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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

THE SUPER SPECTACULAR SCRIPTURE SCAVANGER HUNT IS HERE!

In case you missed it, I am making the announcement again this month. I created a Scripture scavenger hunt for our newsletter that will go from month to month. It is on the trivia question page. Basically, all you have to do is find in the Bible the item I am asking for and then report to me for credit. You can either complete the list and then reach out to me or give me the items as you complete them. The first 3 people to complete the list and turn it in for credit will get an extra 5 bonus points to help with their score!

Wil and Michaela already earned the 5 bonus points in September so all 3 slots are available for October! There is a scoreboard that will list the leaders every month so you will know where you stand. After a few months, I will be awarding a cash prize to those who win. Don't get too excited because it won't be a lot of money! However, it will be fun!

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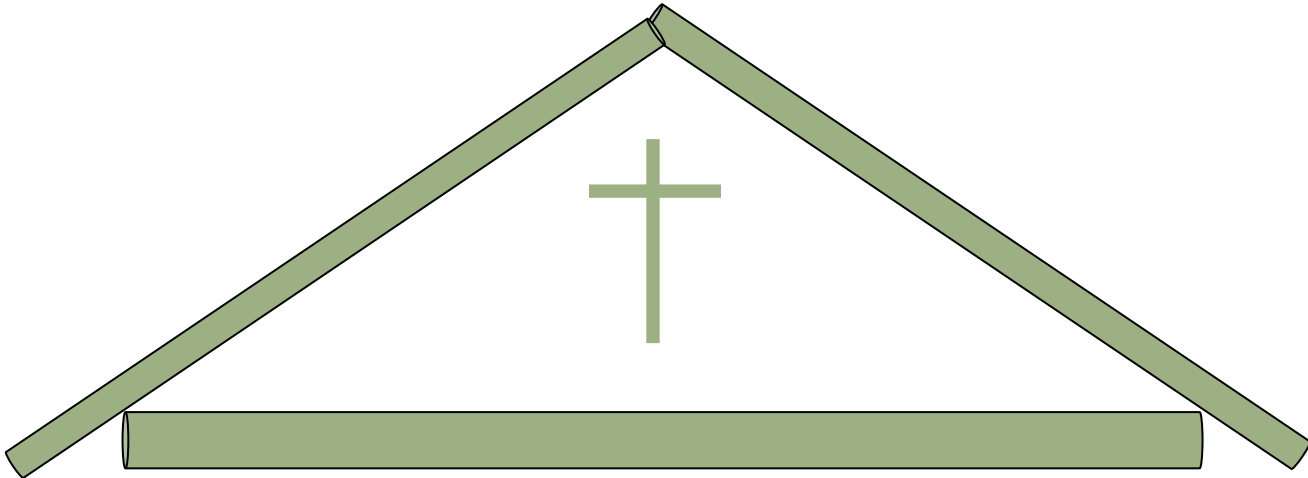
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address changes so we can
keep our records up to date.

What Kind of Church is First Christian Church?

First Christian Church is a non-denominational Elders-led Church located in Greenwood, SC. We are part of the movement to restore the simplicity of New Testament Christianity. We believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, that He lived a sinless life, offered His life for ours on the Cross, and rose on the third day to live forever. We believe that salvation comes through simple obedience to the plan of salvation that is laid out in the pages of the New Testament.



Core Beliefs

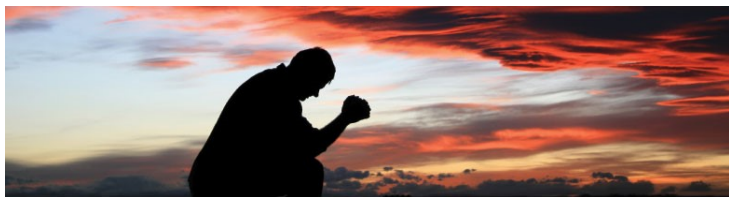
A common misconception is that all churches believe and preach the same thing. Unfortunately that isn't the case. In a world that is greatly divided spiritually it is very important to know just exactly what a church believes and practices. We welcome the opportunity to sit with you and discuss these core beliefs in depth.

We believe...

1. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God who died for our sins and arose from the dead. **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**
2. That the Bible is the inspired Word of God - "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path".
2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105
3. That every person has worth as a creation of God but "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" **Romans 3:23**
4. That forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust and obey Christ as Savior and Lord. **John 3:16**
5. That we are saved by grace through faith in Christ. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
6. That the Church is the body of Christ on earth and exists to save the lost and edify the saved.
Ephesians 4:1-16
7. That Jesus Christ will one day return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **1 Thes 4:13-18**
8. That those accepting Christ must repent of sin, confess their faith and be baptized into Him.
Romans 10:9, Acts 2:38

For more information about baptism, see our Baptism FAQ located on our website

Biblical Foundation



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12 (NIV)

Weekly Prayer Emphasis and Core 52 Scripture Readings

In a society where the church is no longer enjoying the benefits of being the home team, it is critical that we make sure our spiritual health is good. The best way to ensure a spiritually healthy life is to talk to God everyday through prayer and let Him speak to us through the Bible. To help us with our spiritual health, I am providing a weekly prayer emphasis along with scripture readings based on Mark Moore's book "Core 52." In his book, he provides 52 passages that make up a core of Bible knowledge for Christians. By reading these passages, we can raise our Biblical IQ and strengthen our foundation that will help us withstand the storms of life that come our way.

Week of October 4:

- Prayer Emphasis: Those affected by cancer
- Core 52:
 - + Read Jonah 1-4
 - + Memorize Acts 17:26
 - + Meditate on Isaiah 49:6; Ephesians 2:13-14; Rev 7:9-10

The word "Meditate" basically means to reflect on the passage and dig deep to find the application for your life.

Week of October 11:

- Prayer Emphasis: Families affected by cancer
- Core 52:
 - + Read John 8:1-11
 - + Memorize Romans 8:1
 - + Meditate on Romans 8:15, 28, 37

Week of October 18:

- Prayer Emphasis: Church leaders
- Core 52:
 - + Read Matthew 17:1-20
 - + Memorize Romans 12:2
 - + Meditate on Romans 10:9-10; 2 Cor 5:17; 1 John 4:4

Mark Moore's book "Core 52" provides other material to help with the weekly scripture readings. For those who are interested, contact Earl for more information.

Week of October 25:

- Prayer Emphasis: Church volunteers
- Core 52:
 - + Read Acts 17-18
 - + Memorize 1 Corinthians 2:16
 - + Meditate on Isaiah 6:9-10; John 7:17; Colossians 1:9

"Pray for FCC"

For 2020, we want to cover our church in prayer on a weekly basis. Along with the many prayers that go up on our behalf, I am declaring every Tuesday to be a day for us to offer up special prayers specifically for our church. Please join us by praying at some point every Tuesday!

TAKE THE NARROW PATH

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

Jesus' admonition to enter the narrow gate with the few rather than go the broad way with the many has great wisdom for those in business. Almost all business successes to some degree are based on this instruction. Going against the grain, finding a unique way to do something, or seeking out and occupying a special niche are all part of this kind of thinking. Success in business almost always depends on differentiating what you make or what you do from your competitors. In business, the narrow way is the way to success.

Intel basically produces only one thing, a tiny computer chip. Yet this relatively new company may well become the single most profitable company in the entire world. Its founders carved out a niche, a narrow way.

Nordstroms, the fast-growing upscale department store, has carved out its narrow way by developing better service than its competitors. All the big department store chains offer essentially the same merchandise, but at Nordstroms customers have come to expect and receive better, more personal service. This sets the company apart and makes it special and successful. Every great business success has in some way found a narrow way, a way others could not or were not willing to go.

Who will be our Next Man Up?



Mentoring today for a better tomorrow

SERVE FAMILIES

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

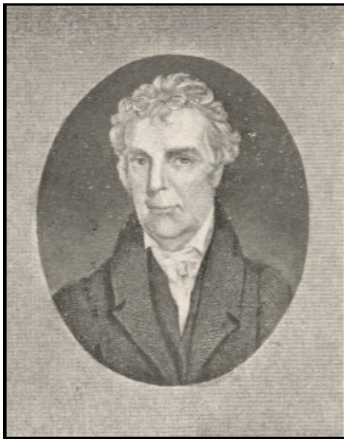
The first miracle Jesus performed was done at His mother's request. Another of His early miracles was the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. It is instructive to note how often He did things for a family member of one of His followers. To show that He cared about those close to Him, He showed that He cared about those close to them. This is a powerful and valuable lesson. When you hire someone, you may not want to accept the fact that you have hired his or her entire family in the sense that his or her best performance will only be forthcoming when there are no distracting family problems.

