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*Now to him
who is able to
do immeasurably
more than all
we ask or imagine ...
to him be glory.*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NIV



Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

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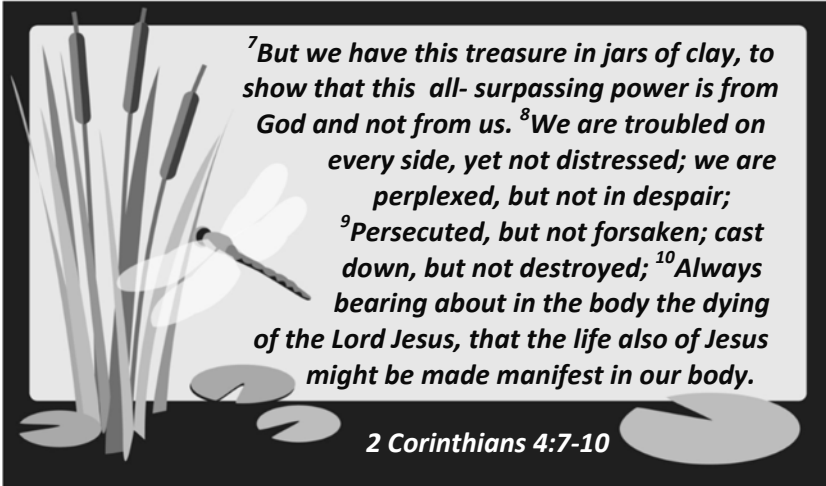


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From The Pastor's Heart



⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Over the last several weeks, I have been reminded that our life is so fragile and delicate, that if it wasn't for the grace and protection of our Lord we couldn't last very long in this body we live in. Our lives can change so quickly. A simple call from the doctor regarding test results, a poor decision in our daily activities. Just taking a walk, riding a bike or even golfing, we never know what can happen next. It's like living in an egg shell. Of course when we were young we thought we were invincible, indestructible. Some of us even did things to put our lives in danger when we were younger and never thought about dying. But, the older we get, we can get a bit wiser, and learn to better appreciate the life God has given to us.

This past month part of this scripture was part of our verse to memorize for June. Reading it over and over it began to cause me to focus on what's most important in our life's daily journey. Paul said that we have these earthen vessels/jars of clay. The important thing about jars is that they be clean, empty, and available for service. We are vessels so that God might use us. We are jars of clay so that we might depend on God's power and not our own. We must focus on the treasure and not on the vessel. Paul was not afraid of suffering or trial because he knew that God would guard the jars as

long as Paul was guarding the treasure.

In my reading I was reminded that not only must we focus on the treasure and not on the jar, also on the Master and not on the servant. If we suffer, it is for Jesus' sake. If we die to self, it is so that the life of Christ might be revealed in us. When we go through trials, it is so that Christ might be glorified. And all of this is for the sake of others. As we serve Christ, death of this vessel grows closer...but life works in those we minister to.

Sometimes life is rough on this egg shell we live in. Sometimes life handles us...not with care, but with downright roughness. Life produces cracks many times but, our protective God heals us over time when we trust Him. When life produces cracks in this egg shell life we live in and when God mends us, we should allow Him to shine through it all because, we have nothing to crow about. It's all about Him.

I love the story about Gideon when he attacked the Midianites in Judges chapter 7. God allowed Gideon's army to get down to 300 men so He would get the glory rather than Gideon. If he had took thousands of men rather than the 300 that God chose, he would have boosted



The plan was each soldier would take a trumpet, a pitcher and a lamp. They would surround the camp of those Midianites with the lamp inside the pitcher and at Gideon's signal they would blow their trumpets, and then break those pitchers with their trumpets thus leaving those lamps burning around that camp. Well it worked. The enemy fled leaving Gideon and only 300 soldiers with a great victory over the enemy.

The treasure inside our jar gives us hope over the most difficult challenges because of what Jesus did for us. We let the gospel shine because we have the Comforter, the Redeemer, the Holy Spirit, the Good Shepherd. We have our Savior that lives. We have more than a promise, we can have an eternal hope as we place our faith in Jesus our Lord. How do I know He lives? Because, He lives in me. Then, as a follower of Jesus what should I do with this treasure? Share it everywhere with everyone. May we all find ways to do this this summer!

In His Love and Grace,
Pastor Sam



4th of July Office Hours:

Church Office Closed on Monday, July 2nd,
Tuesday, July 3rd and Wednesday, July 4th.

