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CONQUEROR

ROMANS 8:37

July, 2025

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION TEAM TO ST. KITTS



This picture is from Redeemed Baptist Church on the island of St Kitts where our team ministered the first Sunday morning. Caleb preached that morning and Joanna played piano.





The Power of a Good Decision (Matthew 13:31-35)

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: {32} Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. {33} Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. {34} All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: {35} That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

It's amazing the long-term impact the smallest changes can make in our lives. For example, eating one less candy bar or drinking one less Coke a day can yield a ten pound weight loss over the course of a year. (And eating a hamburger a day yields the type of results you see standing before you.)

Or saving \$1 a day during the course of a typical career will yield about \$200,000 at retirement, thanks to the miracle of compounding interest.

Or, reading the Bible for about 10 minutes a day would enable you to read it in its entirety in the course of a year nurtured consistently over a period of time, can make a BIG difference in your life.

In (Matthew 13, Jesus told a couple of brief parables illustrating this truth. The first is the parable of the Mustard Seed. He said in (Matt.13:31-32) **"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man**

took, and sowed in his field: {32} Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

Here, Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. At another time (Matthew 17) he compared faith to a mustard seed, saying that even the smallest amount of faith can accomplish the miraculous. Both stories teach the same principle: God can do a lot with a little. Next Jesus tells another parable making the same point. He says in Matthew 13:33 **"Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."**

Again, Jesus is teaching the principle of God's abundance: He can do a lot with a little. Today, looking primarily at the story of the Mustard Seed, I want us to consider three keys to experiencing God's abundance in our lives.

There are many of you who have spent your life struggling with poverty of one kind or another. I'm not merely referring to money; I'm referring to many other types of poverty, or many other types of lack, as well. For example, some people want to have a fulfilling and meaningful career--a job that you love doing and that makes a difference in people's lives--but it just can't seem to get off the ground. Some want to have a better marriage, but your relationship with your spouse seems to be in a perpetual state of one step forward, two steps back. Some of you want to have a dynamic relationship with God--you want to grow in holiness and obedience, you want your prayer life to be fruitful and your faith to be vibrant--but it seems that year after year you're spinning your wheels and all your good intentions are getting you nowhere near the changes you want to make. The key to creating this kind of change--the key

to experiencing the abundance of God--can be found in the parable of the mustard seed. This parable teaches that God can do a lot with a little--the smallest decision can make a BIG difference in your life-- but there are supplemental truths we must also abide by. Do you want your life to change? Do you want to experience God's abundance? If so, take note of these three things. First of all...

1. Experiencing God's abundance begins with a right decision.

For the farmer, it began with a decision to take a mustard seed and plant it in his field. Once he planted that small seed, he was on his way to experiencing a harvest. This wasn't the only step in the process but it was the most important one.

If you're lacking the fullness of God's blessing in your life, it's because there's a decision that has yet to be made. Maybe you need to decide to begin reading your Bible every day. Maybe you need to decide to distance yourself from sin. Maybe you need to decide to pursue a new career path. Maybe you need to decide to turn your marriage over to God. Maybe you need to decide to turn your LIFE over to God. Maybe today you need to make a decision to stick with a decision you've made in the past. The key to eliminating the lack begins with taking the first step: you need to go into the field and plant the seed. You need to make a decision.

No matter how small this first step may seem, nothing good can result in your life without it. You've heard the saying, "A journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step." In the same way, experiencing God's abundance in your life begins with a single decision.

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CHURCH MISSION TRIP to the CARIBBEAN on the island of ST. KITTS

Our team was split between the two churches. Redeemed Baptist Church hosted the VBS at a local public school and had on average 70 children in attendance. Good News Baptist Church had about 40 in attendance each day. We were able to see approximately 39 children come to know Christ as Savior. Many other children gained assurance and learned how to share the good news with others.



THE POWER OF A GOOD DECISION

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Some of you made a seemingly insignificant decision to attend church one Sunday; this decision led to a radical change in lifestyle for you. Some of you have made a decision to pray for a friend, or talk to someone about Jesus; this decision changed the course of that person's history.

The decisions you make are step one in the process of what God can accomplish in your life. If you make right decisions, you will experience God's abundant harvest. Think about it: What decision do you need to make today? Secondly, to experience God's abundance you need to remember that.

2.Once you've made the decision, you must nurture the decision.

The farmer didn't plant a mustard seed and then go on vacation. He had to water the plant; he had to make sure that it took root; he had to make sure it wasn't choked out by weeds. Though change begins with a simple decision, there's more to it than that. Decisions require follow-up. They must be nurtured and developed; they

must be consistently revisited. Each decision requires follow-up.

What do I mean? Let's say you make a decision that you want to grow spiritually. The decision must be nurtured. Like the mustard seed plant that requires water, fertilizer and sunlight to grow, your decision requires further attention. You follow up your decision by developing the habits of Bible study and prayer, by seeking to eliminate sin from your life, by learning to imitate Christ. The small seed of your original has the capacity to grow into something big in your life, but it must be nurtured along the way.

This is the same point Jesus was making when he said...

(v 33) **"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."**

The small amount of yeast in the bread is what causes it to rise, but the bread must be worked into the dough--the yeast must be "nurtured" (so to speak) until it permeates the dough.