You can help build loyalty and productivity by genuinely caring about an employee's life outside the company. This does not mean being paternalistic or insinuating yourself into situations where you have not been invited. Jesus only went where He was asked to go. It does mean that you display an empathetic attitude that will encourage your associates to come to you for advice and help.

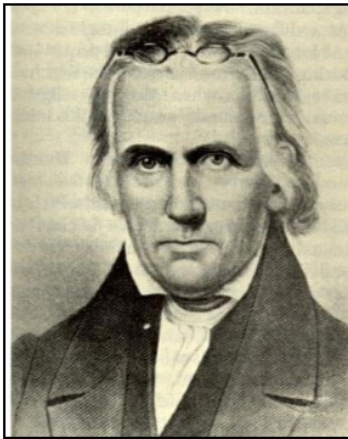
FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Every 2nd Friday, we have a game night at the church. We start at 6:00pm and end when we are finished playing. Feel free to bring snacks to share and... **Invite your friends to come with you!**

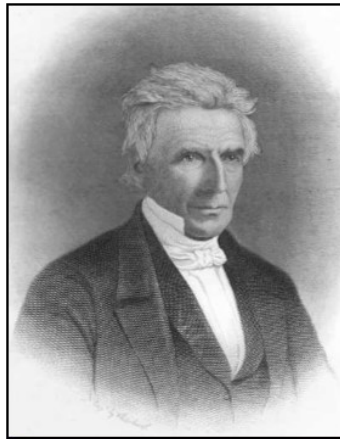




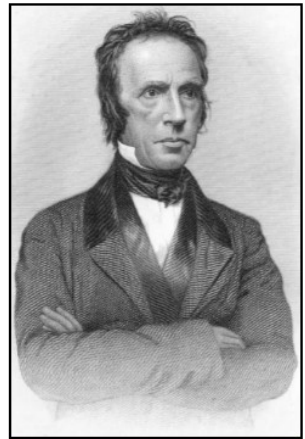
Barton Stone



Thomas Campbell



Alexander Campbell



Walter Scott

REFLECTIONS ON THE RESTORATION

"Shall We Gather At The River?"

(Taken from Earl's Restoration History class for the local church)

Barton W. Stone: The Springfield Presbytery

Thomas Campbell:

1. Christian Association of Washington PA (Became the Brush Run Church)
2. Brush run became part of the Redstone Association (Baptists)
3. 1828 – Assisted Walter Scott on the Western Reserve

Walter Scott:

1. Mahoning Baptist Association with the Campbells
2. Encouraged Alexander Campbell to name his publication the "Christian Baptist" so the Baptist churches would be motivated to read it. (Promoted unity)

Alexander Campbell:

1. Brush Run Church joins the Redstone Association
 - In the fall of 1813, understanding that they would not hold to any creeds
 - Baptism – Based on confession or experience? (Conversion experience)
 - Acceptance of the Philadelphian Confession
 - Nature of "saving faith" (Illumination)
 - Frequency of the Lord's Supper
 - Distinction between the Old and New Testament (NT Church vs. Moses)
 - Status of clergy (Only ordained ministers serving communion and baptize)
2. Mahoning Baptist Association (Redstone was trying to excommunicate him) Walter Scott did such a good job with the churches that the Association dissolved. (Independent)



CAN YOU THINK OF 5 PEOPLE YOU CAN REACH?

When I served as a youth sponsor several years ago, we had something called a “High Five” card which had blanks for us to write 5 names of people we could invite to church. This is a good idea for us today. Who are the five people in your life? Can you pray for them now?

BACK PORCH CONVERSATIONS

What's up with the 4 Horsemen?

In Revelation 6:1-8, 4 horses are mentioned with riders as part of the first 4 seals being opened while John was watching. The entire chapter 6 presents a brief map of the journey to Judgment Day.

