

Proverbs 31:25-30 (NIV)

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

In the above proverb, Solomon shows his understanding of the value of a godly mother who finds her strength and dignity in the Lord. Such confidence brings with it joy and laughter even in trial some times.

As she meditates on God's Word and prayerfully ponders its life-giving truths, she is known for her wisdom and weighted words of counsel. This faithful and busy mother prioritizes time with the Lord, and she is well loved and valued by her children and husband. Like with the choosing of Kind David, she is aware that God looks at matters of the heart and not so much the outward beauty.

She reveres the Lord above all. Honoring and serving the Lord are the focus of all that she does, and she is richly rewarded. As I think of this godly mother, I imagine that not every day goes well or as planned. I am sure there are frustrations and disappointments and times when she feels unappreciated or unnoticed. I would guess there are times that she is uncertain about her decisions, but she remains consistent and true, ultimately finding her way with the Lord's help.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, may we give thanks and honor to our mothers. Thank you for your faithful sacrifice and devotion! May the Lord richly bless you for all the things you do, many of them perhaps only known between you and Him. May the Lord smile upon you and bless you beyond all measure and give you His strength and joy to press on in the wisdom, strength, perseverance and love that He provides!

Happy Mother's Day, PC



I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

We pray everyone had an Easter filled with reflection on Jesus' resurrection and time spent with family. The youth retreat was such a blessing to Faith and me as we got to see first hand God orchestrate and fit all the pieces together. As His word says, "where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them". God was there, moving in the hearts of the students and leaders and it was awesome. A huge thank you to the parents for bringing your students, and to Sharla and Jerred and their families for letting us borrow them for the weekend! Bonfire night went well and we stayed dry just long enough to have everyone get picked up and get back home safely before that huge storm kicked up. God has THE best timing! Coming up during the whole month of May, the youth will be collecting supplies for Tender Care. A wish list is provided if you are interested in supporting Tender Care. We also have things like bonfires, outdoor movie nights, and more in addition to our regular youth group meetings planned in the coming months, so please bring your friends ages 6th-12th grade, your Bibles, and your awesome selves and come learn about God with us! We look forward to a great year and can't wait to see what God does!

Please check out our Fusion Youth Ministry Facebook page, or see me or Faith to sign up for our Fusion email chain to get more information on these events and more.

Below is a devotional on obedience and an excellent description of what obedience is and what it is not.

The Wisdom of Obedience

As you read through the Bible, the role of obedience and disobedience in determining the blessing of God, becomes more and more obvious. It began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. When they were obedient, they lived in blessing and peace. When they were disobedient, they brought a curse upon themselves and the earth, forfeiting the blessing God gave them. It continued through their sons, Cain and Abel, one was obedient and the other disobedient and that played out accordingly. On to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob whose obedience brought promise to Israel, but when there was disobedience, there were unwanted consequences. And when Joseph put God first, despite the most challenging circumstances, great prosperity came to Israel despite a time of famine.

Throughout the Bible, the principle remains that obedience to God attracts blessing while disobedience brings about trouble and suffering. Without fail, we see the fortunes of Israel rise and fall in line with the obedience or disobedience of its rulers.

The lesson is clear. If we want to live with God's blessing, we need His wisdom to teach us the difference between obedience and disobedience – what pleases God and what displeases Him.

At its root, obedience is a trust issue. Obedience is evidence that you trust God. If you don't trust God, you will struggle to obey Him. A lack of trust (in God) is a lack of wisdom. And wisdom is what will make a way for you.

"Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God." Isaiah 50:10 (NKJV)

Despite Samuel's pleas, Saul disobeyed God by overstepping his bounds; consequently, Samuel advised Saul that obedience is more important than sacrifice (see 1 Samuel 15:22). Sacrifice is saying no to yourself. Obedience is saying yes to God. The thing is, we can make sacrifices without God being involved at all. That's not to say that sacrifice is wrong, but rather that obedience is better. God is looking for your obedience.