The lesson here is that good

decisions require consistent long-term care to pay off. I've been to goal-setting seminars and read books on the subject that seem to imply there's something "magical" about setting goals--as if deciding that you want to make \$100,000 per year will miraculously cause your income to increase. This isn't the case. Goal-setting is a good habit--there's no doubt about that--but goal setting alone isn't enough. It's the original seed, the first step, but the seed must be nurtured in order to grow; the yeast must be worked all through the dough in order for it to rise.

I challenged you to ask yourself: What decision do I need to make? The next question we must ask ourselves is: What must I do to nurture this decision? What follow-up is required? What do I have to do in order to make sure this decision has the opportunity to fully develop? Once a decision is made, it must be nurtured. The third thing I want you to remember is...

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CHURCH MISSION TRIP to the CARIBBEAN on the island of ST. KITTS



Chris and Puppet Training



Sherry & Bro. Henry trying jelly water



Joanna teaching a craft



Caleb leading in a game



Caleb & Callie leading a game



Jordanna teaching a missionary story



Sherry, David & Chris taking a break

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CHURCH MISSION TRIP to the CARIBBEAN on the island of ST. KITTS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Chris Burt, Joanna Burt, Jordanna Burt, Callie Burt, Caleb Burt David Goldsberry, Sherry Goldsberry
Alex Leon, Elizabeth Leon, Patty Hester and Missionary Scott Hester

An Overview of Christian Missions

(Mark 16.15) “. . .Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28.19-20

THREE BASIC QUESTIONS REGARDING MISSIONS:

#1 What does **MISSIONS** mean?

Missions is the work of the church to win others to the Christian faith.

#2 What are “Home” and “Foreign” missions?

There is no distinction between the two in Scripture.

#3 What causes missions to be neglected?

Preoccupation with self and ignorance of actual conditions in other parts of the world.

MISSIONS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. **Numbers 14.21**

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. **Psalms 24.1**

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou

mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. **Isaiah 49.6**

MISSIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. **John 20.21**

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **Acts 1.8**

THREE FALSE IDEAS ABOUT MISSIONS:

- #1 We must have some special divine call to go beyond the borders of our own country as Christ's witnesses to the lost.
- #2 One must possess extraordinary gifts and talents to be used as a missionary.
- #3 A missionary call must be associated with some definite field of service.

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY IN MISSIONS:

- #1 The Great Commission is given to every believer
(**Matt. 28.19-20; Acts 1.8**)
- #2 We are also commissioned to pray and give toward missions
(**Luke 10.2; 2 Cor. 8.1-5**)
- #3 God wants our life totally surrendered to His will
(**Romans 12.1-2**)

MISSION:POSSIBLE+

WEEK TWO MISSION TRIP to the CARIBBEAN on the island of NEVIS

DAY ONE of VBS in Nevis!

What a joy to kick off our first day of Vacation Bible School on the island of Nevis at First Baptist Church! We had 41 children join us today, full of energy, excitement, and eager hearts to hear about Jesus.

While VBS is happening at First Baptist, a work team from Pine Bluff Baptist Church is also hard at work serving at Calvary Baptist Church, Nevis—helping strengthen and support the ministry there in practical ways.

Please keep praying asking God to move in mighty ways in the lives of these children and in this community!



June 2025 ScriptureFest

Church Memorizing 1John 4:1-21

Our goal was to have everyone memorize at least ONE VERSE. On Sunday Night June 29th the following people quoted 1 John 4:1-21.

1 John 4:1	Brianna Burt	1 John 4:12	Elijay Miller
1 John 4:2	Robert Walker	1 John 4:13	Karla Johnson
1 John 4:3	Chris Burt	1 John 4:14	Karla Johnson
1 John 4:4	Neecee Reichert	1 John 4:15	Callie Burt
1 John 4:5	Neecee Reichert	1 John 4:16	Callie Burt
1 John 4:6	Vickie Burt	1 John 4:17	Anegal Burt
1 John 4:7	Vickie Burt	1 John 4:18	Chris Burt
1 John 4:8	Aurora Miller	1 John 4:19	Juliette Miller
1 John 4:9	Joanna Burt	1 John 4:20	David Goldsberry
1 John 4:10	Joanna Burt	1 John 4:21	Matt Miller
1 John 4:11	Brittany Miller		

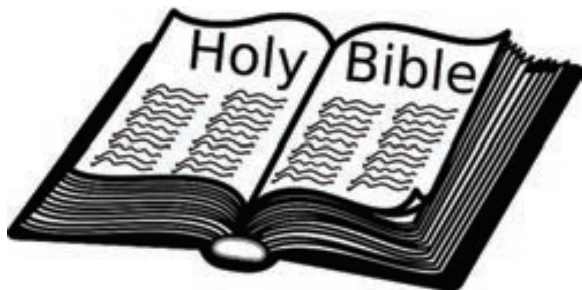
GREAT JOB!!!!

July ScriptureFest will be August 3rd

1 John 5:1-21

August ScriptureFest will be August 31st

2 John 1:1-13



Misunderstood Bible Verses

in the New Testament

John 12:37-40

(John 12:37-38) "But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: (38) That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Note: (Isaiah 53:1) "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"

(John 12:39-40) "Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, (40) He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them."