The White Horse: The figure of the horse was often associated with war. The colors of the horses will be a factor in determining the meaning of the seal as well. In a battle, the king who gained victory would ride a white horse in a procession to celebrate. This rider had a bow with him. In 62 AD, the Parthians were a feared enemy of the Romans, and they were expert bowmen. The rider also had a victor's crown which drove home the point that this battle was won by the people under the rider on the white horse. The original audience may have thought about the Parthians at this point.

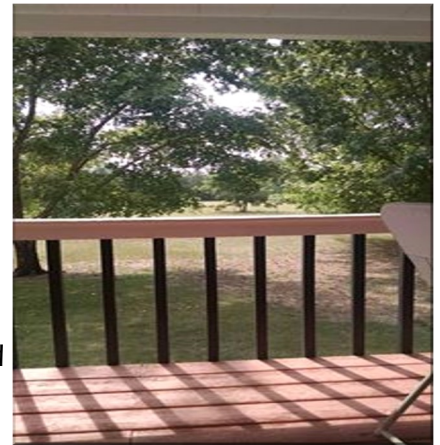
The Red Horse: Red is the color of fire and blood. Red is also the color that is associated with anger in warfare where blood is shed as a result of the fighting. The rider had a sword which was used to maintain Roman domination. By the sword, the peace was taken away and war was prevalent.

The Black Horse: Calamity and famine are symbolized by the color black. The scales in the rider's hand symbolized the rationing of the food as what would be happening in the midst of a famine. The scarcity of food is usually a natural consequence of war.

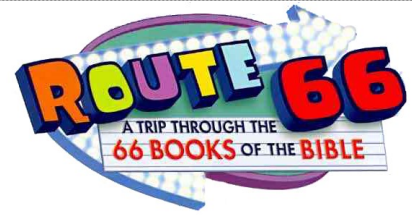
The Pale Horse: Pale would describe a shade of grey like somebody who was afraid to the point of losing color in his skin. The rider being named death provides the reason why the horse is pale. Hades is the abode of the dead so the rider would end up killing a fourth of the people on the earth. The fact that it was a fourth indicates that it is a limited number and not the majority of the people.

Various applications of the symbolism have been discussed among scholars. Most scholars agree that this is a portrayal of historic events. Some scholars go one step further and view the rider of the white horse as Jesus. If this is the case, the other 3 horses would come as a result of His ministry, and we certainly see that the church did suffer greatly because of Jesus. Whether or not the rider of the white horse is Jesus does not impact the fact that no matter what happens with these horses, God is still in control. Remember that in Revelation 6:1, the Lamb had the authority to open the seals. And the Lamb in Revelation is known as Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Going back to the Parthians reference, if the white horse is a reference to the Romans defeat at the hands of the Parthians, and the rider is also known to be Jesus, then the reader would understand that even though Rome has the power, Jesus will defeat them just like Parthians did.



The Minor Prophets: Micah (Several sources used each month)



Who wrote the book?

The prophet Micah identified himself by his hometown, called Moresheth Gath, which sat near the border of Philistia and Judah about twenty-five miles southwest of Jerusalem. Dwelling in a largely agricultural part of the country, Micah lived outside the governmental centers of power in his nation, leading to his strong concern for the lowly and less fortunate of society—the lame, the outcasts, and the afflicted (Micah 4:6). Therefore, Micah directed much of his prophecy toward the powerful leaders of Samaria and Jerusalem, the capital cities of Israel and Judah, respectively (1:1).

As a contemporary of Isaiah and Hosea, Micah prophesied during the momentous years surrounding the tragic fall of Israel to the Assyrian Empire (722 BC), an event he also predicted (Micah 1:6). Micah stated in his introduction to the book that he prophesied during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah in Judah, failing to mention the simultaneous string of dishonorable kings that closed out the northern kingdom of Israel. During this period, while Israel was imploding from the effects of evil and unfaithful leadership, Judah seemed on a roller-coaster ride—ascending to the heights of its destiny in one generation, only to fall into the doldrums in another. In Judah at this time, good kings and evil kings alternated with each other, a pattern seen in the reigns of Jotham (good, 2 Kings 15:32–34); Ahaz (evil, 2 Kings 16:1–4); and Hezekiah (good, 2 Kings 18:1–7).