Remainder of July and August:

Closed Mondays
Tuesday through Thursday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Fridays - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday, August 12th, please let the church office know or sign up on Sunday using the tear off in your bulletin. Any questions, please see Pastor Sam, Shawn or Matt.



**ROBERT'S POOL
215 HILLCREST AVE.
COLLINGSWOOD NJ**

**Sunday, August 12th
12 noon.**

All are welcome to the FUMC picnic at Robert's Pool. Everyone needs to bring their own chairs (if you have them), beverages, and a side dish or dessert to share. The hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Tickets will be sold beginning in the middle of July to those who are not members of the pool. The cost will be \$5 per person. The tickets will be available the Sunday after sign up. The money is due at the time of pick up. Tickets will not be sold at the pool. Those who are members of the pool just show up! We do need everyone who plans to attend to sign up on the tear off part of the bulletin. This will ensure enough food for all! See you there!

SUMMER SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



July 1 VBS Celebration Sunday - Acts 16:23-34
 Combined Service
 "Jesus Gives Me Joy"

Living with Joy Series Part 2

July 8	<i>"Humility can be a Game Changer"</i> Communion	Philippians 1:27-2:4
July 15	<i>"What an Attitude!"</i>	Philippians 2:5-18
July 22	Living with Joy Series	Philippians 2:19-30
July 29	5 th Sunday Praise and Worship and Sharing	
August 5	Living with Joy Series Communion	Philippians 3:1-16
August 12	Baptism Sunday ~ Picnic at Roberts	
August 19	Living with Joy Series	Philippians 4: 1-9
August 26	Living with Joy Series	Philippians 4: 10-23

I can do
ALL THINGS
 through
Christ
 who strengthens me.
 PHILIPPIANS 4:13



College

Christy Phillips graduated from Rutgers New Brunswick with honors with a degree in communications.

Deanna Plumlee graduated May 7th from Rowan University with a Bachelor of Art degree in Mathematics. She will be applying to the graduate school to get her Masters. She plans on being a math teacher.

Julia Rizer graduated on May 6th from Rutgers University with honors with a degree in Criminal Justice. She is working for the Camden County Police as a Special Law Enforcement Officer.

High School

Christopher Latch graduated from Collingswood High School. He will attend Camden County College in the fall.

Amy Newton graduated from Collingswood High School and plans to attend Rutgers University Camden (Honors College) in the fall.

Hannah Plotts graduated from Collingswood High School and plans to study nursing at Camden County College in the fall

8th Grade

Jacob Burkett graduated from Collingswood Middle School and will be attending Collingswood High School.

Mary Gerber graduated from Rohrer Middle School and will attend Haddon Township High School in the fall.

Luke Plotts graduated from Collingswood Middle School and will attend Collingswood High School in September.

Ethan Zook finished 8th grade this Spring and will attend Baptist Regional School this fall.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipient

Samuel Schoch

FUMC and Vanaman Scholarship



... DO NOT LET WISDOM AND
UNDERSTANDING OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,
PRESERVE SOUND JUDGEMENT AND
DISCRETION; THEY WILL BE LIFE FOR YOU ...

PROVERBS 3:21-22, NIV



Summer Adult Sunday School/Discipleship Class
Sunday, July 1st through Sunday September 2nd.

Sunday mornings from 9:40 – 10:30 AM

Worship, Connect, Mission - Our lives will thrive as God intended when we are simultaneously rooted in God through a life of **worship**, strengthened (like a tree's trunk) as we **connect** with other believers, and branch out toward lost people as we lovingly live out God's **mission**. It's all about discipleship – being a disciple, or follower of Jesus, and making other disciples (who make other disciples...who make other disciples...). Two of the following crucial values or characteristics, that should increasingly mark the lives of growing followers of Jesus, will be studied each week during the summer session. Meet in **Room 102**.

W orship	C onnection	M ission
O bedience	O penness	I ntercession
R epentance	N ewness	S incerity
S urrender	N ourishment	S ervice
H unger	E ncouragement	I nvovement
I ntegrity	C ommunity	O utreach
P raise	T raining	N oble Action

Please begin to pray and consider what adult discipleship class
you will participate in this Fall.
September 9th these new offerings will begin!