Note: (Isaiah 6:10) "Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

Note: God blinds their eyes and hardens their hearts because they believed not the record or God's word.

Notice: (Romans 10:17) "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

So if a person refuses to believe the Bible, God will blind them from believing even the miracles they witnessed. It is a dangerous thing to not believe the Bible. This is in no wise an encroachment on the free will of man. Man chooses to reject and not believe the Bible and because of it God blinds them in more unbelief. So it is unbelief on their part that brings more blindness on them.

Notice: (2 Corinthians 4:4) "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

And also (Romans 11:20) "Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear:"

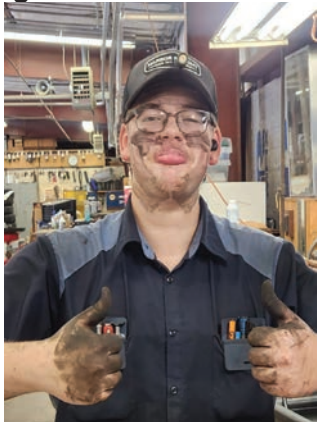
LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ALUMNI



JOSEPH EDWARD FLADER

Joseph's mom & dad joined Lighthouse Baptist Church and enrolled Joseph into the K-5 program. Joseph grew up at Lighthouse Baptist Church and Christian School. He was very active in the total ministry. While he started out his athletic career in the Church's Power Pac Basketball league, in Jr. High & High School he was able to use his athletic skills as a vital part of the team at Lighthouse Christian. He also grew up participating in Jr. Student Conventions, the Deep South Regional Student Conventions and the ACE International Student Conventions where he won multiple awards in Athletics, Academics such as Short Story Writing and Essays, Science & Social Studies Projects, PowerPoint and Web Design, Music, Speech, Photograph and much more. In 2023 he graduated from high school

at Lighthouse Christian School. That summer after graduation he started working at Pensacola Christian College on a work scholarship where he attended classes in the fall. Presently, Joseph is still at Pensacola Christian College and hoping one day to become a Christian Grease Man (automotive mechanic). While at PCC he is also praying that God will select his helpmate so they can serve the Lord together.



THE GREASE MAN



Fill America

Acts 5:28

"... ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine..."

THE SOUTHERN GOSPEL TEAM July 4th Campaign

1. People Involved ~ 97
2. Tracts Passed Out Hand to Hand ~ 10,043
3. Tracts Placed or Mailed ~ 13,473

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED ~ 23,516

Easter & July 4th Campaigns Totals

1. People Involved ~ 190 average 95/campaign
2. Tracts Passed Out Hand to Hand ~ 18,069
3. Tracts Placed or Mailed ~ 35,747

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED ~ 53,816

Second Quarter TOP THREE TEAMS

PEOPLE INVOLVED

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| 1. Place | Lee Roberson Team | 1,387 |
| 2. Place | Jack Hyles Team | 530 |
| 3. Place | Virginia Team | 352 |

TRACTS DISTRIBUTED HAND TO HAND

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| 1. Place | Jack Hyles Team | 57,833 |
| 2. Place | Lee Roberson Team | 57,712 |
| 3. Place | Blessed Hope Baptist Team | 50,000 |

TRACTS DISTRIBUTED BY PLACING

- | | | |
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| 1. Place | Blessed Hope Baptist Team | 364,300 |
| 2. Place | Southern Gospel Team | 12,366 |
| 3. Place | Mark 16:15 Team | 9,000 |

Second Quarter TOTALS

PEOPLE INVOLVED ~ 3,467

TRACTS DISTRIBUTED HAND TO HAND ~ 277,956

TRACTS DISTRIBUTED BY PLACING ~ 435,039

GRAND TOTAL ~ 712,995

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED SINCE 2022

5.6 Million Tracts

1 Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."



THE CONQUEROR

The Conqueror newspaper is a free publication of Lighthouse Baptist Church located at 4565 Bemiss Road, Valdosta, Georgia, 31605. The Publisher is Pastor Jimmy Burt. Drop off any correspondence at the church office. The church office hours are: Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Bible Way to Heaven

1. Recognize your condition.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) No one is good enough to go to Heaven on his own merit. No matter how much good they do, they still fall short.

2. Realize the penalty for sin.

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23) Just as there are wages for good, there is punishment for wrong. The penalty for our sin is eternal death in a place called Hell.

3. Recognize where sin came from.

"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12) We have been born with a sin nature, which was passed down from Adam to every generation.

4. Believe Christ died for you.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Christ's great love for us was

shown when He died on the cross to pay our sin debt.

5. Trust Christ alone as your Savior.

"...But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23b) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) Everlasting life is a gift purchased by the blood of Jesus and offered freely to those who call upon Him by faith.

6. Claim God's promise for salvation.

"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." (Romans 10:9-10) Now pray, confess that you are a sinner, ask God to save you, and receive Christ as your Savior.

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FREEDOM HEIGHTS BIBLE CLUB



Chris Burt sharing a Bible Study with the folks at Freedom Heights apartments.



Joanna Burt with the office manager of Freedom Heights apartments.