Why is Micah so important?

The book of Micah provides one of the most significant prophecies of Jesus Christ's birth in all the Old Testament, pointing some seven hundred years before Christ's birth to His birthplace of Bethlehem and to His eternal nature (Micah 5:2).

Surrounding Micah's prophecy of Jesus's birth is one of the most lucid pictures of the world's future under the reign of the Prince of Peace (5:5). This future kingdom, which scholars call the millennial kingdom, will be characterized by the presence of many nations living with one another in peace and security (4:3–4) and coming to Jerusalem to worship the reigning king, that is, Jesus Himself (4:2). Because these events have not yet occurred, we look forward to the millennial kingdom at some undetermined time in the future.

What's the big idea?

Much of Micah's book revolves around two significant predictions: one of judgment on Israel and Judah (Micah 1:1–3:12), the other of the restoration of God's people in the millennial kingdom (4:1–5:15). Judgment and restoration inspire fear and hope, two ideas wrapped up in the final sequence of Micah's prophecy, a courtroom scene in which God's people stand trial before their Creator for turning away from Him and from others (6:1–7:20). In this sequence, God reminds the people of His good works on their behalf, how He cared for them while they cared only for themselves. But rather than leave God's people with the fear and sting of judgment, the book of Micah concludes with the prophet's call on the Lord as his only source of salvation and mercy (7:7), pointing the people toward an everlasting hope in their everlasting God.



This month's Church myth: "Millennial theories are critical to studying Revelation"

Well, this is probably one of those moments when I will either gain supporters or lose them. This month's myth is a hot topic especially during a time when we have so many world crises going on at once. We have end times prophecies as far as the eye can see and everybody is an expert at the book of Revelation when trying to fit our current context into the story. I am probably one of the few who prefers to stay out of discussions when they turn to millennial theories and yet it seems like nobody can handle a study of Revelation without mentioning them.

I will risk losing the support of some by saying that this myth is busted because you can study the book of Revelation without having to talk about the popular millennial theories. Even though many claim that serious scholars will discuss the theories, I believe that it is possible to be serious and study without the confusion, so that is what I do when I teach from the book of Revelation.

What is a millennial theory? It is not a story about Han Solo and his spaceship although that is more interesting to me! The millennial theory is based on Revelation 20 where it says that the devil will be bound for a thousand years. Some people say that this will happen before Jesus returns while others say that Jesus will come back and reign for a thousand years while the devil is locked up. They take this to mean a literal thousand years and then work from there to create a theory that can move people to the point of confusion and frustrate them until they are no longer interested in study the wonderful book of Revelation.

I don't have time to get into this right now and it is best to have a study where we can discuss it further, but I want to offer this bite to chew on. The Greek word used for thousand in Revelation is not the same word used when describing a literal number. Strong's number G5507 means "plural of uncertain affinity; a thousand" and is used 11 times in the New Testament. The word shows up only 2 times outside Revelation and they are in 2 Peter 3:8. That is the verse where Peter says that a day with the Lord is like a thousand years. He does not mean a literal thousand years so the use of the word is for symbolic purposes. It is like saying that I have been married for a thousand years instead of saying I have been married for a really long time.

With this understanding of the word for thousand, it is logical to assume that it is symbolic in other places such as Revelation 20. And since it is symbolic, there is no need to build a theory on a literal thousand year reign and since there is no need to build a theory, there is no need to learn about the theories others have created when studying the book of Revelation. If Revelation 20 is not about a literal thousand year reign, then what is it about? Reach out to me and I will be glad to study it with you and help you understand what I see in this text.

Super

Spectacular
Scripture

Welcome to a new addition for our monthly newsletter!

As you can probably guess, this is a scavenger hunt involving the Bible. The rules are simple. Look up the text in the Bible and report it to Earl for credit. Every month, there will be a set of items for you to find and points assigned so you can focus on the ones that give you the best chance of winning. And yes, this is a competition so don't wait until the end of the month to turn this in. The rule is that you must have a Scripture reference so Earl can verify what you found and you must contact him in order to get the credit. As we go from month to month, there will be a leader board so you can keep track of how far you need to go in order to be in first place. Get ready, get set, GO!!!!!!