STARTING POINT

What if you never had the Bible stories you heard as a child for the backdrop of your faith? Where would you start as an adult? Many feel stranded in their adult experience and what they were taught to believe as children. Often adults need a new starting point for faith. This study will hit the restart button. What if you never read the Bible or went to church, where would you start? You'll hear some new things and challenging things and perhaps need to approach it a little differently than you did as a child.

Perhaps you grew up believing that the Bible was totally inspired. But what if you didn't have that background? What if you're in an environment that doesn't respect the Bible? "The Bible says" is not an adequate starting point for many adults. The written New Testament was NOT the starting point when Christianity started. How do you restart your faith?

Everything has a beginning or a starting point—your life, your relationships, your education, your career. Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. For some of us, our faith journey began in childhood as a handed down set of beliefs. Or perhaps you developed a framework of faith through personal experience. Or maybe you had no faith at all. But what if you could find a new starting point for faith?

Starting Point will be a 12 week conversational environment where you can explore faith and experience community. Your questions about God can turn into a conversation about faith. It's a place with opportunities to discuss your questions with others who are on a similar journey. Students will watch a video by Andy Stanley on their phone or computer at home before coming to class as well as read a short chapter with opinion questions in a \$10 purchased book.

This class is designed for –those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, but do not identify as a Christian - those who have begun a relationship with Jesus and are looking to build a foundation for that faith - those who have some church experience but have been away for a while

This discussion will meet in Room 305 (The Barnabas Room.) If you are interested in participating or have questions, e-mail or message Bill Bittle before Sept 1. We need to know the number of participants so a book can be ordered for each participant. Or we can tell you how to order your own!

FAITH WORKS: LIVING WHAT WE CLAIM TO BELIEVE

David Platt

From the first to the last verse of the book of James, God gives us one of the most practical pictures of the Christian faith in all the Bible. Written to a people who were scattered and suffering, James envisions communities of faith caring, providing, and praying for

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one another as they show what the life of Christ looks like in action. Possibly more than any other New Testament book, this letter from James lifts our lives far above the superficial religious formalities we are so prone to settle for and sets our sights on active, authentic faith that makes a radical difference in the needs of the world around us. The Timothies Class will be watching and discussing this study available through Rightnowmedia.org in Room 101.

Contact Person: Jenn Schwehm

JOHN

A warm welcome awaits you in the “Together in Christ” class as we explore the GOSPEL of JOHN, one of the most beloved books of all Scripture. John, the disciple closest to Jesus in spiritual fellowship, provides an eyewitness account of Jesus’ life, ministry, death and resurrection. Under divine inspiration, he records some of Jesus’ deepest thoughts and sayings. Jesus’ claims about himself and his deity are presented clearly by John —”I am the bread of life,” (John 6:35) “I am the light of the world,” (John 8:12) “I am the good shepherd,” (John 10:11) “I am the way the truth and the life.” (John 14:6) John himself tells us why he wrote, so “you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” A pulpit in our church has words inscribed from John 12, “We would see Jesus”. Knowing that truly “seeing Jesus” is life altering, “Together in Christ” has this desire as we study the Gospel of John. Come and join us in Room 102 (The Stokes Dining Room.)

Contact Person: Pat Sheaffer

GENESIS

The Berean/Forum class will be looking into the first 8 chapters of the Book of Genesis. Topics will include:

	Genesis
The First Days of Creation	1:1-13
Creations in the Sky, Sea, and Land	1:14-25
The First Man	1:26-2:3
Man’s First Home	2:4-14
A Suitable Helper for Adam	2:15-25
A Reckless Choice	3:1-13

Dreadful Consequences	3:14:24
The First Murder	4:1-16
Worldwide Wickedness	6:1-10
Preparation for Deliverance	6:11-22
Safety in the Ark	7:1-10
The Great Flood	7:11-24
Thanksgiving and a Promise	8:15-22

The lesson format is a lively combination of discussion and lecture and each topic will take one or two weekly sessions to complete. This class meets in the Parlor (Room 204.)
Contact Person: Karry Corbitt



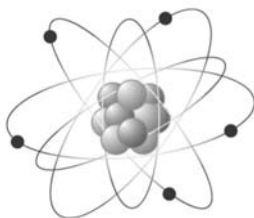
South Seaville Camp Meeting

Sunday, July 15
thru
Sunday, July 29

Erma Camp Meeting

Friday, July 20
thru
Sunday, July 29

Art & Science Camp 2018



Ages: Grades 2nd to entering 5th

Dates: August 13, 14, 15, 16

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: \$10 per day per child or \$25 for 4 days
Max \$50 per family

Camp Classes:

- Crafts
- Engineering/Design
- Culinary Arts (Cooking)
- Photography
- Art/Drawing
- Drama
- Possible Other Choices

This is an Art & Science Camp like no other for children entering second - sixth grade!!! Your child will be immersed in one area of art or science for all 4 days of camp. The camp will conclude with a “gallery” day on August 16th where they will share or perform what they have learned/created.

