

FIRST THINGS

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HOW LONG?

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I'm sure many of you already know that when it comes to life, sometimes it can be difficult. Moving forward becomes hard. The thing about it, if we live long enough, this reality is unavoidable. It is a part of life. There will be times of struggle. We know that there is a season for everything.

When it comes to our struggles, some of the struggles we'll face will be more difficult than others. I know if you're like me, you probably wish you could have a struggle free life because it just doesn't feel good. That would be nice wouldn't it? Unfortunately, life doesn't always offer us that reality. Again, we will face something.

Being that struggles will come, my question for you is, how are you going to deal with it while you wait for the struggle to be over? I ask

because some people don't know how to handle themselves during their struggles. This being the case, this sometimes results in them making some wrong decision which intensifies their struggles. To keep this from happening, let me suggest that you don't try to handle it on your own. This will cause you to waste a lot of time and energy. Stop trying to do it on your own. Stop trying to use your own power to overpower your struggles. Go to the one who has power over all things, has the ability to control all things, and has the ability to change all things. I'm talking about God who is All-Powerful, All-Knowing, and All-Surrounding. He is our All in All.

During these trying times, it's very important for us to humble ourselves before God. When we

TRUSTEES CORNER by Tom Johnson

I found a nice article concerning the use of offering envelopes and am passing it along as the trustees' portion of the newsletter. If you do not have envelopes and wish to try using them, please see Jim Russo.

Question: Why do we use offering envelopes?

Answer: The use of offering envelopes is certainly nothing we must do. There are individual members of First Baptist Church who prefer not to use offering envelopes. Offering envelopes are intended to be an aid for Christian stewardship. Having an offering envelope designated for each worship service and for special funds can serve as a REMINDER to set aside an offering from our first fruits as a gift of thanksgiving to the Lord. "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper..." (1 Corinthians 16:2). The envelopes that we use at FIRST BAPTIST also provide a reminder of the main areas to which our offerings can be applied: Current Expenses, Benevolent giving and Deacon Relief fund.

Another reason for offering envelopes is the CONVENIENCE they provide. An envelope system can make it more convenient for the offering to be properly recorded by the congregation's financial servants and by the individual who gives the offering. By recording giving on a weekly basis the financial secretary can provide end of year giving statements for tax purposes. As we hear God's Word and grow in appreciative love for all that He has done and continues to do for us, we will find every reason to show our thanks and offer our gifts for the work of His Kingdom. "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver"(2 Corinthians 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver regardless of the method by which that gift comes.

humble ourselves and allow God to help us, He will bring us through. Understand, when we humble ourselves to God, it's only a matter of time before He'll take His mighty hand and raise us up. He'll help us elevate beyond our struggles.

The bible supports this in 1 Peter 5:6. It reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time." People, God will raise you up if you go to Him with your problems. Just go to Him with prayer and supplication. Tell Him about your problems and watch the miracle unfold. When you call on God, something great is bound to happen. No, I can't tell you when but I do know that He will raise you up in due time. You just have to hold on to your faith in Him with everything you got while going through your situation.

Wait on Him because He will answer. The bible says in Isaiah 40:31, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." My friends, as I end, give your situation to God who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all you can ask or even imagine. God has the mighty hand that will lift you in due season. How long, not long, the shift is coming.

May God's blessings be multiplied to you.

May We be Held Together By Emily Davis

May we know that God is the Builder of all things, and may we believe in a God who is building a home in our hearts and in our community.

May we look back and remember the God who used the apostles and prophets as the foundation of this home, but may we also look forward to the God who is now using us as parts of this holy home. May we see the ways in which the Builder is fitting each of us in, brick by brick and stone by stone. May we be aware of what the Builder is doing, and may we see the holy temple, God's home, taking shape. May we not forget that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone who holds all the parts together, who holds all of us together. May we trust in a Builder who brings all things together in Jesus Christ.

