

# FOOTPRINTS



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

### "THANK YOU" ARE POWERFUL WORDS

Gracias, merci, danke, toda, grazie, arigato, hank-tay ou-yay, thank you! There are many different ways to say thank you depending on what language you speak, but the intention is the same throughout. The idea is to show gratitude for something in your life. Although we have grown up learning how to say thank you, there are times when we forget to be thankful for the blessings in life. As for me, I have much to be thankful for. My family is in good health, we have a roof over our heads and money to pay bills. The Wee Ones are involved in sports and studies as they are great students at Greenwood Christian School. Along with that, our church has a bright future ahead of us and I can see God's hand in our activities as we continue to reach out to the people around us.

As we move through the month, we will begin preparations for the season of Advent, but we should not allow Thanksgiving to pass us by in the process. Let's try our best to maintain an attitude of gratitude throughout November.



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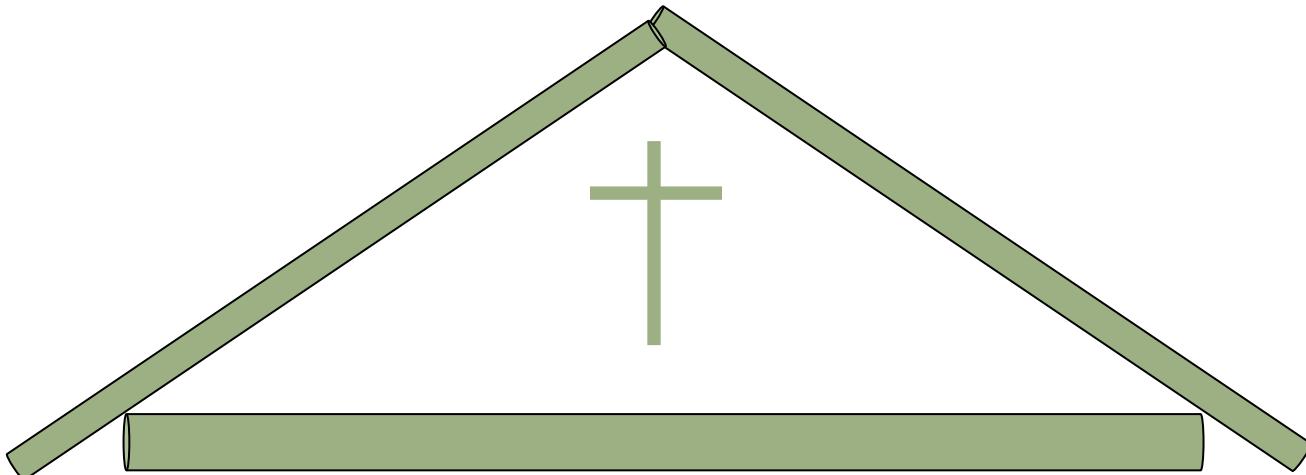
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keep our records up to date.

### 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 November 1:

- Prayer Emphasis: Material blessings
- Core 52:
  - + Read Mark 16; John 11
  - + Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:14
  - + Meditate on Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:25, 20:1-31

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

### Week of November 8:

- Prayer Emphasis: Spiritual blessings
- Core 52:
  - + Read Luke 15
  - + Memorize Ephesians 2:8
  - + Meditate on Acts 15:11; Romans 3:23-24, 10:13

### Week of November 15:

- Prayer Emphasis: Physical blessings
- Core 52:
  - + Read Acts 15
  - + Memorize Ephesians 4:4-7
  - + Meditate on John 17:20-21; Galatians 3:28; Eph 4:11-16

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 November 22:

- Prayer Emphasis: Relational blessings
- Core 52:
  - + Read Genesis 37, 39-41
  - + Memorize Philippians 2:5-7
  - + Meditate on Proverbs 29:23; John 3:30; 1 Peter 5:5-7

### Week of November 29:

- Prayer Emphasis: Emotional blessings
- Core 52:
  - + Read Genesis 42-45
  - + Memorize Philippians 4:6
  - + Meditate on Matthew 6:33; Luke 10:41-42; 2 Corinthians 10:5

## "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!

## PREPARE FOR TOUGH TIMES

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

There is one thing you can count on in business and in life - tough times will come. The wise manager prepares for them. Many companies that once had great success, even over long periods of time, were wiped out when the tough times came because they were not prepared for them.

