but what they cannot forget.
4. The teacher is the hinge upon which the Sunday School swings.
5. We teach more by our walk than by our talk.
6. Behind every lesson the pupil sees two teachers- the teacher teaching and the teacher living.
7. The teacher who does not pray for his pupils has no right to teach them.

JOIN US IN SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK. AND BRING A FRIEND.

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**July 29, 1980 Vol II Num 24 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"**

**Pastor's Message:**

Someone wrote and asked me a while back to do a series of Messages on Revelation 21. I'm going to begin these messages today but I want to say right off that this is one of the most difficult chapters to understand in the Bible. I'm going to try to "hit the high points" but there are a number of things I don't understand and will not try to explain.

This chapter comes at the conclusion of the tribulation and millennial (1000 year) reign of Christ. The events have gone basically like this: the Church was raptured, the tribulation began with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years of relative peace under Antichrist. Antichrist enters the temple and demands worship and the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  year period of the Great Wrath of God begins. This culminates in the great battle of Armageddon when Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for 1000 years while Christ rules on the earth. At the end of this time Satan will be released (Why?) and another great battle will be fought. Following this Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire and the Great White Throne Judgment will take place at which everyone who is not found written in the Lamb's book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

The Chapter can be broken down into a 4 part outline:

- I. The Tabernacle of God with Men 1-4
- II. The Testimony of the Faithful One 5-8
- III. The Tremendous New City from God 9-21
- IV. The Things not found in New Jerusalem 22-27

Let's look at the first 4 verses in this message and see the glorious truth that the Tabernacle of God will be with men.

1. We begin by noticing that things begin with a "fresh start". There will be a new heaven and earth that contains no sea because "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" ( II Pet 3:10). All those things that men now covet, and fight for, and sell their souls over will one day pass away completely! "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" (II Pet 3:11).

2. The capital of this new earth will be New Jerusalem. It is described in great detail later in the chapter. Verses 9 and 10 make it clear that New Jerusalem is the Lamb's bride (Which would make it the Church and yet it is also identified with Israel - The twelve gates have the name of the 12 tribes of Israel, vs 12. But on the new earth won't we all be one in the Lord?).

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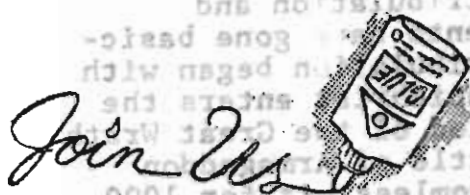
Pastor's Message (continued)

3. The God of the Universe who is Spirit (Jn 4:24), Light (I Jn 1:5), and Love (I Jn 4:16) now "pitches His tent" among men and dwells with them! (One of the most awesome thoughts in the Bible.) More than any other verse in the Bible, this verse convinced me of God's love for me. God himself shall dwell with men and we shall see Him face to face whom so long we have known heart to heart. That God's love would cause Him to limit Himself in this way is just amazing.

4. God shall wipe away all tears (are they there because we see how little we did do compared to what we should have done?), and the former things of death, sorrow, crying, and pain will have passed away. (Hallelujah!!!)

Many people just want to "get to Heaven" but I long for the day when God will pitch His tent among men and we can fellowship together in that unbroken bliss. Heaven is not just a place, it's a Person! "O, I want to see Him, look upon His face. There to sing forever of His saving Grace."

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



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EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING/CTS

(Classes for all ages and Prayer for all needs)

10:00am

11:00am

6:00pm

6:30pm

7:30pm

If we're looking to "Harvest a crop of lost souls this fall" then we'd better get busy planting the seed and hoeing the weeds! Let's get our own lives clean and then get busy telling the world that Jesus Christ came to set the captives free, and open the blinded eyes, and rescue the Hell bound sinner.

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# THIRSTY

August 5, 1980 Vol II Num 25 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's message: We continue our look at Revelation Chapter 21

## II. THE TESTIMONY OF THE FAITHFUL ONE 5-8

### A) The Faithful sayings vs 5

- 1- All things are made new (see vs 1-4)
- 2- Because these sayings are absolutely true then Write them (Get the word to others. Are you sharing the sayings of the Saviour?)

### B) The Finished Work vs 6

- 1- It is done. (See John 19:30). Nothing can be added to the complete, sufficient sacrifice of Christ. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. (Christ is all we need!)
2. This sufficient Sacrifice is available for the THIRSTY. (You must have a "want to". God has already done His part, now it's up to you).

### C) The Failure of some to heed the Testimony vs 7-8

#### 1- Who's Going to Heaven:

##### a. Overcomers

1. Jesus was an Overcomer- Jesus said, Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world Jn 16:33
2. We overcome in Him- Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than is in the world. I Jn 4:4
3. We overcome by Faith- For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith I Jn 5:4

##### b. Sons As many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Jn Jn 1:12

Their reward- shall inherit all things. Wherefore thou art no more a servant but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

2. Who's not going to Heaven? (These shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.)

#### a. fearful- cowards, lacking in courage to make a stand for God.

(People who fear the world more than God so they refuse to come to God.)