May we participate in the Builder's actions, coming together as God acts to bring us together. May we find our belonging in Jesus Christ. May we be at home in God's home. May we be a people who are built up by God and held together by Jesus Christ.

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Ephesians 1:8-10, Ephesians 2:19-22, Hebrews 3:4

How do you receive your newsletter?

How can we be more efficient, save trees, and save money?

If you are currently receiving your newsletter by hard copy and

would love to help out and receive via email, please email me fbtsecy@yahoo.com
-If you are currently receiving your newsletter by mail and would like to no longer receive it, please leave a message at 609-393-8810.

The Board of Christian Education wants you to remember our actions help us to be a loving caring fellowship of believers.

ACTIONS THAT SHOW LOVE

2015

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Always walk in a safe way

TAKE CARE OF OTHERS

Be friendly

Be kind

Be helpful

Work together

Use caring words

TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH

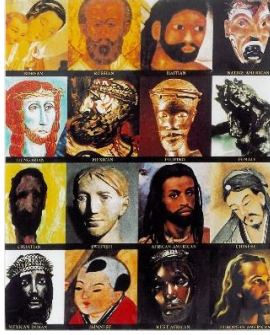
Be respectful in the sanctuary.

Keep all areas neat and clean.



NEWSLETTER

Picture in a Frame



Your portrait is beauty to the eyes of the beholder
Different expressions where some of the colors are much bolder
For your works of art is the greatest that the world has ever known
It's better than Michaelangelo, Vincent Van Gogh because it stands alone

For the brush strokes of your imagination always seem to come alive
Impacting people who aren't artistically inclined
Your art always seem to leave an impression on one's mind
The texture and movement of your portrait has the ability to affect the blind

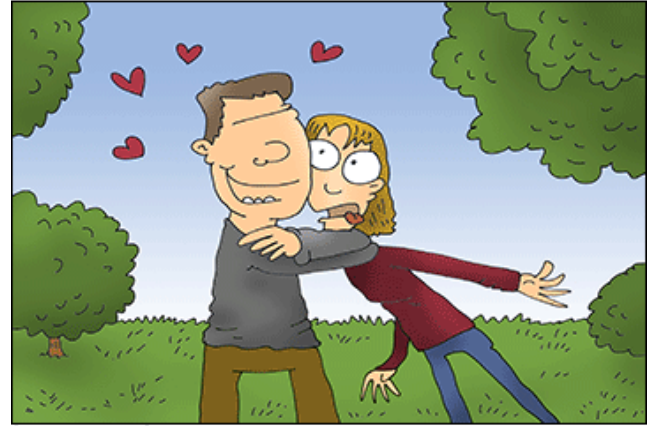
Unfortunately there are some that didn't appreciate your greatest piece
For what they saw was too abstract for them to receive
For they wanted this piece to be buried in the grave
But the red colors that laced your portrait refused to be contained

But regardless of the critics who rebuked your life changing art
There are still those who accept it with their whole hearts
For Your art is still generating followers because their art appreciation has changed
Because your greatest piece is the Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the picture in a frame

By Rev. Powell

Newsletter information is due the 15th of each month. Please make sure to have information to the church secretary by the due date. This is to make sure the newsletter is received by all members and friends prior to the Month of the newsletter. Thank you fctsecy@yahoo.com

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(See Luke 6:31)

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I'VE BEEN TRYING TO WORK ON DOING TO OTHERS AS I'D HAVE DONE FOR ME

In case of inclement weather, please call the church phone for an update about worship service. 609-393-8810



Free Tax Returns

CASH (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) will prepare free taxes for all whose earnings are less than \$50,000. This event will take place during the following times: Feb. 5 3p-7p, Feb. 6 10a-3p, Feb. 7 9:30a-3p



NOTARY NEEDED?

Joanne Collins has recently been commissioned in the state of New Jersey as a notary public. . If a church member needs a letter notarized I can do this for you at no cost. Please call me at 609 815-9696, or seek me out after Church services

Senior Ministry

The next service at Hamilton Grove will be held on the 15th of February. Emily Davis will be leading the service.