The cost is \$10 per day or \$25 for all four days of camp. If you register more than one child the total cost per family is \$50. Camp tuition is due by August 6, 2018. Please send camp payments to:

First United Methodist Church
201 Dayton Avenue
Collingswood, NJ 08108
Attention: Art & Science Camp

Each day will begin with a group gathering to help students discover how they can use their talents and abilities for God.

Class sizes are limited!! Please register early at fumcollingswood.org and choose 2 options for your child to attend. We will try to place your child in one of their first 2 choices. If the classes are full, we will notify you by phone or email.



GAME NIGHT – held the 2nd Saturday of every month from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Stokes Dining Room. Feel free to bring your favorite game or come and learn a new one! Also, bring your favorite snack to share. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please See Emily Davis or Susan Gibbins-Davis.

GRACE CAFÉ
Open Mic Night
July 27, 2018



Join us on the last Friday of each month for an evening of entertainment! Sign-up starts at 6:30 pm. Entertainment from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. We welcome all performers to share their love of music, poetry, comedy, etc. All generations welcomed! There is a PA system, stage lighting, amps, keyboards, drum kit and a large stage area to enhance your performance. Coffee and assorted food items will be served. If you would like to bring a tasty treat to share, that would be great! Bring your entire family! For additional information contact John Vernon or check us out on Facebook - Grace Cafe!

**SING
SONGS
OF PRAISE.**

James 5:13

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Closed	5 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	6	7
PRAYER DAY			
Men's Men	12 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	13	14 6:00 PM Game Night
Men's Men	19 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	20	21
fortysix10 Men's Men	26 Ryver SH - fortysix10 trip!! 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	27 Ryver SH - fortysix10 trip!! 7:00 PM Grace Cafe	28 Ryver SH - fortysix10 trip!!



Larry and Fay Buckman, South America

Thank you for praying for Gilberto's family. Many of you have asked for pictures of Gilberto and a followup to his assassination. The information coming out is all word of mouth from tribe to tribe. But a story is emerging. The reason why the Yanomami health worker stabbed Gilberto to death is still not confirmed. But according to tradition, it's possible that an old revenge between the families was still hanging. Before Gilberto came to faith in Christ he may have been involved in killing someone from the health worker's family. There will be no military intervention.

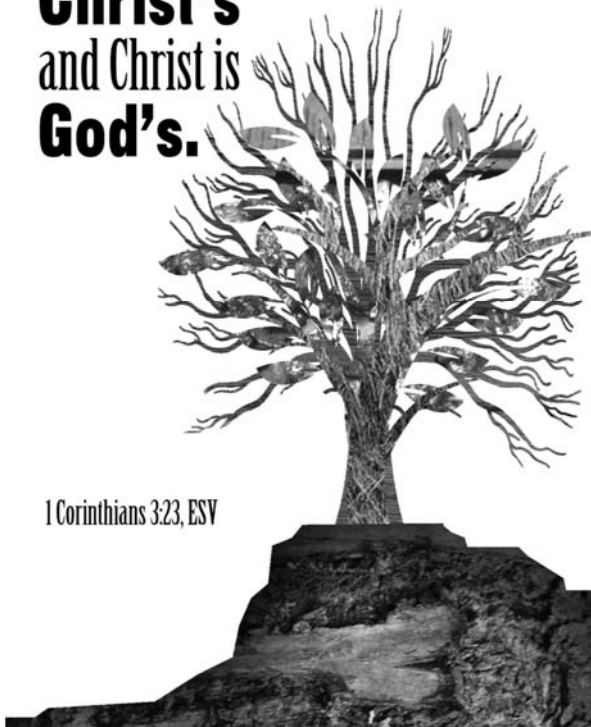
According to cultural norms, everything that belonged to Gilberto will be burned. Although he did not live in the house just built for his family, it was considered his already. His parrot, dog, everything he owned will be burned. No one can ever mention his name again. He will be referred to as, "The son of," or "the brother of..." No one else in that region can be called Gilberto. But now that so many know the Lord Jesus, it will be interesting to see how much tradition will change. Paulo Nunes, our national coordinator for United Waves, is offering to pay the village for the house he built. He prays that with the Christian influence the house will be spared for another translator to live in.