#### b. unbelieving- faithless (Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.)

#### c. abominable- depraved and defiled (Living in and liking sin)

#### d. murders- not just to kill but if you hate your brother your are a murder (I Jn 3:15) (I hope the Abortionish who murder unborn babies take heed to this verse.)

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## Pastor's Message (continued)

- e. whoremongers- lewd, adulterous (Heed this in our adulterous age!)
- f. soocerers- Practicers of magic arts  
those who converse with demons (Seances, Horoscopes...)  
(The root word deals with drugs. So it would include those who turn to drugs instead of God.)
- g. idolaters- those who give supreme devotion to anyone or anything other than God. (Covetousness is idolatry. Col 3:5)
- h. all liars- who knowingly convey untruth by word or deed.  
(Hypocrites)

So God's faithful message is that you're going either to Heaven or Hell. The choice depends on whether you accept Christ or not. Are YOU going to Heaven??

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 11 Master's Men (Sammy Floyd and Charles Hanna)
- 17 Faith Promise Sunday/ Ladies Aux. Emphasis Program (PM)
- 18 Ladies Aux (Jackie Lowder and Eulalia Jordan)
- 24 Election of new Sunday School and CTS Teachers
- 26 Bethel Bible Institute begins. First Semester courses this year are: New Testament Survey I, Current Cults and False Doctrines, Methods of Bible Study, Sunday School Organization and Administration, Music (Advance Choral Directing), Christian Wife, and Child Evangelism.
- 31 Building Fund Sunday

### SEPTEMBER (Morning Worship Services broadcast live over WJOT all month)

- 7 Install new Sunday School and CTS Teachers

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GLORY

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Pastor's Message: We continue our look at Revelation Chapter 21

### III. THE TREMENDOUS NEW CITY OF GOD 9-21

We have seen in the first 8 verses that God and Overcoming Sons will be on the new earth. (While observing a long list of people who will instead be cast into the Lake of Fire.) Now we are going to see just what the capital of the new earth, New Jerusalem, looks like.

vs 9-10 An Angel invites John to view the Lamb's bride, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. (There won't be any sea on the new earth (21:1) but there will be mountains (21:10). I'm glad! I don't care anything about the ocean but I love the mountains). I don't exactly understand this- in verse 1 & 2 John sees the holy city coming down. Why then does the Angel ask him to come see it come down in vs 9 & 10 and why the reference to being carried away in the spirit? (One commentator says that the New Jerusalem will hover over the earth during the Millinum and then come down but John sees the new city coming down on the new earth in vs 1 & 2).

vs 11 The first thing noticed about the city is that it has the glory of God. (I hear people talk about "Pearly gates" and "golden streets" but noone seems to want to see the first thing this man of God noticed, the Glory of God. If things are your main reason for wanting to go to Heaven then I fear you'll never get there! God is our goal.)

The light for the city was the Glory of God (vs 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof). I don't know exactly how God will light the entire city at one time but it may be thru the streets and walls which will be of pure gold which appears as transparent glass (vs 18,21). Even today this principle is used to transport light from one place to another.

vs 12-13 The city has a wall great and high (Why a wall??) that has 12 gates guarded (?) by 12 angels which have the names of the 12 tribes of Israel written on them. 3 gates are on each of the 4 sides and each is made of pearl (vs 21).

vs 14-18 This wall rest on 12 foundations (in which are the names of the 12 Apostles of the Lamb. Which 12? Surely not Judas! I think the 12th is Paul.). The walls of the city are nearly 1500 miles wide and high (12,000 furlongs) and nearly 216 feet thick (144 cubits). (There will be plenty of room for your mansion there. That's almost 2 BILLION cubic miles!). "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev 22:14)

vs 19-21 The foundations of the wall are garnished with all manner of precious stones. I don't know the significance of the precious stones but I do know what garnish is- that's that "weed" that restaurants put on plates to make it look good! (God takes the Jewels a man fight and die for and decorates his foundations with it! What's the profit a man if he gain the whole world- and lose his own soul?)

What a tremendous new city God is preparing for His people. I'm glad I'm going there. Are You?

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

BETHEL BIBLE INSTITUTE will begin Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the FWB Bible Church in Florence. This Semester I'll be teaching New Testament Survey I. It will include the Inter-testament period (What happened during the 400 years between Malachi and Matthew? Where did the Pharisees and Saducees come from?), The Gospels (Why are there 4 of them?), The Acts (The Transitional History of the Church), and Revelation. This will cover the history of the Church from beginning to "end". Then in New Testament Survey II (Next Semester) I'll cover the Epistles (The Organization and Purpose of the Church). I'm thinking seriously of teaching this same course on Wednesday night here at Grace since many of the members are unable to attend BBI. Let me know if you'd be interested.