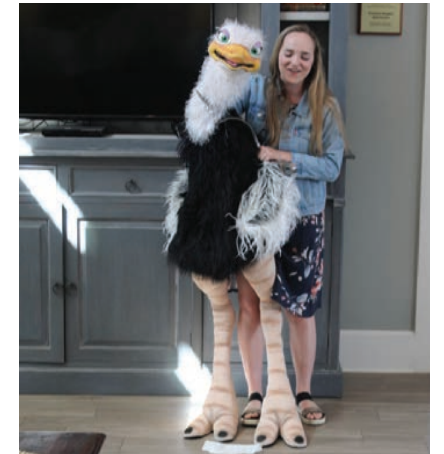
Chris Burt sharing one of his magic tricks.



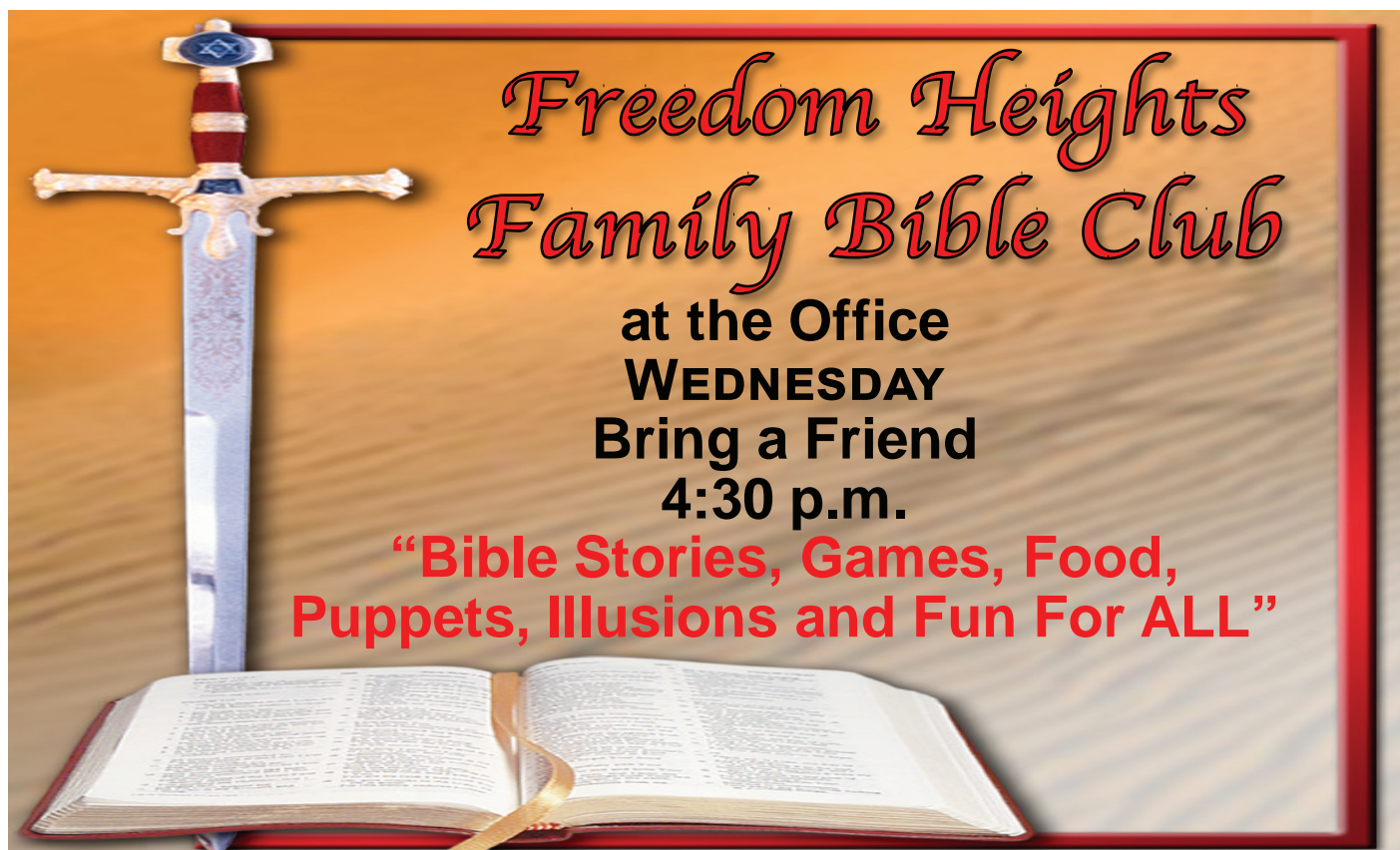
Brianna playing her ukulele while Joanna is making a Joyful Noise!!!!



Brianna playing her ukulele while Joanna leads the group into making a Joyful Noise!!!!



The Big Bird and her dummy, Jordanna Burt had a great time at the Bible Study.