Jesus continually prepared His followers for the tough times. Over and over He warned them that the trials would come, both to Him and to them. Some of His sternest rebukes were issued when the disciples refused to heed His warnings about the difficult days ahead.

Jesus' preparation paid off to an extraordinary degree. From the stoning of Stephen to the crucifixion of Peter, the toughest of all tough times, martyrdom, came to all disciples. Yet because of the way Jesus had prepared them, they persevered. They triumphed. And their enterprise, the Church, didn't fall apart when the tough times came. On the contrary, after going through the traumas, sorrows, and persecutions, the Church emerged stronger and more vibrant than ever. It is axiomatic in business that those enterprises that are prepared to stand the inevitable tough times and can survive the shake-ups will eventually prosper and even dominate a business segment.

In business, it is necessary to prepare for both the general tough times and the specific periods of crisis that are likely to come to your enterprise. All economies are cyclical. There will be downturns, recessions, and maybe even depressions. There are likely to be times of crisis specific to your business. Both a crisis plan and a general damage-control plan need to be in place. Jesus, showing His great wisdom, invested a great deal of His most precious time in teaching and planning for the tough times. So should you.

## STAND UP FOR YOUR PEOPLE

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

When outsiders criticize your staff, they are indirectly criticizing you. So when you stand up for your people, you are building loyalty and camaraderie while also defending yourself. Jesus always defended His disciples. When the Pharisees criticized them, He knew He was the ultimate target of their scorn. It must have engendered a great feeling among the disciples to have the Master come to their defense. When your people are doing their best, when they are honest in their efforts to serve, stand up for them in the face of outside criticism. Jesus showed great loyalty. Follow His lead!

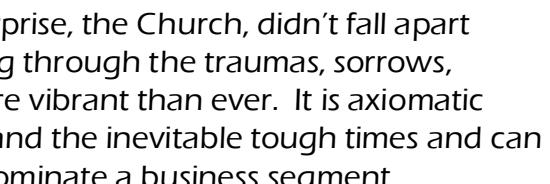
## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

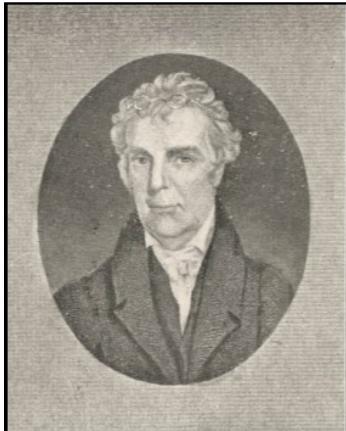
Every 2nd Friday, we have a game night at the church. We start at 6:00pm and end when we are finished playing. Feel free to bring snacks to share and... **Invite your friends to come with you!**

## Who will be our Next Man Up?

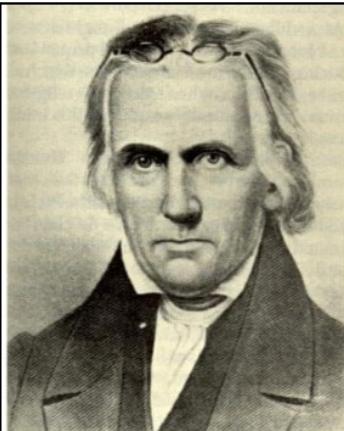


**Mentoring today for a better tomorrow**

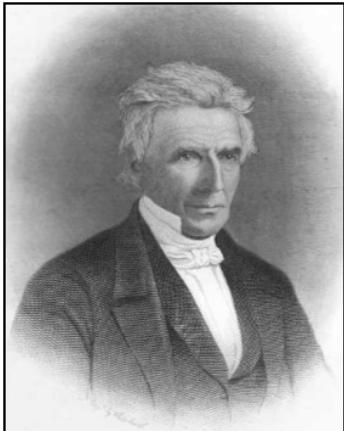




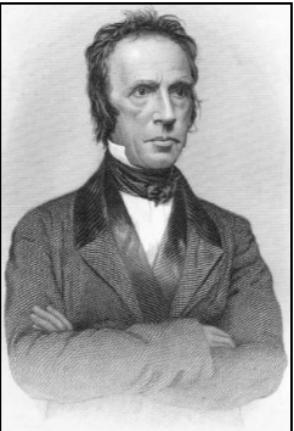
Barton Stone



Thomas Campbell



Alexander Campbell



Walter Scott

## REFLECTIONS ON THE RESTORATION

"Shall We Gather At The River? Part 2"