LADIES AUX EMPHASIS PROGRAM this Sunday Night at 6:30pm. It is entitled "Blessed Heritage" and if it's like the Ladies Aux normally presents it will be a real blessing to you.

The Master's Men meeting Monday night was real good. Rev. Harry Cooper of Tabernacle FWB Church presented a very good devotion and Brother Sammy and Brother Charles had some good fresh caught fish to eat. (But I understand it was the wives that caught the big ones!). We had several new men with us and we hope they'll come again.

MARK IT ON YOUR CALANDER. September 28 - October 3. That's the time for REVIVAL here at Grace. We'll be having a different speaker each night, lots of special music, and other special events but if the Lord's not here we might as well not have met. The thing to do is find you a place, draw you a circle, get in the circle, and pray for God to send Revival in that circle. My soul longs for a real heaven sent Revival that will turn Lukewarm Christians into Fireballs for Christ and deliver from prisonmen held captive by Satan. God wants to do something for us if we'll just let go of the world and grab hold of God until He grants us a Blessing. (Gen 32:24-30)

Go ahead and make your list of the 5 people you would like to see either saved or rededicated and begin praying for them now. I don't think it would upset you much if God saved them before the Revival!

REAL REVIVAL COMES WHEN PEOPLE REALLY WANT IT- NOT WHEN THEY'D JUST LIKE TO HAVE IT.

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August 19, 1980 Vol II Num 27 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: We continue our look at Revelation Chapter 21

#### IV. THE THINGS NOT FOUND IN NEW JERUSALEM 22-27

During our first 3 weeks of looking at Revelation 21 we have seen some tremendous sights (God Himself, Comforted Saints, and the Marvelous new city of God.). But today we're going to find some things we take for granted won't be in this New Jerusalem.

1. I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it (vs 22). You won't have to go to Church when you get to Heaven! Church is where we meet to learn of and Worship God but in New Jerusalem we will be in the very presence of God all the time. (If people don't want to spend 2 hours worshipping God in Church how happy do you think they'll be in Heaven worshipping all the time?)

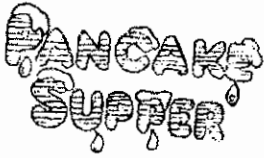
2. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof (vs 23). (No sweat in Heaven!) God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all (1 Jn 1:5) and Jesus said, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life (Jn 8:12). We won't have to settle for a substitute Light in Heaven but we'll bask in the "Glory Glow of God".

3. No closed doors- the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day- and there will be no night there (vs 25). (How could there be night when the Light is provided by the Glory of God and He will dwell there?). This will allow the nations and kings of the saved to bring their glory and honor unto God in the city (vs 24, 26). With New Jerusalem as capital of the New Earth (which contains no seas, vs 1) there will be the blessing of prosperity, peace, and progress. I wonder what it will involve? (Since time will be no more, I believe it will involve being able to go from place to place at astonishing speeds. Since there will be no war, I can hardly imagine what God will allow us to discover when our energies are turned to doing good. Since there will be no death, I can hardly imagine what it will be like to continually gain knowledge and experience.)

4. And finally, There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life (vs 27).

IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE??

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



Wednesday Night, August 20, we will have a Pancake supper and a "syrup so. ing" here at the Church. Services will begin at 7:30pm with C.T.S. classes (The Adults will be looking at "Vic torious Faith". They need to read Exodus 14.). Then at 8:00pm we will assemble in the Fellowship Building to eat pancakes, sop syrup with homemade biscuits, and play

some games. The youngens will soon be starting back to school and we wanted them to know we appreciate their faithfulness in attending Wed. Nite classes this summer. (And it's the only way some of us can get home made biscuits!). You're invited to join us.

The Ladies Aux Emphasis Program was another fine effort by our Ladies. They did a good job and we're thankful for their work.

Brother Theron Scott, Pastor of New Town Free Will Baptist Church, is on Morning Devotions over WJOT from 8:45 until 9:00am each morning this week and Brother Jerry Ownby, Pastor of Salem Free Will Baptist Church is on next week. Tune in and support these fine preachers.

Mississippi Marriage- I'll be journeying back to Mississippi the first week in September to perform a wedding. I'm looking forward to seeing many of our friends there. Several stopped by the other day while they were on vacation and we appreciate their thoughtfulness. Miss. is called the "Hospitality State" and it's a title it has well earned. That will be the beginning of a very busy month. Beth. Bible Institute will begin, Our morning Worship Services will be broadcast live over WJOT, we will install new Teachers and Officers, and we'll close out the month with Revival (Sept. 28- Oct 3).