Many Christians balk at the idea of obedience, seeing it as an outdated Old Testament principle under the Law. Yet Jesus exemplified obedience to His Father, and in so doing, made a way for us to live under a New Covenant of grace. However, nowhere in the Bible will you find God approving disobedience to Him. Saying yes to Jesus' invitation to accept His Lordship for our lives is the doorway to a life of victory and the path of wisdom through a life of obedience and submission to Him.

PRAYER:

Lord, You are absolutely trustworthy, and when I struggle to trust You, it is because I don't see You as You truly are. Forgive me and help me to renew my mind through Your Word; to see You in spirit and in truth so I can always confidently say YES to You.

-Devotion by YouVersion Bible App

ANNUAL MAY TENDER CARE DONATION COLLECTION

Donation list - NEW items only

Baby clothes all sizes preemie to 18 months

New Outfits - Preemie*, Newborn*, 0-3*, 3-6 months

Onesies & Sleepers - Newborn, 0-3, 3 months

Sleep sacks & Gowns Newborn & Infant

Baby Wash, Lotion, Diaper rash cream

Baby bath towels* & washcloths

Burp cloths *, Infant bibs*

Light weight Blankets

Infant Caps,* hand mitts * Infant socks*

Pacifiers (Avent)

Bottles (Avent / Dr. Brown)

Bottle Brush

Grooming kits

Brush & Comb set

Gift Cards*- Walmart

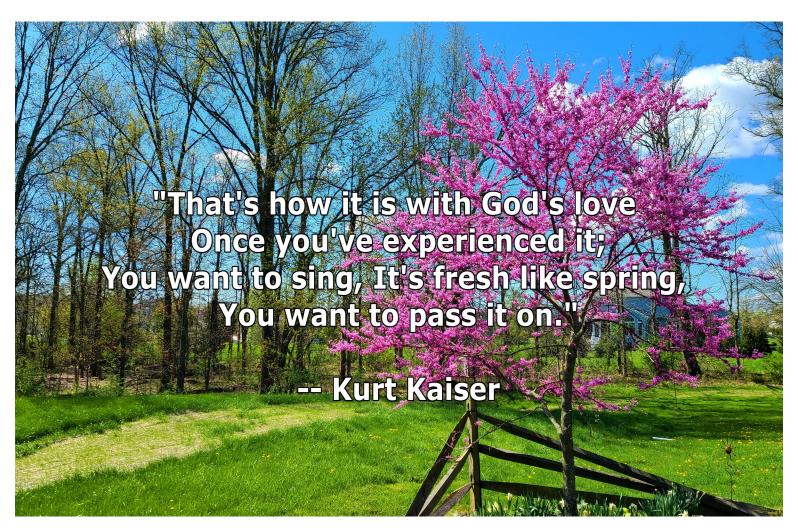
Small toiletries (travel size for mom & dad) – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, spray, toothbrush& paste, deodorant, Chapstick, etc.)

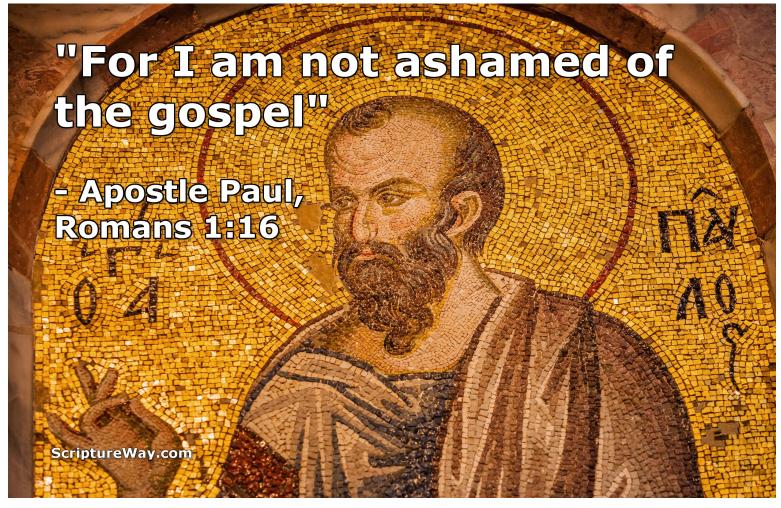
Tender Care accepts only NEW items

* denotes most needed items

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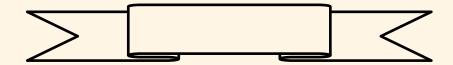
God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith:)