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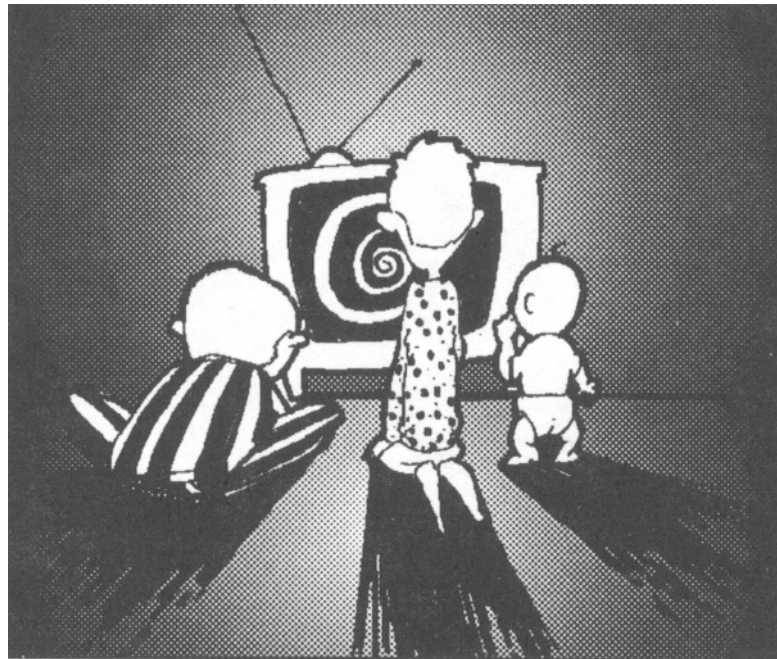
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Jimmy Burt

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Chris Burt



SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School

@ 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship

@ 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship

@ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship &

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WHY NOT JOIN US SUNDAY MORNING?

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LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

Member Spotlight



*JoAnn
Barnes*

Rejoice IN THE
LORD!

JoAnn is a charter member of Lighthouse Baptist Church. In fact, she was the one that suggested the title for the new church. She and her husband Wayne and their two children, Jason and Tracy attended the very first service of Lighthouse Baptist Church on June 5, 1983. The church at that time was located on Baytree Road in the city of Remerton which is surrounded by the city of Valdosta. It was JoAnn who asked the question, "What are we going to do with our children for education?" The church decided at that time if they were to going to have a Sunday School, why not a Monday – Friday school. In August of 1983 Lighthouse Christian School became a reality with eight students. She has been a member in good standing for over 42 years. From the very beginning JoAnn had won over Pastor Burt's heart by making her delicious Pound Cake at church socials and even spoiling Pastor Burt with Pound Cakes for his birthdays and for special occasions. JoAnn had developed great

cooking skills, so at one time for several years she used her talent to cook for the church daycare ministry. It is going to be exciting to see how the Lord is going to continue to use her in His service in the years to come. To be an active church member at Lighthouse Baptist Church for over 42 years in good standing is a great accomplishment. May you always keep the Lord Jesus first in your life.



Lighthouse Christian School

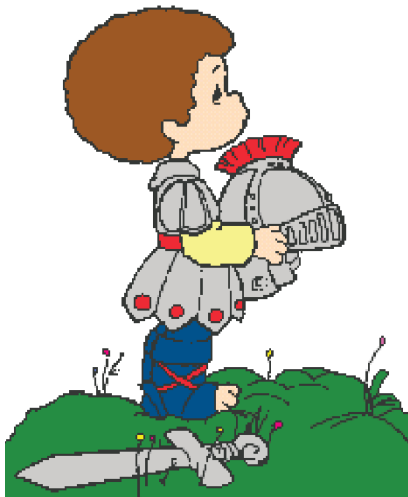
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THE LANGUAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN'S CLOTHING



(1 Corinthians 10:31) **"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."** If you really have a passion for souls and have a concern for their salvation, then the way we as Christians dress will speak volumes to other Christians and especially to those who have never trusted Christ as their Saviour. No Christian can live successfully who does not constantly and systematically seek to share the love of the Lord Jesus Christ with those who do not know Him, and no Christian will ever begin to do this until he or she feels a real concern, a burden for the salvation of the multitudes of men and women who are lost. Sometimes it's the unspoken language (like your dress) speaks louder than your words.

I believe very strongly that a true Christian would never want to wear wolves' clothing. Even in our woke society clothes describe a man or woman. Your clothing shows who you admire and whose standards you have adopted. The type of clothing you wear really tells who is in control in your life. The image of your dress portrays a language. Do you want to use language that will honor and glorify God?

The big question is what do you become when the clothing on the outside does not match the clothing on the inside. In all reality you become a modern-day Pharisee. You put on a show. You can talk as a good Christian, but you don't live a Christian life. It is very difficult to understand God's truth when a Christian does not dress properly. The bottom line is if a person has the right inside clothing they will get the right outside clothing. A person's disposition relates to their dress. A Christian attitude is the key to one's attire. Character has everything to do with clothing. The outward appearance is very important to God. That is why He gave instruction in the Bible for a woman's head to be covered, not with a scarf, hat, bonnet, etc. but with hair. Man, by nature and by scripture, is to have short hair.

(Revelation 3:15-16) **"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. (16) So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."** In writing to the church of the Laodiceans the Bible informs us that God is

very much concerned with our daily walk, and one can rest assured that our nakedness will be exposed to shame. If you take the clothing of humility off of your heart and soul, you will expose the pride in your life which produces shame. You cannot determine nakedness by human reasoning. God wrapped both Adam and Eve equally with clothes. Modesty will always relate to morality. Touch will affect a woman where sight will affect the mind of a man. That's the reason the unsaved women especially dress so wickedly.