Don't forget BUILDING FUND SUNDAY is August 31. All money received that day will go to our Building Fund and we're praying for a good offering. Last Wednesday Night we listed 12 things that needed doing around the Church and I hope this Offering will help get some of them done. (Remember we also have to pay some on our Fellowship debt in September.)

I WOULDN'T MISS HEAVEN FOR THE WORLD!!

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August 26, 1980 Vol II Num 28 TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST

If you've wondered why it's so important to pray, read the bible, attend Church, and serve God- it's because thorns grow in cleared land that is not kept cultivated. There must be the continual plowing, and planting, and hoeing if the land is to bring forth fruit instead of thorns.

Heb 6:7-8 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.  
Mk. 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lists of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Teach me, O Lord, to serve as thou deservest,  
To give, and not to count the cost;  
To fight, and not to heed the wounds;  
To toil, and not to seek for rest;  
To labour, and not to ask any reward,  
Save only of knowing that I do thy will.

Congradulations to Miss Teressa Lowder on receiving her B.S. in Business Administration from Francis Marion College. Here's a Secretary just looking for a job to happen!!

Congradulations also to the new Ladies Aux for 1980-81

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| President         | Paula Jones                            |
| Vice President    | Jackie Lowder                          |
| Sec./Treasurer    | Jenene Brown                           |
| Program Chairman  | Marjorie McAllister                    |
| Assist.           | Beatrice Beasley                       |
| Prayer Chariman   | Lottie Hanna                           |
| Study Chairman    | Betty Lou Thompson                     |
| Assist.           | Mrs. Clara Leach                       |
| Action Chairman   | Kaye Floyd                             |
| Assist.           | Miriam McAllister                      |
| Cards and Flowers | Billie Ard, Beth Broach                |
| Food Committee    | Lottie Hanna, Kaye Floyd, Althea Coker |

He who is the Bread of Life began His ministry hungering. He who is the water of life ended his ministry thirsting. Christ hungered as a man, and fed the hungry as God. He was, and yet He is at rest. He paid tax, and yet He is the King. He was called a devil, and cast out devils. He prayed, and yet He hears prayer. He wept, and He dries our tears. He was sold for thirty pieces of silver, and redeems the world. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and is the Good Shepherd. He died, and by dying destroys death. - The Christians

This Sunday (August 31) is BUILDING FUND SUNDAY. All monies received will go to our Building Fund and I trust you'll give as God has prospered you.

REV. RONNIE JONES will be speaking at both the Morning and Evening Service on Sunday, Sept. 7. (The Morning Service will be broadcast live over WJOT). I'll be in Mississippi for a wedding and I hope I'll come back to find Revival has already begun.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS OFFICERS AND TEACHERS FOR 1980-81

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Supt.                 | Ralph McAllister                            |
| Assist.               | Henry Miles                                 |
| Sec.                  | Jenene Brown                                |
| Assist.               | Teresa Beasley                              |
| Beginners (0-5)       | Miriam McAllister, Beth Broach, Billie Ard  |
| Primary/Junior (6-11) | Lottie Hanna, Beatrice Beasley, Paula Jones |
| Teen (12-14)          | Danny Broach, Betsy Thompson                |
| Young Adult (15-25)   | Marion Coker, Susan Springs                 |
| Adult                 | Rev. Mike Jones                             |

#### CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE (Wed. Night)

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Director | Danny Broach        |
| Assist.  | Charles Hanna       |
| Youth    | Marjorie McAllister |
| Assist.  | Betty Lou Thompson  |
| Teen     | Dot Sullivan        |
| Assist.  | Kaye Floyd          |
| Adult    | Rev. Mike Jones     |

Wednesday Night, August 27, the Adult Class will be looking at the 26th chapter of Acts. It's Paul's Testimony and contains some very important insight into determining what God would have you do and where. Hope you'll join us for this service. You also might get a surprise and blessing from the opening assembly.

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# GLORY

September 1, 1980 -- Vol II Num 29 -- "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

## Pastor's Message:

I'm writing this on Labor DAY- When most people aren't laboring!  
I thought it would be a good opportunity to take a quick look at the  
right kind of Work.

### I. THE GOAL (A Clear Conscience)

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience  
void of offence toward God, and toward man.

### II. THE GOOD (Help now and later)

I Tim 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is  
profitable unto all things, haveing promise of the life that now is,  
and of that which is to come.

### III. THE GAIN (Discernment of good and evil)

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even  
those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern  
both good and evil.

### IV. THE GROANING (Weary but looking for that Heavenly Rest)

II Thess. 3:13 But ye, brethern, be not weary in well doing.

A final reminder- The Wages of Sin is death. What will your Paycheck  
be???