Mark 16:15-16 (NIV) He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

During the month of May, expect to hear some excellent sermons that inspire and encourage Christ followers to reach out to share the Good News with those around them. Specifically, we will be asking you to identify those in your immediate circle of friends, neighbors, co-workers and family who do not have a personal relationship with Christ or who do not attend a local church. The church family will then unite our hearts with you in praying for these individuals and asking that the Lord would draw them to him and give you an opportunity to share the Good News. Then during the month of June and July, those choosing to participate will be contacted by one of our Elders or Diaconate for the purpose of scheduling a home visit with you and those you have identified.



Congregational Life Committee

On May 22nd, from 9am-12noon, Dr. Ed Peirce will be with us to help equip the Congregational Life Committee on conflict resolution and mediation. Because of the scope of this topic and the benefits of this training by Dr. Peirce, the Diaconate, Elders and Official Board have also been invited to attend this event.





NEW BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASS BEGINNING MAY 16TH

TRUTH ANSWERS FOR ALL OF US

(UNCOVERING THE LIES WE BELIEVE)

The lies of fake news, deception, and cover-ups that come across the news every day are flagrant and obvious. But, when it comes to the Christian faith, it can be more difficult to recognize untruths. In this class, we will be identifying some of the blatant untruths that have crept unnoticed into the church. Satan is crafty and he mixes truth with error making it difficult to discern right from wrong. But, when we understand and embrace God's Word, we won't be deceived and will be better equipped to hold fast to our faith in Christ.

Join this outdoor Life Study co-facilitated by Carolyn Tuckey and Linda Kump beginning Sunday, May 16th @ 9:45am under the Pavilion.

Topics include:

- Why Disconnecting Our Theology from the Foundations in Genesis Undermines the Authority of Scripture
- Can the Bible be Trusted? Answering Challenges to the Truth
- Discerning Ten Popular Lies We Believe About the Gospel
- Biblical Discernment: Combating the Father of Lies
- Clouds Without Water: A Biblical Critique of the Word-Faith Movement
- Context is Everything: Interpreting Scripture Properly
- Jesus and the Self-Care Movement

If you are a parent, a grandparent, a single person, widowed, a student entering college – this is the time to "RESET" so join this video/discussion group. We need to know what the Truth is so we can speak truth to ourselves and those around us who are trying to navigate the days we live in...

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

Volunteer **Opportunities**





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Take your pick. How can you serve the Lord this year?

Start the year off RIGHT

We Need:

Greeters - welcome guests

Sound technicians - rock the house (training provided)

Nursery Helpers - baby duty

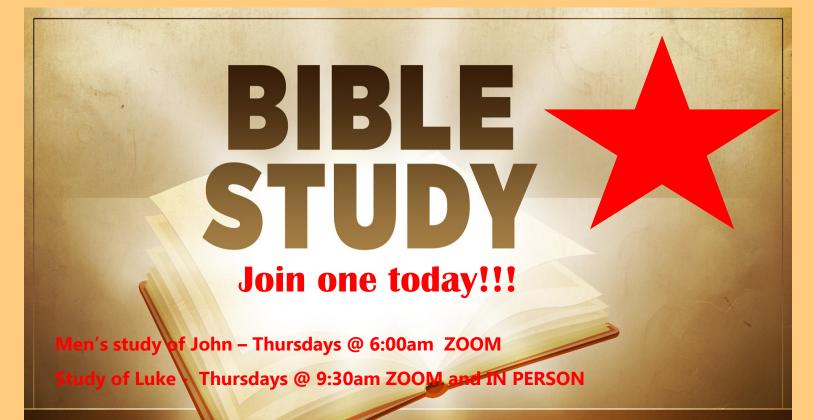
Online Prayer Ministry Leader and Prayer Warriors minister from home!