Modesty starts in pattern when a child is young. When parents dress their little boys as girls or their little girls as boys they plant the seed of rebellion in their lives. What might be cute at the time will one day reap a harvest of rebellion. Men and women should not wear the same clothing. In this day and age Christians really need to beware of the word artistic when it comes to dress. According to (1 Timothy 2:9) a woman should wear something similar to modest apparel, or by definition something long like a robe. When a woman wears trousers for example, her language is saying she is the one in authority, she's the boss. Pants are a symbol of authority, and that is the reason men wear trousers and not dresses.

If the Christian really has a passion for souls and a concern for people getting saved then we would want to speak a language that would help people to see Jesus instead of confusing people about their faith. Our actions (dress) speak much louder than all our words. Our outside needs to match up with our inside. The number one garment that everyone should make sure they are wearing is the garment of salvation.

PRAYER CAN MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!



BAKING BREADS

MEXICAN CORNBREAD INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups of self-rising corn meal
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup grated sharp cheese
- 1 cup creamed corn
- 1/2 cup Crisco oil
- 1 cup buttermilk

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients together except cheese.
2. Pour half of mixture into well greased skillet.
3. Sprinkle cheese over this layer.

4. Top with remaining mixture.
5. Bake

Temperature: 375 degrees
Time: 45 minutes
Yield: 6 servings

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups of all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 3/4 cup of sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup of milk
- 1/2 stick of melted butter



- 1 cup of fresh blueberries
- 2 tablespoons sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt.
 2. Combine sugar with dried ingredients.
 3. Beat egg. Combine with melted butter and milk.
 4. Mix two tablespoons of sugar with blueberries.
 5. Combine all ingredients.
 6. Bake in greased muffin tins or cupcake liners.
- Temperature: 375 degrees
Time: 20 to 25 minutes
Yield: 12 muffins



THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

There is no record in the Word of God which indicates that these principles have changed. We Christians must continue to educate our children at home or in Christian schools.

Christian Education was a fundamental part of the American dream for a new society. The early Pilgrim and Puritan fathers and the Anabaptists considered religion and education to be interdependent, from primary school to college. The choice of books, the course of study, the end in view all turned on the Judeo-Christian philosophy of life.

Harvard, Princeton, and Yale, still among the most respected institutions of learning today, were founded on Christian principles and committed to education for Christian living in their origin. These institutions have been stolen by liberal humanists and are now hot beds of humanism.

In the early years of America, the Christian religion played an important part in putting education into the lives of citizens. Almost all children were educated in church-supported and controlled schools. Before the Civil War, only one out of ten children attended secular government-controlled schools.

Hardly any government tax monies went toward education. Churches took responsibility for building and administering schools. Almost all the institutions of higher education were presided over by clergyman.

Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

By 1900, nine out ten students were enrolled in secular schools (only one in ten in church schools). Government money in education was soaring; and with the investment of tax money, government control increased, and the literacy rate dropped. This is due to eliminating the Bible base of education and replacing it with a lie. In so doing they have taken away "the key of knowledge" (Luke 11:52). This key is the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7). The only thing more distressing than these statistics is that they force Christians to finance this godless training by way of property taxes. Thomas Jefferson said that to compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical. Those who are so excited about godless humanist education should fund it. Back to the history of it. By the mid-twentieth century, the clerical president of a college or university was a rarity. By 1965, eleven out of twelve million high school graduates received diplomas from public, secular schools.

The Roman Catholic Church was the first group to respond to the growing secularization of education in America. The most ambitious parochial school system in America began shortly after the Civil War. As many as 4,000 Catholic parochial schools existed by 1900, and six years later the number had tripled.

Proverbs 22:28 "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."

Protestants, Baptists, and Jews also opened parochial schools, but by 1960, their efforts together amounted to a mere fraction of the Catholic effort. Protestants had managed to exert a strong influence in public education during the early 19th century and saw need for private schools.

Bible-reading and prayer often accompanied lessons in history, civics, and science. Vigorous protests by Roman Catholics and Jews led to some minor changes in the classroom use of Scripture and prayer, but for the most part, Bibles stayed in the classrooms.

In the mid-20th century, however, religious exercises in the classroom came under attack from secular humanists. Some argued that minority groups of the Roman Catholic, Jewish, or atheist persuasions were being subjected to a 'tyranny' of the majority of Protestants in the public schools. Others argued that First Amendment rights were compromised by Bible reading and prayer. In 1962, and again in 1963, the Supreme Court ruled that religious worship in public education was unconstitutional.

The long arm of the Supreme Court swept the Bible from the desks of school teachers across America. However, the elimination of Christian principles from education had occurred long before the justices voted to ban Bibles. In fact, the Bibles may have been but the last sign of a Christian philosophy which had once permeated America education.