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

## REVIVAL AT GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 28 - Friday, October 3

Sunday: 6:30pm Monday-Friday: 7:30pm

| DATE              | SPEAKER   | SPECIAL MUSIC                         |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday, Sept. 28  | Rev. Wilburn Beasley<br>Horse Branch FWB Church | Youth Choir<br>Betsy Thompson         |
| Monday, Sept. 29  | Rev. Fred Hall<br>Calvary FWB Church            | Marion and Jenene<br>Rev. Fred Hall   |
| Tuesday, Sept. 30 | Rev. Carroll Alexander<br>Columbia FWB Church   | Adult Choir<br>Rev. Carroll Alexander |
| Wednesday, Oct. 1 | Rev. Gerald Owens<br>Lynches River FWB Church   | Lynches River FWB Church              |
| Thursday, Oct. 2  | Rev. Elro Driggers<br>Bethany FWB Church        | Bethany Trio                          |
| Friday, Oct. 3    | Rev. Fred Kirby<br>Bethesda FWB Church          | Rev. Jerry Ownby                      |

We have already begun a special Prayer Time for Revival each  
Thursday and we're looking for God to really bless.

(This is a Puzzle that my wife and I made up for her Sunday School class. I thought you might like to work it out.)

FIND THE FOLLOWING NAMES LISTED EITHER ACROSS OR UP AND DOWN

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|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. PAUL          | 7. LYSTRA    | 13. ETHESUS  |
| 2. CHOSEN VESSEL | 8. BARNABAS  | 14. CAESAREA |
| 3. MISSIONARY    | 9. JEWS      | 15. FELIX    |
| 4. JOURNEY       | 10. GENTILES | 16. SHIP     |
| 5. ANANIAS       | 11. ATHENS   | 17. ROME     |
| 6. ANTIOCH       | 12. PHILIPPI |              |

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REV. RONNIE JONES will be speaking at both services this Sunday (Sept. 7) since the Pastor will be away in Mississippi. I trust he'll have a big attendance and a good service. The morning service will be broad cast live over WJOT. Brother Carl Jordan will be teaching the Adult Class as we begin a new quarter in I Timothy. Our Sunday School attendance should be better than it is, especially with the good lessons we're beginning. Invite someone to Church this week.

You don't fool him often but the Preacher sure got fooled Sunday night. The Church gave him a surprise Birthday Supper (Even more so because it was a month late!) and he didn't know anything about it until it began. Thanks to everyone. It was a very good supper and I really appreciate it. Thank God for the Love and Fellowship this Church has.

Our Building Fund Offering was nearly \$900 last Sunday, and that with no push whatsoever. Truly God has blessed us.

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# RELIGION

September 11, 1980 Vol II Num 30 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "Your Reaction to Someone Else's Problems" Heb 12: 12-17

The favorite sport of many people seems to be "kicking" the man who's down. With a great deal of Pious, self righteous glee they spread someone else's problems around (usually greatly exaggerated!) with the attitude that it could never happen to them. Because of this, I want to look today at what our reaction should be to someone else's problems.

First of all, dear friend, remember that your day is coming also. Heb. 12:6 says that EVERY son is scourged and vs 8 says ALL are partakers or they are not sons. So those who boast of never having problems either haven't waited long enough or they aren't saved! (Doesn't that knock a hole in a lot of "You ought to always be Happy" Preacher's messages. And as soon as they say, "But you ought to rejoice in problems" show them Heb 12:11, "Now NO chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous:". When they point to the fact that this is about chastisement remind them that it still says Every son is scourged and even Jesus the Sinless Son learned obedience by the things which he suffered. Heb 5:8). So when someone else has problems look father down the road and temper judgment accordingly. And instead of looking at chastisement problems (All problems are not chastisement.) as a sign of God's disfavor remember that God allows them for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness (vs 10).

Having seen our proper relation to problems let's look at what action we can take. The Scripture in Heb 12:12-17 says that there are 3 basic reactions to problems: 1) It should cause us to want to HELP the weak (We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves Rom 15:1). We should "lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way;" (Heb 12:12-13). So the first reaction to other people's problems is to seek to help instead of hinder those in difficulty. 2) The Second reaction should be to cause us to want to walk HOLY lest the discipline fall on us. A Holy walk will allow us to draw strength from God and it will set an example for the wayward to follow. (People with problems need examples instead of critics!). 3) The third reaction (and the one most often neglected) is to "keep a sharp eye" (Look diligently) lest HARM come to the person in problems. (A sick person sometimes needs help because in their sickness they become unable to help themselves. An example: a person having a heart attack may be in such pain until they're unable to summon help even though it's crucial that help arrive soon. How many of our friends, family, and fellow workers will falter and fail because we fail to heed their cry?) The Scripture says there are 3 ways they can come to harm: a) They could lead a person from Faith in the future! Remind them again that the Lord chastens those He LOVES.)