Gilberto's wife's name is Arlete. They were at the CONPLEI conference in Cuiaba, Brazil in 2012. We have found some pictures. Paulo and his wife, Betania, were married during the conference. Gilberto's daughter clung to Paulo during the entire ceremony. Gilberto was painted as a Yanomami and sang with the other Yanomami Christians. We tried to go over all the pictures, but could not find Arlete.

Continue to pray for Gilberto's family. The missionary who lives in that village can not return until many things are resolved. Pray that the Christians will begin to have an influence to change the Yanomami world view. That's what happens when the light of Jesus shines through. The next big missionary conference will be in Hakoma in December, the original revival of the southern Yanomami tribes. They are expecting 1000 believers, most of them coming to confess their sins and be baptized. Paulo is asking for two other indigenous pastors to help him. I'm supposed to find a Terena

pastor, who can walk 3 days after the plane drops them off, and be skinny. We have two brothers who fit that description. I hope to meet them this week. Our plan is to train one of them to video with my equipment so we can piece the story together after the conference. Discipleship takes on many roles. These indigenous missionaries and pastors are going where we can never go. The next generation of missionaries is emerging to reach the ends of the earth.

...and you are
Christ's
and Christ is
God's.



1 Corinthians 3:23, ESV

Chuck and Bev Truxton, Nigeria and USA

SIM CEMETERY AT MIANGO

Nestled behind Kirk Chapel, Miango, in rural Nigeria is a small cemetery with 57 headstones representing missionaries and

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their children who died during their years of service in Nigeria. Louisa Moulding is one of them. Chuck's assignment for SIM Nigeria is to uncover the "Stories Behind the Stones" (headstones) and write them up in book form which will be available to all who want to know a bit more about the sacrifices of the families represented there. Chuck had a great three days working in the SIM International Archives last month and has had wonderful email contacts and cooperation from children, grandchildren and siblings of those buried at Miango. The stories being uncovered are truly a blessing that needs to be shared!

VIOLENCE IN MIANGO AREA

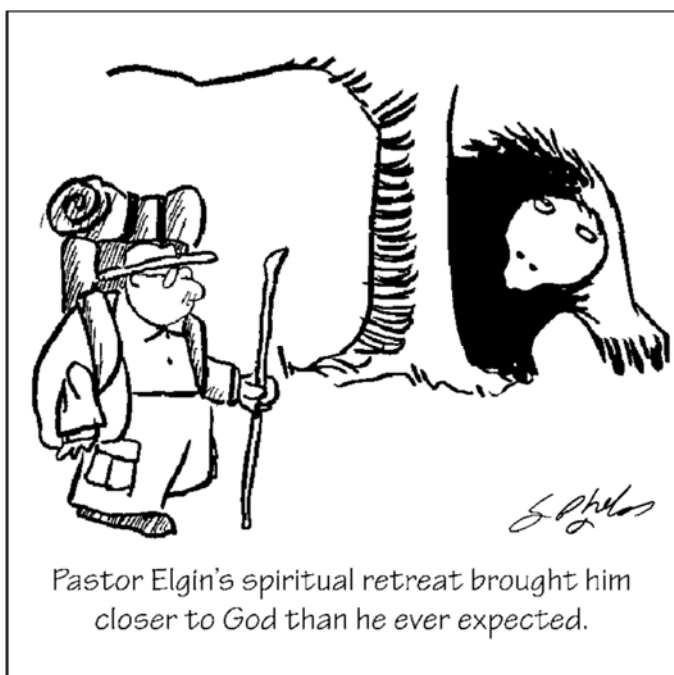
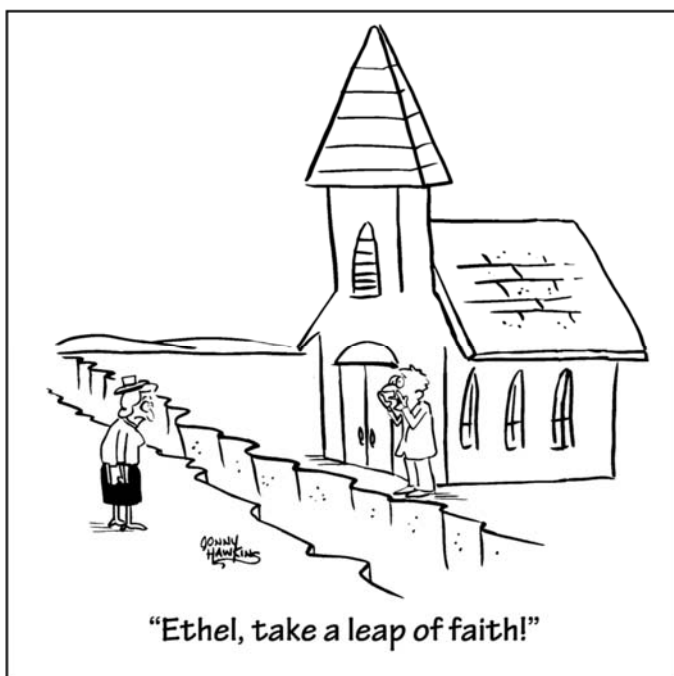
When we wrote our last email, we told you about the violence in the outlying villages surrounding Miango. This violence sometimes looks religious, sometimes political, sometimes tribal. But what we know is that nomadic cattle herders (M*lim) have been attacking and killing farmers settled in the Miango area (Irigwe tribal people, largely Christian.) Things are quiet at the moment, but still tense.