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

### Stone-Campbell Union:

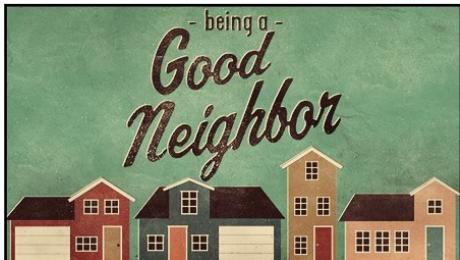
1. In the late 1820's, Ministers from Barton Stone side worked with Walter Scott in Ohio
2. Sept 1829, letter in the Christian Messenger "Why don't we unite with the Campbells?" Alexander Campbell hesitated but eventually decided to unite:

#### Similarities:

- Committed to Christian Unity
- Accept the Scriptures alone as authoritative
- Christ alone is the object of faith
- Reject Calvinism
- Man has free will
- Baptism by immersion
- Scriptural names

#### Differences:

- Stone emphasized unity and Campbell emphasized doctrine
- Stone was not as quick to emphasize baptism for remission of sins
- Stone called ordained preachers "Elders" and others "Unordained preachers"
- Stone still used frontier camp meetings and emotionalism to a point
- Stone did not have communion every week at first
- Stone still had trouble with the Trinity and Atonement doctrines
- Stone used the name Christian and Campbell preferred Disciples of Christ



## 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

### The 7 Churches Mentioned in Revelation

Now that we have finished the series on the seven churches in Asia Minor, here is an overview to help us remember what Jesus said:



**Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7):** The church at Ephesus is commended for its steadfastness, especially against false apostles. But while standing for the truth, they had lost their first love. Exhorted to repent and be restored by doing the "first works", they are warned that their "lampstand" would be removed if they did not repent.

**Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11):** The church at Smyrna is commended for being "rich" despite their tribulation and poverty. Unlike most churches, there are no words of condemnation directed toward it. While they would experience a little persecution, they are exhorted to remain faithful to death.

**Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17):** The church at Pergamum is also praised for its steadfastness, but faulted for allowing false teachers in their midst. The Lord threatens to come and fight with the sword of His mouth if there is no repentance.

**Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29):** The church at Thyatira is also commended, for their last works are more than their first. But they too have a false teacher and followers which jeopardize the condition of the church. Despite giving this "Jezebel" time to repent, she has not and so the Lord intends to make her and her followers an example before the other churches.

**Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6):** The church in Sardis is rebuked for having a name that they are alive, when in reality they are dead. With their works not perfected before God, they are exhorted to be watchful and to strengthen the things which remain. They are also told to remember how they had received and heard in the past, to hold fast and repent. Otherwise, the Lord will come upon them as a thief in the night. Notice is taken, however, of a few in Sardis who had not defiled their garments and are still worthy, who are promised to walk with the Lord in white.

**Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13):** The church in Philadelphia is promised an open door that none can shut because they had kept the Lord's word and not denied His name. Their enemies, those who claim to be Jews but are not, will be made to bow down before them, and the church will be kept from the trial that was about to test those on the earth. With an announcement of His quick coming, they are exhorted to hold fast what they have that none take their crown.

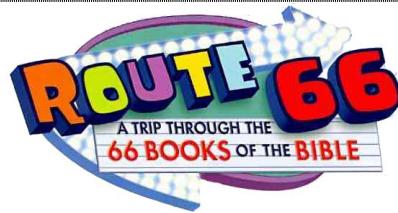
**Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22):** The church of Laodicea is then described as lukewarm, for which the Lord threatens to spew them out of His mouth. While claiming to be rich, they are blind to their true condition. Therefore the Lord counsels them to buy from Him those things they truly need. His words are indicative of His love for them, and the fact that He stands ready to reenter their hearts if they will open to Him.