1. A church that has both elders and deacons (5 points) (10 points for 2 churches)
2. A King of Judah (2 points - Must be in the Southern Kingdom after Solomon before captivity)
3. A King of Israel (2 points - Must be in the Northern Kingdom after Solomon before captivity)
4. Verse about baptism (1 point) (Can have up to a total of 5 points at 1 point per reference)
5. Messianic prophecy from the Old Testament (3 points)
6. A Theophany (10 points)
7. An answer to a prayer (8 points)

Leaderboard:

1. Wil Winfrey (45 points)
2. Michaela Winfrey (36 points)
3. **You?** (This list will continue for Oct so you have time to catch up!)

(Extra 5 points to the first 3 people who complete the list and report to Earl)

Soup Kitchen Donations are Appreciated

We support our local soup kitchen once per month by supplying some of the food they need. If you would like to participate, be sure to check out the list of items needed on the communication station in the Fellowship Hall. Every can counts!

Bible Trivia Question (Send answers to Earl)**Answer to last month's question:****Melchizedek was a high priest and the King of Salem (Gen 14:18, Heb 7:1)****Winners:** Wil Winfrey/Michaela Winfrey/Michael Winfrey

Be one of the first 3 people to answer correctly and you will be a winner!



Be one of #4-10 to answer and you will receive an honorable mention!

Honorable Mention: ???**This month's question:****In which Jewish month is the Passover?**

Stand by Your God

"I will call upon him as long as I live." - Psalm 116:2b

Consider the fruit that comes from spending time with your heavenly Father. In Galatians 5, Paul writes that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (vs 22-23). Think about each item in that list. Which of us doesn't need a touch of God's love, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control in our life? Those are the things-as well as guidance, wisdom, hope, and a deeper knowledge of Him-that He wants to give to us as His children. "But," you say, "who has time? My To Do list is always longer than my day. I run from the time the alarm goes off in the morning until I fall into bed at night. How can I possibly find time to do one more thing? When could I find even a few minutes to read the Bible or pray?"

I answer your question with a question: Are you doing what's important in your day-or only what is urgent? People do what they want to do. All of us make choices, and when we don't make time for God in our day, when we don't make time for the most important relationship in our life, we are probably not making the best choice. God greatly desires to spend time alone with you. After all you are His child (John 1:12; Galatians 3:26). He created you, He loves you, and He gave His only Son for your salvation. Your heavenly Father wants to know you, and He wants to meet with you alone daily. How can you say no to such an opportunity. So make it your priority to spend time with God daily. There's not a single right time or one correct place. The only requirement for a right time with God is your willing heart. Your meeting time with God will vary according to the season of your life and the schedules you are juggling. Jesus often slipped away to be alone in prayer, but even His prayer time varied. He prayed in the morning and late at night, on a hill and in the upper room.

I know people who spend hours commuting on the California freeways who use that time to be with God. I used to get up earlier than the rest of the family for a quiet time of reading the Scripture and praying. Now that the children are raised and the home is quiet, I find morning is still best for me, before the telephone starts to ring or I get involved in the day's schedule. And maybe I'm one of the oddballs, but I love getting to church early and having 10 or 15 minutes to open my Bible and think upon God's thoughts. Despite the distracting talk that is often going on around me, I use this block of time to prepare my heart for worship. Again, the times and places where we meet God will vary, but the fact that we meet alone with God each day should be a constant in our life. After all, God has made it clear that He is interested in us who are His children. What should you do in your time alone with God? After you've read and meditated on God's Word for a while, spend some time with Him in prayer. Talk to Him as you would to your earthly parent or a special friend who loves you, desires the best for you, and wants to help you in every way possible.

Are you wondering what to talk to God about when you pray? Here are a few suggestions:

- Praise God for who He is, the Creator and Sustainer of the whole universe who is interested in each of us who are in His family (Psalm 150; Matthew 10:30).
- Thank God for all He has done for you...for all He is doing for you...and for all that He will do for you in the future (Philippians 4:6).
- Confess your sins. Tell God about the things you have done and said and thought for which you are sorry. He tells us in 1 John 1:9 that He is "faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins."
- Pray for your family...and for friends and neighbors who have needs, physical and spiritual. Ask God to work in the heart of someone you hope will come to know Jesus as Savior. Pray for our government officials, for your ministers and church officers, for missionaries and other Christian servants (Philippians 2:4).
- Pray, too, for yourself. Ask for guidance for the day ahead. Ask God to help you do His will...and ask Him to arrange opportunities to serve Him throughout the day (Philippians 4:6).