Seeds of Hope, Bill and Brenda Antinore, Camden NJ

We had a great time in-house study early yesterday morning. The study, which occurs every week, is for the men who live in our transitional homes for ex-offenders. While the discussion centered on how pride rears its ugly head in our lives, I couldn't help sit there and think about all of the changed lives in that room. Every man in that room had been in prison. If you were to ask each of the men, to a man they would say that prison was a rescue and was what the Lord used to get us out of circulation, to get our attention and to get some of us to the point where we came to realize our need for a Savior. Nothing short of that was going to get the attention of this group of hard heads. All I can say is, "Thank you Lord, for your relentless pursuit of me and the other men around that table. We do not know where we would be today without you." And thank you for your continued prayers and support of the ministry so that we can continue to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ inside of prisons and some alongside men after they are released. It is an absolute joy but it would never happen without you.

Woody and Sue Lewis, France and USA

Pray for Woody's teaching in Senegal the last two weeks of August, for the impact of God's Word in the 50-60 students





Wings of Prayer



What goes through your mind when you sing a hymn or a praise song? Maybe “This is such a pretty tune?” Or “how many times do we need to sing that chorus?” Or “why another new song; can’t we sing ones I know?” Or maybe you have thoughts about the person near you who couldn’t carry a tune in a bucket...

I love music and I love to sing (although not everyone around me loves my singing!) But I often find my thoughts aren’t completely on the words. And, I forget that when I sing a psalm, hymn or praise song I am really addressing God – my Lord, Savior, Creator, and Sustainer. What am I saying to God? And do I mean what I’m saying?

I remember one of my unbelieving nephews came to church with my mother and me and we all stood to sing the hymn I Surrender All. I know Chris had heard it before and has a nice voice, but he stood there with his mouth closed. Afterward, my mother commented to me she was glad he didn’t sing that hymn because if he didn’t believe those words – that commitment to God – he should not say them.

One of my favorite hymns is Take My Life by Frances Havergal. I've sung it many, many times. Recently, as I was in my morning prayer time, this hymn came to mind. I smiled, and then I didn't. As I pulled out an old hymnal, I read the words and pondered if I really meant to say that to God – and to follow through. Take a few minutes with me to consider these words:

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee,
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feel, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Gives you something to think about, doesn't it? Are we totally committed - every last part of us – to God? I wonder what my life would look like if I were this committed to surrendering my whole self to God. What would my priorities be? What would I spend less time doing, or not do at all? What would I spend more time doing? I want, I need, to spend more time with God. I want to take time to adore and praise him. I want to confess how far short I fall in my walk as a Christ follower. Then bring my requests to him.