John 13:17 "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

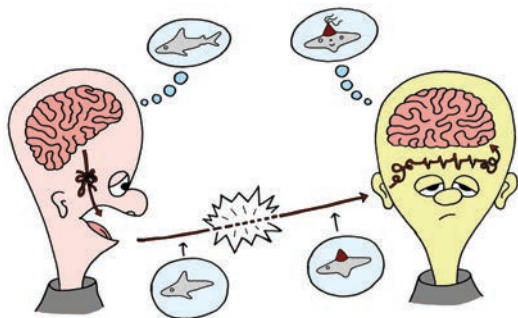
Christian Education had slowly given way to secular ideas, values, and controls. Once the state took education under its financial control, the state's ideas and values appeared as well. Education always requires a worldview, a philosophy, and an end in view. The bare facts of history, of literature, of the sciences, are of little lasting significance apart from a worldview which shows their meaning in a context of other meanings.

When Christian ideas and values slipped out of the school, a whole interpretation of the meaning of history and of life went as well. Educators looked elsewhere for a worldview to shape the facts of history tradition of Humanism dating back as far as classical Greece.

Humanism was made to fill the vacuum. Humanism was then used to fill the void created by the removal of the Word of God.

Humanism is a word used in many ways, but as a worldview and value system, Humanism holds that the end of all being is the happiness of man. The reason for all things existing, and the reason for the individual life of a person, is happiness. In world history, there have been many schools of thought which attempt to show precisely how happiness might be attained. The Epicurean school, for example, argued that happiness is to be achieved through the careful pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain. The Stoic school, on the other hand, believed and taught that a realization of human happiness occurs through identification of the individual self with the signs or rational order of nature. The irony is that the happiest people on the planet are consecrated Christians.

LEARNING TO LISTEN



James 1:19

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:”

Today in an office supply store you can find a new and improved technological gadget--a \$400 speaker phone boasting “handset-quality” voice reproduction. The main selling point on the box was “Now you can talk and listen at the same time!”

Isn't this the problem with human interaction--that we have a tendency

to try to talk and listen at the same time? Do we need technology to make the situation worse?

The primary obstacle to effective communication is our inability (or unwillingness) to listen. For many, conversation isn't about communication, it's about competition--verbally outmaneuvering the other side to win an argument. Stephen Covey says, *“Many people do not listen with intent to understand. They listen with intent to reply.”* Of course, this kind of non-listening gets us nowhere.

The Bible tells us to be **“swift to hear, slow to speak” (James 1:19)**. This is the key to success in relationships--on both a business level and a personal level. Technological breakthroughs notwithstanding, it is impossible to listen and talk at the same time; we can do one

or the other. The more we listen, and the less we speak, the more likely we are to communicate effectively.

Irving Shapiro, former chairman of DuPont, once said, *“People who accomplish things do more listening than talking.”* In *The Magic of Thinking Big*, David Schwartz said...*“Big people monopolize the listening. Small people monopolize the talking.”*

Our challenge for you is to monopolize the listening--to be eager to hear what others are saying. In doing this we will have taken step one in breaking the communication barrier.



Lighthouse Baptist Church

Time goes by so quickly! It is hard to believe that our church celebrated its 42nd Anniversary Sunday on June 8th! The Lord has truly blessed our church since its beginning.

Our 42nd Anniversary Celebration started at 9:25 a.m. with a special time for

prayer, and then a combined Sunday School class. At this time we walked down memory lane. At 10:30 we had special worship service with great music and preaching. The Lord provided a special guest preacher for this Celebration Sunday, Pastor Daryl Yarbrough preached just for this occasion. We had some inspirational music lined up to make this a very special time to worship the Lord.

Our ladies prepared their favorite side dishes and drinks along with special desserts for our Homecoming Meal. The church provided all the meat. The Homecoming Meal followed immediately after the morning service.

Instead of going home with a full stomach we planned an afternoon service after the meal and filled up spiritually again before everyone went home.





MONTHLY BIBLE READING PLAN



8/1 Est 2-4; Pro 27
8/2 Est 5-7; Acts 27; Pro 28
8/3 Est 8-10; Pro 29
8/4 Job 1-4; Acts 28; Pro 30
8/5 Job 5-8; Rom 1; Pro 31
8/6 Job 9-12; Pro 1
8/7 Job 13-16; Rom 2; Pro 2
8/8 Job 17-20; Rom 3; Pro 3
8/9 Job 21-24; Rom 4; Pro 4
8/10 Job 25-29; Rom 5; Pro 5
8/11 Job 30-32; Rom 6; Pro 6
8/12 Job 33-35; Rom 7; Pro 7
8/13 Job 36-38; Pro 8
8/14 Job 39-42; Ps 1; Rom 8; Pro 9
8/15 Ps 2-8; Pro 10
8/16 Ps 9-17; Rom 9; Pro 11

8/17 Ps 18-21; Rom 10; Pro 12
8/18 Ps 22-27; Rom 11; Pro 13
8/19 Ps 28-33; Rom 12; Pro 14
8/20 Ps 34-37; Rom 13; Pro 15
8/21 Ps 38-41; Rom 14; Pro 16
8/22 Ps 42-48; Rom 15; Pro 17
8/23 Ps 49-54; Pro 18
8/24 Ps 55-60; Rom 16; Pro 19
8/25 Ps 61-67; 1 Co 1; Pro 20
8/26 Ps 68-71; 1 Co 2; Pro 21
8/27 Ps 72-76; 1 Co 3; Pro 22
8/28 Ps 77-78; 1 Co 4; Pro 23
8/29 Ps 79-85; 1 Co 5-6; Pro 24
8/30 Ps 86-89; Pro 25
8/31 Ps 90-96; 1 Co 7; Pro 26
9/1 Ps 97-103; 1 Co 8; Pro 27
9/2 Ps 104-106; 1 Co 9; Pro 28