Time with your heavenly Father is never wasted. If you spend time alone with God in the morning, you'll start your day refreshed and ready for whatever comes your way. If you spend time alone with Him in the evening, you'll go to sleep relaxed, resting in His care and ready for a new day to serve Him. Remember, too, that you can talk to Him anytime, anywhere-in school, at work, on the freeway, at home-about anything. You don't have to make an appointment to ask Him for something you need or to thank Him for something you have received from Him. God is interested in everything that happens to you.

Devotion taken from "15 Minutes Alone With God" by Emilie Barnes

SYMBOLS IN REVELATION (Taken from "Revelation's Rhapsody" - Robert A. Lowery)

Symbols are a part of everyday life. We frequently understand and accept them, usually without even thinking about them. Some symbols picture what they represent, while others don't, or they may do so rather obscurely. If we hear on the news "The White House said today..." we do not picture a white building talking to us. Growing up in the United States, a citizen would know what was being communicated. But if a person from another country heard the report, the meaning could be missed, namely, "The President said today..." A visitor from another country, upon hearing the report, may get stuck on the symbol, instead of moving beyond the symbol to what it means. Why? Context is missing.

One who visits the book of Revelation can get bogged down as well. (The phrase "bogged down" is symbolic, isn't it?) We need to avoid making the mistake of getting stuck on the symbols and failing to move on to the true meanings. Many take the symbols literally: a literal beast; a literal battle of Armageddon; and a literal thousand-year period. Very few, however, would think of Jesus as a literal seven-horned and seven-eyed lamb. They would know that symbols are being used and that those symbols point to a deeper reality.

What about application? To make proper application we must understand the context. Perhaps a modern illustration will help. "The White House" in the 1950's symbolized Presidents Truman and Eisenhower; in the 1980's it represented Presidents Reagan and Bush. Over the decades the symbol always meant the current occupant of the White House - The U.S. President, often with his executive department as well - but its specific meaning changed as the administrations changed. It had a number of specific applications while preserving much in common with former meanings.

The meaning of some of the numbers

2 - Associated with witness or testimony (Rev 11:1ff) probably from the OT use (Deut 17:6)

3 - Often associated with the divine (God, Christ, Spirit - Rev 1:4ff) or even unholy forces (The dragon and the two beasts as a gang of three in Rev 12-13; the three plagues of fire in Rev 9:18; or the three unclean spirits like frogs in Rev 16:13). Three and a half years; 1260 days; time, times, and a half a time; and forty-two months are associated with a period of calamity and suffering on the part of God's people and probably have their roots in Daniel 7:25.

12 and its multiples (24 and 12,000) - The number for the people of God. In Rev 4:4, the 24 elders could represent the chosen people under both the old and new covenants.

The meaning of some of the colors

White - Usually refers to purity (Rev 1:14; 2:17; 3:4-5; 6:11; 7:9,13; 14:14; 19:14)

Black - Judgment, distress, or disaster (Rev 6:5, 12)

Green (or pale) - Associated with death (Rev 6:8)

Purple or scarlet - The splendor of evil in all its debauchery (Rev 17:3-4; 18:12,16)

PSALM 100 (Michaela Winfrey)

“(1) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! (2) Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! (3) Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! (5) For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” - Psalm 100 (ESV)

My dad has made a plan. He will preach all the Psalms before he retires. I think he could do it. This year he has finished Psalm 25, and next year he is going to start Psalm 26. He still has a long way to go, but I believe in him. I asked my dad “why are you doing this?” and he said, “Psalms is a neglected book by preachers because they often think about music when thinking about Psalms, but in reality, it has deep theological teachings for the church if the preacher decides to use them in his sermons.” In Psalm 100, it talks about God being our ruler. It also talks about how we are His sheep. The sheep ask for guidance from their shepherd if they need food or water. In the same way, we ask for guidance from our shepherd, God, for Him to help us find that spiritual food and water that we need to grow. And when we grow, we stay healthy so we can go out into the world and tell people about Him.

