

FIRST THINGS

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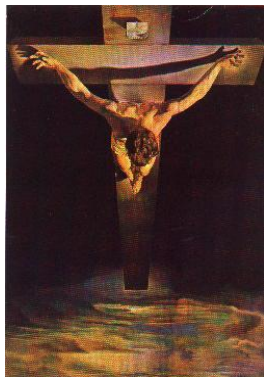


After Jesus' resurrection, He told the disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. In this discourse He is commissioning the church to go out and meet the people where they are, but often times I've seen churches that are confined to their four walls. Don't get me wrong, yes they have vibrant services where the spirit of the Lord is soaring high. Yes, the praise music is making a joyful noise. Yes, the preacher of the day has preached people into heaven. That's all well and good. But the question I have

is, are you going out into your community and spreading the word of God. Are you carrying out the Great Commission? Are you meeting people where they are? I ask because when it comes to some churches, we alienate ourselves. I know this to be true from a pastor friend of mine. I remember having a conversation with him and he told me about this great idea to give out turkeys to the needy for Thanksgiving. He wanted to be a blessing to the community where his church resides. So when the day came for his church to do this outreach, he said people were coming out from the community. He talked about how it blessed him to bless others. But his joy was interrupted because one of the people who lived in the neighborhood said, "Hey, I thought this church was closed because I never see you in the community." Right at that moment, he realized that even though his church was having a high time in the Lord internally, they weren't too

effective externally. They were stuck between the four walls. He didn't realize that his church had created a wall between them and the community. After that awakening, he started thinking of ways to build a bridge between his church and the community. Now, I don't know if this sounds familiar to you or not, but if so God is calling for all of us to do the same. We must understand that the Great Commission that Jesus commands us to follow is all about building bridges for all people no matter who they are, what they are, or where they come from. We are called to meet people where they are and provide them with the same opportunity as we who now have a relationship with Jesus Christ. They too have the right to have a more abundant life. So if you formed a wall that's blocking you from meeting the people where they are in your surrounding community, it's time for you to knock it down and build a

bridge to connect to them. Be a bridge builder.



PASSION FRUIT

The season has changed and the tree is now in full bloom
For the fruit it bares is ready to be consumed
For its passion fruit is refreshing and sweet
A life changing flavor that's beyond belief

For this fruit is exotic and different from all the rest
Once you eat it you'll truly be blessed
It's nourishment for the soul
Giving you everlasting life where you'll never grow old

Truly it's good and ready for the pluck 'in
Available to all including the homeless and the broken
For this fruit is the one that past prophets had spoken
He's Jesus the Christ who gave his life so yours wouldn't end

For he stood on that tree that formed a cross
A fruit of sacrifice for all who are lost
A passion that came from His loving heart

For He didn't mind paying the cost

By
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A Minister Was Completing A Temperance Sermon. What The Song Leader Did Is Hilarious.

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had All the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he Said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced With a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

If you liked this, please share by using the buttons below.



Announcements:

Conference Prayer Call

Our conference call prayer line has started. Each Monday at 6:30 am, you will be able to join Reverend Powell on a conference call as he offers prayer. What a great way to start your weekday. Just dial 1-641-715-3580 and when prompted put in access code 365513. **Remember, prayer is power.**

Senior Ministry

Please join Rev. Powell April 17th at 2pm for senior ministry.

Baptist Camp Lebanon

If you are interested in going to Camp Lebanon this summer, please see Rev. Powell. Grades 1-12 are welcome during different weeks. This is a fun and enlightening experience. Campers need to be signed up by April 15.

College Recruitment Fair

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection is hosting a College Recruitment Fair for entry level employment opportunities and internships. The fair will take place April 8 from 10am-2pm at 401 East State Street, Trenton in the Public Hearing room. For further information go to <http://www.nj.gov/dep>

Community Egg Hunt

The community egg hunt was rescheduled from March 20th to April 3rd at 1 o'clock. Please let Rev. Powell know if you will still be attending.





CITY OF TRENTON

Eric E. Jackson, Mayor



29TH ANNUAL **CLEAN COMMUNITIES LITTER MARCH**

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Rain Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Registration: 8:30AM at Trenton City Hall
Awards Ceremony: 12:30PM at Mill Hill Park



Volunteers and Teams Needed

Pre-Registration Deadline: April 5, 2016

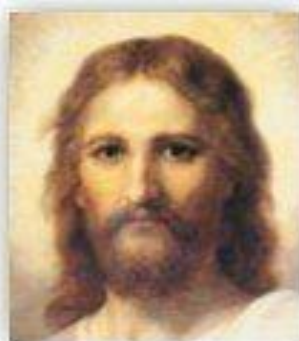
Participants will receive a free t-shirt, lunch, transportation, and a chance to win a group award! Awards to group or organization with most debris and recyclables collected.



For Team Registration & To Volunteer Contact:
Department of Public Works
Ask for Ramona Thomas
(609) 989-3152



"BE PART OF THE SOLUTION: KEEP TRENTON CLEAN"



The Names of Jesus Christ

The scriptures mention many different names for Jesus Christ. Try to find some of the names in the puzzle below.

D P L Q E L O R D J F L X O R
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D O G F O N E S O H C G O Y F

BELOVED SON
CHOSEN OF GOD
COUNSELLOR
HOLY ONE
JEHOVAH

LAMB OF GOD
LORD
MESSIAH
MIGHTY GOD
ONLY BEGOTTEN

PRINCE OF PEACE
REDEEMER
SAVIOR
THE WORD
WONDERFUL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2016					1	2 10:00 ESL 12:30 Bible Study
3 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Christian Ed Meeting	4 5:00 STSK	5 5:00 STSK	6 5:00 STSK	7 6:30 Choir	8	9 10:00 ESL 12:30 Bible Study
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Bible Quiz

Which was her son?

1. Which was the son of Eve? Cush or Cain
2. Which was the son of Hannah? Samuel or Samson
3. Which was the son of Sarah? Isaac or Ishmael
4. Which was the son of Ruth? Omri or Obed
5. Which was the son of Rachel? Benaiah or Benoni

(answers: 1. Cain, 2 Samuel, 3. Isaac, 4. Obed, 5. Benjamin or Benoni) (Genesis 35:18)

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