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Pastor's Message (Continued)

b) A root of bitterness may spring up and cause many to be defiled. (Instead of Profiting from the Problems we become bitter and blame God because we can't have our own way - even though that way would end in great pain in the future! And, like a poison, this bitterness affects those around us. Instead of Holiness they see Hostility, and they're pointed away from God instead of toward Him.). c) And, finally, to escape problems they become Profane Pleasure Seekers. (They want to do their own thing instead of being conformed to the image of Christ. Pleasure becomes their God and they sell their birthright for a morsel of meat.

So my basic reaction to someone else's problem should be to help them, to live a holy life before them, and to keep a sharp eye out lest they harm themselves. All of this involves caring and a looking beyond our own problems and pains but it's one of the basic truths of the Christian Life - "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mk 12:31). When you see someone with a problem what will YOU do??

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11

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Our Mississippi trip was very busy but also very enjoyable. We were able to see most of the Church Members and rejoice with some who had received blessings and pray with some who were sick. The food was fantastic (so much for my diet!), the fellowship was warm, and the Song Service during the Sunday Morning Service was SIMPLY GREAT (I get "goose bumps" thinking about it). I especially enjoyed the fellowship with Pastor Bob Hesselmeyer and rejoice in the work he's doing.

Things were a little rougher for the folks at Grace while I was gone. Brother Ronnie Jones had to get out of a sick bed to attend the Morning Service (Hear he did a fine job anyway) and was unable to come back for the Evening Service. So several of the men of the Church gave devotional talks and I understand they did a good job. That's an answer to prayer for me. I've been praying God would give us some men to speak at various times and I'm glad to see them begin to work.

Revival Spirit is already beginning to stir here at Grace. I arrived home to find a young woman was saved Sunday Night and then when I visited another young Woman I had been praying for I found she had been saved also. I hope these are the first of many in the weeks ahead. Don't forget to PRAY for and work toward Revival beginning Sept. 28.

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# GLORY

September 22, 1980 Vol II Num 31 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

PASTOR RESIGNS. After the Sunday Morning, September 21, Service the Pastor announced his resignation as Pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church. A 60 day notice was given and a pulpit committee will be elected in the near future. The Pastor expressed his love and appreciation to the people for their work during the past 2 years and urged them to continue on for the Lord. He stated that there was no problem in or with the Church but that he had accomplished what God had brought him back for and to stay longer would cause people to tend to look to him instead of the Lord.

Pray for the Church as it seeks a Pastor and the Pastor as he seeks a church..

## REVIVAL AT GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 28 - Friday, October 3

Sunday: 6:30pm Monday-Friday: 7:30pm

| DATE              | SPEAKER   | SPECIAL MUSIC                         |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday, Sept. 28  | Rev. Wilburn Beasley<br>Horse Branch FWB Church | Youth Choir<br>Betsy Thompson         |
| Monday, Sept. 29  | Rev. Fred Hall<br>Calvary FWB Church            | Marion and Jenene<br>Rev. Fred Hall   |
| Tuesday, Sept. 30 | Rev. Carroll Alexander<br>Columbia FWB Church   | Adult Choir<br>Rev. Carroll Alexander |
| Wednesday, Oct. 1 | Rev. Gerald Owens<br>Lynches River FWB Church   | Lynches River FWB Church              |
| Thursday, Oct 2   | Rev. Elro Driggers<br>Bethany FWB Church        | Bethany Trio                          |
| Friday, Oct. 3    | Rev. Fred Kirby<br>Bethesda FWB Church          | Rev. Jerry nby                        |

PRAY FOR AND PLAN TO ATTEND EACH OF THESE SERVICES. Our Prayer time has already begun to produce fruit and we're looking for the Lord to give us a good Revival.

SPECIAL OFFERING - During the Friday night, Oct. 3, Revival Service we will receive a Special Offering for the Building Fund of the Bethesda FWB Church. Rev. Fred Kirby pastors this new church and hopefully we can help them establish a work for Christ in Camden.

Mrs. Erin Hill of Beech Springs, Miss. is a lovely lady and a tremendous person and during our recent visit to Mississippi she shared one of her poems with me that I'd like to share with you. Mrs. Erin is "fairly" old and yet still holds 2 jobs and finds time to write poems. (I wouldn't dare tell you how old she is - I'll just say she's as old as I act!!)

### THANK YOU DEAR FATHER

Thank you first Dear Heavenly Father  
For giving us your Son  
That he might cleanse from our sins  
Each and every one.

Thank you again Dear Father  
That we live in a land that's free  
Where we can openly  
Serve and worship thee

Thank you for the air we breathe  
The food that we eat  
Thank you for the clothes we wear  
And shoes for our feet

Thank you for our families  
And our friends we love  
Thank you for all blessings  
That come from above

We have so many things to thank you for  
We cannot name them one by one  
But most of all Dear Father  
We thank you for your Son.