My First Football Game (Wil Winfrey)

September, 17, 2020 was supposed to be my first football game, but it was postponed until October, 15, 2020. That made my first official game on September, 24, 2020 and we whooped Spartanburg Christian Academy thirty-six to nothing. It was a great game for us but we did have some penalties like block in the back & holding. Thinking about that game, I have a question. What can we learn from this?

The first lesson we can learn is that a perfect game does not exist. Even if we win by several touchdowns, there will always be something we need to improve for the next game. Our second lesson is that no matter what happens, win or lose, there will be another game so we need to move on to prepare for the next game. My dad told me that his coach used to say that you celebrate the win over the weekend but come to practice on Monday ready for the next game.

When thinking about the church, there will be many moments like our game where we win. There will also be moments like the game for the other team where we lose miserably. In both cases, we need to learn the lessons from the moment and get ready for the next opportunity for serving the Lord.

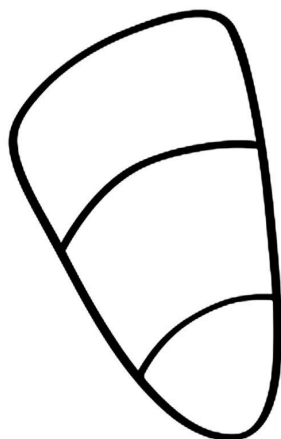
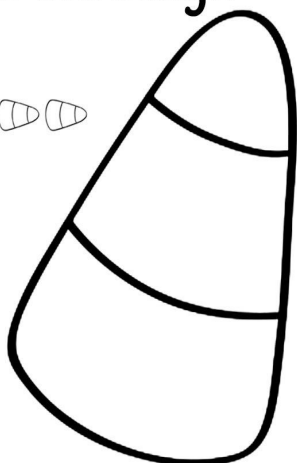
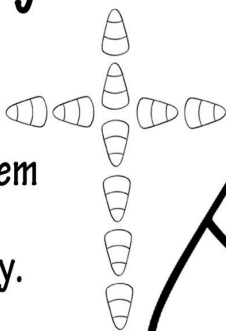
Life Lessons (Written by Andy Rooney)

I've learned....

That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

Count your Blessings

And
Name them
Day by day.
You'll be reminded



Extrahelp
Overflows to you,
Right now, in
Nearly every way.



Pumpkin Prayer Cards



The Pumpkin Prayer

cut open the top:

Lord open my mind and fill me with your wisdom

scoop out the inside:

Lord, take out all my sin and fill me with your love

carve the eyes:

Lord open my eyes to see your glory

carve the nose:

Lord let my life be a sweet aroma to you

carve the mouth:

Lord help me to speak your words of truth and love

place candle inside:

Lord fill me with your light to shine for all to see.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All events subject to change if needed	Daily Scriptures are given for us in anticipation of the sermon	Pray for FCC reminder to pray for our church every Tuesday	Midweek Bible Study for all ages (6:00pm)	Mission of the Month: Greenwood Pathway House	Elders meet as needed. For questions, see Frank or Marvin	Weekly bulletin will have the most current information
Prayer - 9:30am Coffee - 9:45am S.S. - 10am Worship - 11am				1 Luke 13:22-35	2 Gal 6:1-10	3 Rev 2:18-29
4	5 Phil 2:12-18	6 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Phil 4:1-9	7 1 Tim 5:1-8	8 Matt 23:16-28	9 (1 Thes 5:1-11) Game Night 6:00pm Bring Snacks	10 Rev 3:1-6
11	12 Job 12:14-25	13 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Psalm 86	14 Hosea 4:1-9	15 1 Thes 4:13-18	16 Isaiah 56:1-8	17 Rev 3:7-13
18	19 Prov 8:1-11	20 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Prov 8:12-21	21 Prov 8:22-36	22 (Josh 24:14-28) Newsletter Submissions Due	23 Heb 10:26-39	24 Rev 3:14-22
25 Fellowship Meal after Worship	26 Psalm 23	27 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Genesis 22:1-19	28 Matt 6:19-34	29 Matt 10:1-16	30 Phil 4:10-20	31 1 Kings 17