How about you? Are there things you want to tell God? Things to thank him for, attributes you want to praise? Are there needs you want to bring to him? Perhaps you want to spend time talking to God for the need of: *Aurig Family, Neu Family, Jeff McCafferty, Pastor Matt, Joan Steward, Audrey Diehl, Skip Fuller, Kathy Boswell, Harry Ellis, Diane McCulley, Dotti Escuti, Betty Gabreck, Arnie Arnold, Cheryl Averell, Matt Robb, David Shropshire, Jim Doherty, Holly Gibbons.*



July 4 Karisa Pascall
 July 5 Jonathan Schwehm
 July 6 Judy Boswell
 Bob Brown
 Jean Robb
 Alden Walker
 July 9 Maria Gianfrancesco
 July 10 Andrew Boswell
 July 11 Eric Van Pelt
 July 14 Mackenzie Hemphill
 July 15 Kristin Hosking
 July 16 Joshua Atkinson
 July 19 Leon Fraley
 Stephany Nielsen
 Margie Underwood
 July 22 Roy Gordy
 July 23 Doug Schmitt
 July 24 Carolyn Alexander
 July 25 Connie Farling
 July 27 Aria Walker
 July 28 Nicole Hoover

August 3 Brooke DeRue
 Katherine Jungclaus
 August 5 Bill Hoover
 August 10 Bill Brown
 August 11 Jennifer Weitzel
 Michelle Croxton
 August 12 Alyssa Adams
 August 20 Dana Cherry
 Nancy Masarek
 August 22 Barbara Brown
 Rhonda Burgoon
 Sebastian Chamberlain
 Shawn Zook
 August 24 Gloria Meyers
 August 27 Bill Barnes
 August 29 Julia Schmitt
 August 30 Will Bickel
 Matthew Molloy



If you have not already done so, please give your dates
 (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office
 IN WRITING or by e-mail: maria@fumccollingswood.org.

JULY anniversaries

- July 13 Aaron & Megan Atkinson
 Jason & Nicole Meyers
- July 16 Doug & Ellen Wagner
- July 17 Bill & Carolyn Alexander
 Gary & Kathy McGaurn
- July 28 Tyson & Heather Chamberlain
- July 30 Mike & Jill Tribulas

august anniversaries

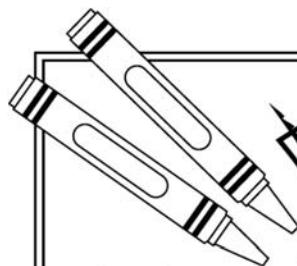
- August 5 Mark & Rhonda Burgoon
- August 7 Scott & Jen Shannon
- August 11 Dana & Debbie Cherry
- August 17 Bill & Carol Doron
- August 24 Bill & Janice Bittle
 Bryan & Kim Harris



A Prayer for the 4th

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate



PUZZLE

Wonders of creation

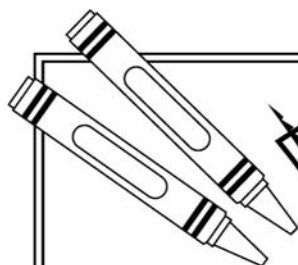
Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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 ----- PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV



PUZZLE

GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

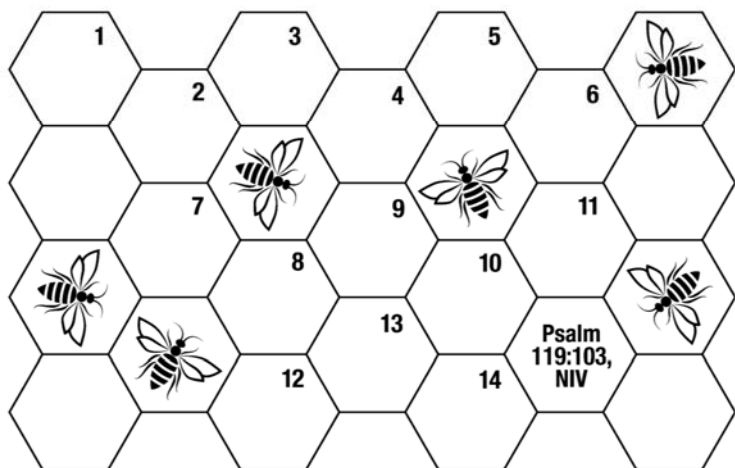
CLUES

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| 1. rhymes with cow | 8. the tongue's job |
| 2. opposite of sour | 9. more sweet |
| 3. pronounced "R" | 10. rhymes with pan |
| 4. rhymes with four | 11. golden liquid |
| 5. Letters create ____. | 12. Pleased __ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two | 13. rhymes with fly |
| 7. rhymes with by | 14. body part |



WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

A STARRY LIGHT

Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.