Erin Hill 11/22/79

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# WIR Y

September 29, 1980 -- Vol I -- Num 32 -- "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"

Pastor's Message: "How Cheap will You Sell Out??"

It is often said that "Every man has his price". A statement that may or may not be true... but it is true that a lot of people have given up a lot for a very small return. There are numerous examples to be found but I want to list just 4:

1. Judas sold the Saviour for 30 pieces of Silver and lost his Apostleship (Acts 1:20) and his life (Matt 27:3-5). And he found when he got the money he didn't want it after all! He threw it away like he threw away his life (Matt 27:5).
2. Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage (Gen 25:34) and "afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected:" (Heb 12:17). He thought momentary Pleasure was better than future Profit and ended up with nothing but bitter memories.
3. Lot chose the well watered valley of Sodom to the Mountain of communion with God (Gen 13:10-15) and it cost him his testimony (Gen 19:14) and his family (Gen 19:-). As he sat in that cave viewing his grandchildren born of Incest and looking out on the smoldering ruins of his home at Sodom I wonder if he wished he had that choice back again?
4. The servant of Elisha, Gehazi, sold out for 2 talents of Silver and 2 changes of clothes (II Kings 5:20-27) and it cost him his health (He was stricken with the Leprosy that Naaman had been cured of!). And he couldn't wear the clothes and he couldn't spend the money. As the Leprosy slowly ate his life away I wonder if he thought clothes and money were so important after all?

How Cheap are YOU selling out?? Are a few days of Pleasure worth the eternal Pain of Hell?? Is a big bank account worth facing God and having to pay the wages of sin which is death (Rom 6:23)?? Jesus said, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?". (Mk 8:37). Good Question! What's keeping YOU from being saved???

Pastor Mircheal Jones

REVIVAL continues this week at 7:30pm each night, Sunday was cold and rainy and several were out sick but Brother Beasley preached a good message on "4 Steps to Revival" and there was a sweet moving of God's Spirit as the Christians joined together in a commital to work with God for Revival. We're looking for a good week of God's Blessings and hope you'll be a part of it.

**PULPIT COMMITTEE-** The Church decided to elect the Deacons/Trustees as the Pulpit Committee. (That's Marion Coker, Carl Jordan, Ralph McAllister, Arnold Lowder, and Charles Hanna). Brother Carl Jordan was elected Chairman and the committee has already received several names for consideration. They plan to act Prayerfully and Carefully and ask for the Prayer support of the members during the making of this important decision.

The Sunday School Nominating Committee nominated and the Church elected MRS. DEVONNE HANNA to replace Paula Jones as Teacher in the Primary/Junior Class.

The thirteenth annual Sunday School Convention of the South Carolina Conference of Free Will Baptist will meet at New Town FWB Church on Sat., Oct. 4 beginning at 10am. The Program theme is "The Prepared Teacher" and the program will include 4 lessons designed to help the Teacher. The session will adjourn around 12:30 and dinner will be served by the host Church.

The 2nd District Conference will meet at Pamplico FWB Church Friday Oct. 10, beginning at 7:30pm. We will elect delegates at our Church Conference, Wednesday, Oct. 8.

#### PRAYER ANSWERED

I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
He made me weak that I might obey.  
I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given grace that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I received nothing that I asked for, all that I hoped for,  
My prayer was answered.

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October 27, 1980 -- Vol II -- Num 33 -- "TO KNOW AND SHOW CHRIST"

## Pastor's Message:

This is the first Newsletter we've published since the Revival and there is a lot that has happened in that time. First and foremost is the fact that the Revival refuses to stop! There were some deep and earnest commitments made during the Revival and we have seen some tremendous Blessings of the Lord as a result. The Prayers have Power, the Songs have enthusiasm, the offerings have increased, and we've had at least 1 saved each week for the past 3 weeks. Truly we have much to thank God for and look for His continued Blessings in the future.

The Pulpit Committee is earnestly praying and seeking God's will in the choice of a Pa-tor. They believe God has the right man and they're seeking to know God's choice in the matter. This ought to be a matter of earnest prayer by each of the members.

I have accepted the Pastorage of Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church in Sumter and will assume my duties there Sunday, Nov. 16. My last Sunday Services here at Grace will be Nov. 9 and my last service will be the Wednesday, Nov. 12 service. I'm excited about the future Blessings the Lord has for the people of Grace and desire your prayers as we begin our work in Sumter.

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps 16:11

## WELCOME new members

We WELCOME into the fellowship of the Church Jerry and Judy Huggins (by letter) and Joey Huggins (by Faith). We're thankful for the work God has done in their life recently and trust God will bless them as they serve Him at Grace.