## The Minor Prophets: Nahum

(Several sources used each month)

### Who wrote the book?

The only mention in Scripture of Nahum the Elkoshite occurs in the first verse of his own book. While scholars have proposed a number of theories about Nahum's hometown, Elkosh, the best option identifies it with a city in southern Judah that later came to be known as Elcesi, near where the prophet Micah lived. Nahum's prophecy against the city of Nineveh would have been significant for the people of Judah, who would have needed encouragement in the face of the terrifying power of the Assyrian Empire.



The book of Nahum mentions the recent fall of No-amon, or Thebes, which occurred in 663 BC (Nahum 3:8), as well as the coming destruction of Nineveh, which happened in 612 BC (1:1; 3:11–15). But when, during this more than fifty-year period, did Nahum preach? The Assyrian Empire, which had its capital at Nineveh, was at its most powerful in the first half of this period, having a stranglehold on Judah during King Manesseh's reign (2 Chronicles 33:10–13). Also, while the book of Nahum mentions the destruction of Thebes, it does not mention its reconstruction, which took place in 654 BC. This leads us to date Nahum's prophecy between the years of 663 and 654 BC.

Nahum preached during the reign of King Manesseh, one of the most evil kings in Judah's long history, a man who needed the pain of his own experience to teach him the lessons of being a good king. Commentator J. Barton Payne suggests that Manasseh's great conversion took place late in his reign, around 648 BC, a mere half-dozen years before his death.<sup>1</sup> That means Nahum preached during the darkest period in Judah's history to that point, a time filled with idolatry of all kinds in a nation that had completely turned its back on God. The Lord's willingness to send Nahum, whose name means "comfort," into such a hopeless situation evidences His unrelenting and overwhelming grace.<sup>2</sup>

### Why is Nahum so important?

Nahum's singular focus on the impending judgment of Nineveh offers a continuation of the story that began in Jonah. Sometime around 760 BC, God sent Jonah to Nineveh to preach repentance and hope to the Assyrian people, a message they heard and adopted—at least for a time. One hundred years later, during the time of Nahum, the Assyrians had returned to their bullish ways, conquering the northern kingdom of Israel and lording their power over Judah in the south (2 Kings 17:1–6; 18:13–19:37). Jonah failed to realize what Nahum reminded the people of Judah: God's justice is always right and always sure. Should He choose to grant mercy for a time, that good gift will not compromise the Lord's ultimate sense of justice for all in the end.

After allowing approximately two hundred years of powerful Assyrian kings and rulers, God announced through Nahum His plans to judge the city of Nineveh. While the book as a whole clearly shows God's concern over sin, His willingness to punish those guilty of wickedness, and His power to carry out His desire for judgment, it also contains rays of hope shining through the darkness. Most significant, the people of Judah would have immediately taken hope in the idea that Nineveh, their primary oppressor for generations, would soon come under judgment from God. Also, a small but faithful remnant in an increasingly idolatrous Judah would have been comforted by declarations of God's slowness to anger (Nahum 1:3), His goodness and strength (1:7), and His restorative power (2:2).



### This month's Church myth: "All Christians vote the same way" (Originally written in 2018)

Unfortunately, this myth is a hard one to deal with. No matter how much you preach diversity in the midst of unity, it is likely that you will have a church that is predominately one way or the other when dealing with politics. In a church where most of the people are Republican, you will get pressured to preach against the Democrats. In a church where most of the people are Democrats, you will be pressured to loosen your grip on reality... I'm just kidding! I have many friends who are Democrats and to my surprise, some friends who shocked me when I found out that they voted Democrat. Yes, it is true. There are some Bible believing, God fearing, conservative Democrats, and they just might be attending your church!

For this reason, it is critical that we stay away from bashing one group or another because there could be people who disagree with the majority of our church and yet they still worship with us every week.