BUMBLE BEE BALLS

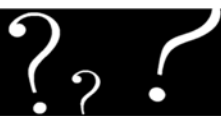
Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!



Bible Quiz

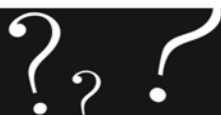


How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- A. Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- B. Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- C. Touched his eyes, but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- D. Told him to go to the priests; as the man went, he was healed.



Answer: A (See John 9:6-7.)

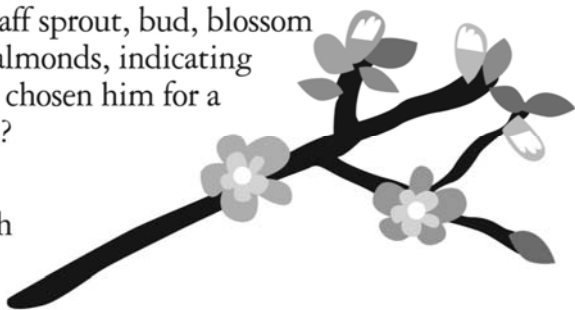


Bible Quiz



Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

- A. Moses
- B. Zechariah
- C. Aaron
- D. Nathan

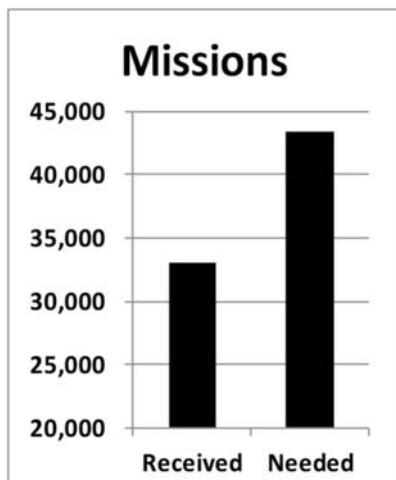
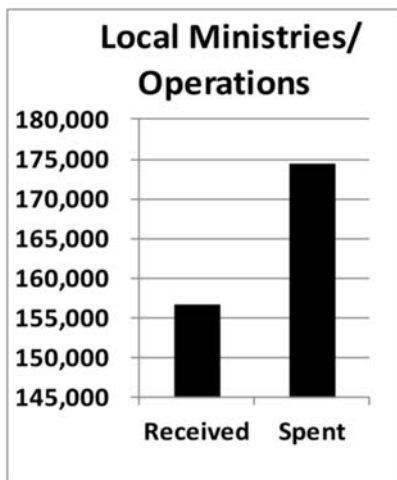


Answer: C (See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)

Financial Notes



MAY 2018 FIRST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT - We appreciate your consistent, generous giving as we build the kingdom together. Finances through May were as follows:



Local Ministries/Operations Account - This account supports our church's personnel, property, program and administrative expenses

and the Greater NJ Annual Conference shared ministries. The 2018 local ministries/operations budget is \$464,763. It is funded by 90% of the 90%/10% local ministries/operation-missions offerings, 100% of the local ministries/operations offerings, 90% of loose plate offerings, conference apportionment-world service offerings and miscellaneous income.

Missions Account - This account supports First Church-related missionaries, First Church-related ministries and other missionaries and ministries. The 2018 missions budget is \$104,288 or \$8,691/month. It is funded by a 10% tithe of the 90%/10% local ministries-operations/missions offerings, missions offerings, 10% of loose plate offerings and the Easter and Christmas missions offerings.

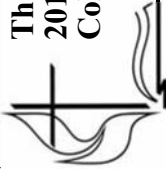
Discipleship / Sunday School Account - This account supports the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and certain youth expenses. The 2018 Sunday School / Discipleship budget is \$17,000. It is funded by offerings given in Sunday School classes and by offerings to the church designated for Sunday School/Discipleship, Vacation Bible School and youth.

Consistent support of our Local Ministries-Operations, Missions and Sunday School / Discipleship ministries by members and friends of First Church enables us to do all we do. Thank you. We report finances to the congregation each month.

Contact local ministries-operations account treasurer, Ted Robb, for questions on the local ministries/operations account report, missions account treasurer, Jean Robb, for questions on the missions account report and Sunday School treasurer, Charles Hill, for questions on the Discipleship/Sunday School report.



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