**BAPTISM-** We will have a Baptismal Service this Sunday (Nov 2) at 3:00pm at Lynches River Free Will Baptist Church. We have 4 to be baptised (so far!) and we will use the Baptismal Service for our Sunday Evening Worship Service. Those to be baptised should arrive about 10 minutes early, they should wear clothes that will be modest when wet, and they should bring dry clothes to change into.

Let me express a SPECIAL THANKS to the fine people at Lynches River for their kindness and cooperation over the years in the use of their baptismal pool.

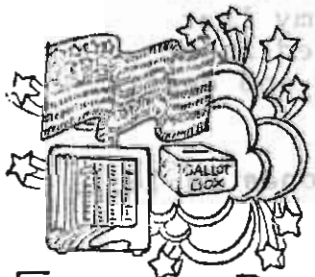


**FAMILY NIGHT-** Wednesday, Oct. 28 is a Special night here at Grace. It will begin at 7:30pm (Please don't be late.) with the Youth journeying to the Nursing Home for a service while the adults take a close look at Psalm 23. Then around 8:15pm we will gather in the Fellowship Building for Refreshments and Games. We have a great time every year with this Family Fun Time as we show that the Lord's People can

have a good time without "acting like the devil". (Hopefully it may encourage the Families to set aside a night each week to cut off TV and have fun and fellowship together.)



Brother Danny and the Teen Class have done a good job on their visitation lately. Many of the Teens have made a definite commitment of their lives to God recently and have put this Faith into practise by inviting and encouraging others to come to Christ and to come to Church. The world is looking for people who have something worth sharing with the courage to share it. Keep up the good work "youngens".



**ELECTION DAY**

**PRAY AND VOTE** next Tuesday (Nov. 4. ). It's an important election and you have an obligation to do what you can. The course of our nation in the next years will be decided in this election and it's too important to neglect.

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**GLORY**

**November 3, 1980 Vol II Num 34 "TO KNOW AND TO SHOW CHRIST"**

**Pastor's Message: "Lift Up Your Eyes"**

Things look rough in and for America. Our Foreign Policy is almost non-existent and most of the world's nations look at us with disdain or disgust. Our Economy is in a mess with inflation out of control and recession (Regardless of the Politicians claims to the contrary) as real as the lay-offs and closed stores that are increasingly familiar to each of us. By the time you receive this we will have decided on who's to lead our nation for the next 4 years and will be faced with the end of all the promises and instead be facing the stark reality of life increasingly beyond our control.

What are we to do in times like these? What should our course of action be? As always, our hope should be in the Lord. As Christians we can go around "wringing our hands", as the world does, or we can look beyond the present problems to the Permanent Promises of God. Lift up that drooping head and look to the Lord!

1. **LOOKING IN PRAYER TO A LOVING FATHER.** Jn 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: (Just hours before His death Jesus lifted up His eyes to the Father and committed Himself to Him. But beware, don't lift up your eyes in Pride like the Pharisee; instead humbly petition God as the Publican Lu 18:10-14)

2. **LOOK FOR HELP BEYOND MAN** Ps. 121:1-2 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. (Governments crumble, God doesn't!)

3. **LOOK FOR DIRECTIONS FROM GOD** Ps. 123:1-2 Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. II Chron 20:12

4. **LOOK FOR ASSURANCE FROM GOD** Is 40:25-26 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

5. **LOOK FOR THE LORD'S RETURN** Luke 21:27-28 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (He's Coming!!)

What will result from this looking at God instead of circumstances?? They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. Ps 34:5 Does the world look at you and see the Hope of God. Or the hopelessness of self effort??

Pastor Mircheal Jones Ps. 16:11



It has been a pleasure to serve as Pastor here at Grace for the past few years. The Lord has blessed in many marvelous ways and I greatly praise Him for His goodness. I look for the Lord to continue Blessing the Church and the People as they remain faithful to Him. My last service here will be Wednesday, Nov 12 and I plan to move Thursday, Nov 13. My new address will be:  
Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church  
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Sumter, S.C. 29150

Phone 469-2445

(An interesting fact- I begin the work at Jefferson Road Sunday, Nov 1. Exactly 11 years ago, Sunday, Nov. 16, 1969, I began work as a Pastor by accepting Poplar Hill FWB Church. I can hardly believe it's been only 11 years.)

I would also like to WELCOME into the fellowship of the Church 3 new members who came by profession of Faith and who were baptised Sunday- Robin Hanna, Neal Lowder, and Mitchell Lowder. That's 6 new members in the last 2 weeks. I could stand several more weeks like that!

Preacher Mike

This Sunday, Nov. 9, will be the last Sunday Service here at Grace with Preacher Mike and we want at least 75 in Service that day. Make your plans to come this Sunday at 10am for Sunday School ("Paul at the Finish Line" II Tim 4) and the Morning Service. The Morning Message will be about "Remembering" and we look for the Lord to really bless.

*Y'all  
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