Poetry in Motion

Sessions will be held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Rev. Powell at 732-277-3751 or Nekiel Butler at 609-712-3326.

ABC Biennial Summit

American Baptist Churches USA biennial Mission Summit will take place in Overland, Kansas from June 26th-28th. For those who would like to register, please go to www.americanbaptist2015.com

Meals on Wheels

Please consider volunteering for Meals on Wheels, an organization that delivers food to seniors or homebound residents. If interested, please call 609-695-3483, send an e-mail to info@mowte.org, or go to Arc of Mercer building located at 105 Buttonwood Drive, Ewing Township, NJ 08638



Bible Study

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, at 6:30pm, we will have our bible study classes. All are welcome. For more information please contact Reverend Powell

Youth Ice Skating

All youth are invited to go ice skating at IceLand (6 Tennis Ct. Hamilton NJ 08619) on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 1-3pm. For those who attend ESL, we will carpool to the skating rink after ESL and lunch. For others, please meet at church at 12pm or IceLand at 12:45pm. We will enter and pay together. For more information, contact Emily Davis.



February Sermons

Feb. 1 – “Come Out” Mark 1:21-28

Feb. 8 – “A Winning Spirit” 1Corinthian 9:16-23

Feb. 15 – “What Are You Talking About?” 2Corinthian 4:3-6

Feb. 22 – “It’s Only a Test” Mark 1:9-15

St. Valentine's Day Word Search

Trust in God with All Your Heart

True Love Comes from Above

Saint Valentine, Pray for Us.

F N K T T G K I E
G O T K N R T M N L
L L R I M U I G D
Y O U R A L T S F H
P R A Y S N T S T E
T B N G E R E I E V
R C O L U M W R V O
A D A E O L Q U O B
E V T C W B N S L A
H C T F R O M A L L

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Christian Ed Meeting	2 5:00 STSK	3 5:00 STSK	4 5:00 STSK	5 6:30 Choir Practice 3-7 Taxes	6 6:30 Poetry in Motion 10-3 Taxes	7 10:00 ESL and Tutoring 9:30-3 Taxes
8 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship	9 5:00 STSK	10 5:00 STSK	11 5:00 STSK 6:30 Bible Study	12 6:30 Choir Practice	13	14 10:00 ESL and Tutoring Valentine's Day!
15 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Trustees Meeting 2:00 Senior Ministry	16 5:00 STSK NEWSLETTER INFO DUE	17 5:00 STSK	18 5:00 STSK Ash Wednesday First Day of Lent	19 6:30 Choir Practice	20 6:30 Poetry in Motion	21 10:00 ESL and Tutoring Youth Ice Skating
22 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Deacons Meeting	23 5:00 STSK	24 5:00 STSK	25 5:00 STSK 6:30 Bible Study	26 6:30 Choir Practice	27	28 10:00 ESL and Tutoring
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Bible Quiz

With which group in the second column do you associate these

“Threesomes”?

1. Cain, Abel and Seth
 2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
 3. Mary, Martha and Lazarus
 4. Peter, James and John
 5. Bildad, Zophar and Eliphaz
 6. Shem, Ham and Japheth
 7. Moses, Aaron and Miriam
 8. Huz, Buz and Lot
 9. Jemima, Kezia and Keren-Happuch
 10. Jesus, Moses and Elias
- a. The sons of Noah
 - b. The favorite disciples
 - c. The children of Amram and Jochebed
 - d. The three in the fiery furnace
 - e. Friends of Jesus
 - f. Daughters of Job
 - g. Nephews of Abraham
 - h. Job’s comforters
 - i. The three who were transfigured
 - j. The sons of Adam and Eve

(9, f, 10, i)

(answers: 1, j, 2, d, 3, e, 4, b, 5, h, 6, a, 7, c, 8, g,

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