Sign up today:

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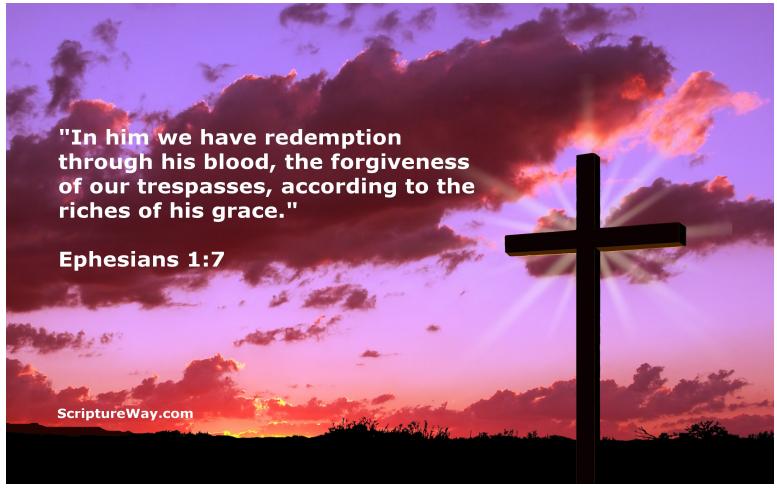


Let's Dig In together



We are looking for some enthusiastic folks to be GREETERS on Sunday Mornings! This can be done in couples or singles. You would only need to greet folks for the service you attend. If you feel like you would enjoy welcoming people as they enter our church on Sundays, please contact Kathy @ 717-476-5934. We would love to have you join up to be an FBC GREETER!







AWANA BOOK NIGHT WEDNESDAY MAY 12TH @ 6PM

This is a night for all students who didn't finish their books. Come out and enjoy an evening together while finishing up your workbook for the year!





Can You Guess The Hymn?

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made, were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade,

To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry,

Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.



15 Questions



Looking Good, Smelling Good

- 1. Who had a harem with women that were "purified" with perfumes?
- 2. What evil queen "painted her face" before meeting with the rebel king Jehu?
- 3. What book mentions a woman using such perfumes as spikenard, saffron, calamus, cinnamon, frankincense, myrrh, aloes and many others?
- 4. What prophet refused to use anointing oils during three weeks of mourning?
- 5. Who anointed Jesus' head with an expensive ointment known as spikenard?
- 6. What sweet smelling substances were brought to the infant Jesus?
- 7. What Hebrew officials were anointed with holy oil perfumed with aromatic spices?
- 8. According to Proverbs 27:9, what do ointment and perfume do?
- 9. What two prophets speak critically of women putting on eye make-up?
- 10. What woman, portrayed in Proverbs 7, perfumed her bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon?
- 11. Where was Jesus when a sinful woman poured an alabaster jar of perfume on his feet?
- 12. What man uses myrrh, frankincense, and other spices as perfumes?



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All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.

Answers to April 13 Questions

- What two long-dead men were with Jesus when a shining cloud covered them? MOSES AND ELIJAH (Matt 17:5)
- What sign did God set in the clouds to indicate that He would never again flood the world? **THE RAINBOW (Gen 9:13)**
- Did the pillar of cloud in the wilderness lead the Israelites by day or by night? BY DAY (Exodus 13:21-22)
- What prophet saw a little cloud like a man's hand? ELIJAH (1Kings 18:44)
- What epistle talks about a cloud of witnesses?
- At what critical spot did the pillar of cloud separate the Egyptians from the Israelites? BY THE RED SEA (Exodus 14:20)
- What epistle mentions believers being caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord?

 1THESSALONIANS (4:17)
- According to Jesus, what person will appear coming in glory on the clouds of heaven? THE SON OF MAN (Matthew 24:30)
- In Revelation, what two unfortunate men are raised by God and then taken to heaven in a cloud? THE TWO WITNESSES (Revelation
- 10 On what mountain did God annear in the form of a cloud? MT SINAI (EXODUS 19:9)
- 11. What object of the Israelites is notable for having the cloud of God's glory upon it? THE TABERNACLE (Exodus 40:34)
- 12. What king, seeing the cloud in the temple. said that God had chosen to live in clouds and darkness? SOLOMON (1 Kings 8:10-11)
- What portable object did the cloud of God's glory appear over?
 THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (Leviticus