9/3 Ps 107-109; Pro 29
9/4 Ps 110-118; 1 Co 10; Pro 30
9/5 Ps 119; 1 Co 11; Pro 31
9/6 Ps 120-127; 1 Co 12; Pro 1
9/7 Ps 128-137; 1 Co 13; Pro 2
9/8 Ps 138-144; 1 Co 14; Pro 3
9/9 Ps 145-150; Pro 1
9/10 Pro 2-5
9/11 Pro 6-8; 1 Co 15
9/12 Pro 9-12; 1 Co 16
9/13 Pro 13-15; 2 Co 1
9/14 Pro 16-19; 2 Co 2
9/15 Pro 20-22; 2 Co 3
9/16 Pro 23-25; 2 Co 4
9/17 Pro 26-29; 2 Co 5
9/18 Pro 30-31; Ecc 1; 2 Co 6
9/19 Ecc 2-4; 2 Co 7; Pro 1-4

9/20 Ecc 5-7; 2 Co 8; Pro 5
9/21 Ecc 8-11; 2 Co 9-10; Pro 6
9/22 Ecc 12; Sos 1-4; Pro 7
9/23 Sos 5-8; Isa 1; 2 Co 11; Pro 8
9/24 Isa 2-4; 2 Co 12; Pro 9
9/25 Isa 5-7; 2 Co 13; Pro 10
9/26 Isa 8-9; Gal 1; Pro 11
9/27 Isa 10-13; Gal 2; Pro 12
9/28 Isa 14-16; Gal 3; Pro 13
9/29 Isa 17-20; Gal 4; Pro 14
9/30 Isa 21-23; Pro 15



THE POWER OF A GOOD DECISION

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3. It may take months or even years to see the results of your decision.

The farmer who planted the mustard on Monday didn't expect to see a full-grown mustard seed plant on Tuesday. He knew that there was a period of time--a rather long period of time--in which the seed would develop and grow into a plant.

Your decision to lose weight, to improve your marriage, to become obedient may not be immediately obvious to others, or even to yourself. It may be a long time before you see results; but God's promise is that the results will ultimately come.

I read about a guy named Jimmy who weighed about 400 pounds. He made a decision to lose weight, and followed up that decision with some necessary changes to his lifestyle--he began eating healthy foods and began exercising. After about six months he had lost 50 pounds--but no one noticed. He didn't look all that different. He later said this was the most discouraging time for him, when he had reached his first major plateau of losing 50 pounds and you couldn't really tell the difference. By the time he had lost another 50 pounds or so, people began to recognize the change--especially people who hadn't seen him in a while. It took almost a year before anyone said anything to him about it. After two years he had reached his goal, losing more than 200 pounds. Today

he looks great and is the picture of health--but it took a long time for him to see results. However, it was worth the wait.

We have a tendency to want a quick fix to our problems. We want God to fix overnight marriage that has been suffering years of neglect. We want God to turn around our business in a matter of days, even though we have sewn years of bad decisions into it. We want God to make us holy with a snap of his fingers, even though we haven't yet done what it takes to develop spiritual maturity. For most of the problems we face, there are no easy cures and no quick fixes. When we make the decision to give God control of a specific area of our lives, we must approach this decision with the understanding that we might not see results for weeks, or months, or maybe even years.

Some people say, "Why bother, then? If I can't make this problem go away immediately, why should I even try?" Here's why: Because in five years your life will reflect the decisions you make today. Five years from now you'll either be struggling with the same sins, the same bad habits, the same recurring problems, or you'll be experiencing the blessings and abundance of God in your life. It all depends on the decisions you make today.

One little decision to include God in your life, to give him total control of every detail of your life, can make a HUGE difference in the outcome of your life, if you let that decision take its course.

CONCLUSION

I want you to ask yourself three things:

A. What decision do I need to make today?

A decision to make your marriage better? To begin a new career? To lose weight? To get closer to your children? To become a more dynamic Christian? To learn to live in holiness and obedience to Christ? What decision do you need to make today? Next question:

B. What do I need to do to nurture this decision?

Do you need to find a prayer partner? Do you need to join a health club? Do you need to begin taking your wife out on a date each week? Do you need to take a personal retreat? Do you need to go to back to school? What do you need to do to follow-through on your decision? Next question...

C. Am I willing to wait as long as it takes to see results?

If in three months you haven't seen any change in the way your spouse relates to you, are you willing to keep trying? If in 6 months your business is still struggling, are you willing to keep working at it? If in 12 months you're still struggling with a besetting sin, are you willing to keep fighting for the victory? Are you willing to wait to see results?

The power of a good decision is that it opens the door for God's abundant blessings. One small decision can make a big difference in the outcome of your life...if you keep God at the center of your life.