In times like these, I am reminded of the solid advice my former youth minister gave me. He said that the pulpit is for preaching the gospel, not pushing agenda. He said it in the context of a church split that was on the horizon, but it applies to politics too. It does not matter what the political view of the preacher is when he steps into the pulpit. At that point, he is the mouthpiece for God, not the majority leader for politics. If we can keep this in mind, we will have a much better time preaching and changing lives because we won't be wrapped up in conversations based on a political leaning as a result of a sermon that was preached.

Does this mean we should stay away from preaching against political issues? That is a tough one to answer because issues like abortion go much deeper than the political surface. Abortion is a morality issue because it involves a matter of life and death. We can and should preach the Bible at all times and if the Bible is clear about an issue like abortion, we should not be afraid to preach boldly and confidently because we have studied. And there is the key to effective preaching. We must first study and make sure the Bible says what we are trying to say it says.

Overall, this myth is definitely busted when you look at the people in your church. A simple conversation can be enough to show that not all Christians vote the same way so we cannot assume that the church supports one side or the other. Not only is it against the law to endorse specific candidates officially, but it is also a bad idea to call people evil based on their voting practices. Preach the Bible, and nothing else. That will keep you on the right side of God.

Super  
Spectacular  
Scripture



Welcome to a new addition for our monthly newsletter!  
(New questions added this month along with a few repeats)

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 meal that Jesus attended (5 points) (10 points for 2 meals)
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 sacrifice (1 point each up to 10 total points)
7. An answer to a prayer (8 points)

**Leaderboard:**

1. Wil Winfrey (45 points)
2. Michaela Winfrey (36 points)
3. You? (If you would like a chance to get extra points, see Earl ASAP)

(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:

The Passover is observed in the Jewish month Abib (Deut 16:1)

**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:

One of the ten plagues of Egypt was the plague of boils, but which number was it?

### A Prayer for All Seasons

"Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding." - Colossians 1:9

Time has a way of defining true friends. I have discovered that passing years and growing distance are ineffective obstacles to the mutual love between my friends and me. Perhaps it is because of our common walk with the Lord that we can just pick up where we left off whenever we are together. And these are the dear ones I will spend eternity loving!

Of course, prayer is an important part of continuing that bond. Colossians 1:3-14 is an eloquent description of a Christian's prayer for her friends. Even though Paul had not even visited the Christians at Colosse (Colossians 1:7), his love for them through Christ was strong and ardent. As we spend time with God, we open ourselves to His work in our hearts and in our lives. Then, as we see Him working, we'll want to know Him even more. We will want our prayer life to be all that it can be. What does that mean? How should we be praying?

In the scripture, we find many models of prayer, and probably foremost is the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). This wonderful example of a prayer includes important elements of prayer. We find words of adoration, of submission to God's will, of petition, and in closing, of praise. We can learn much from the model our Lord gave when His disciples said, "Teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1)

As meaningful as the Lord's Prayer is to me, I have also found Colossians 1:9-12 to be a powerful guide in my prayer life. If you aren't in the habit of praying or if you want to renew your time with God, I challenge you to read this passage of Scripture every day for 30 days. Look at it in small pieces, dwell on its message each day, take action upon what it says, and you'll become a new person. Read today's scripture passage again and think about what a wonderful prayer it is for you to pray for your friends. Knowing that a friend is praying for me is a real source of encouragement and support. If you aren't praying for your friends daily, let me suggest that Colossians 1:9-12 be your model. Look at what you'll be asking God:

That your friend will have the spiritual wisdom and understanding she needs to know God's will.

That she will "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please him, in all respects" (verse 10)

That your friend will be bearing "fruit in all good work and increasing in knowledge of God" (verse 10)

That she will be strengthened with all power...for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience (verse 10)

You would then end your prayer by joyously giving thanks to God for all that He has given you—your friend being one of those gifts (verse 12). Did you hear those words? What an armor of protection and growth you can give your friend with a prayer like that! With these powerful words and the Lord at her side, your friend will be able to deal with the challenges she faces. I also encourage you to tell your friend that you are praying for her each day, and if she is receptive, tell her the specifics of your prayers for her. Let me assure you that it is a real comfort to have a friend praying for me, asking God to give me wisdom and understanding, to enable me to honor Him in all I do, to help me bear fruit for His kingdom, and to grant me strength, steadfastness, and patience.

Know, too, that these verses from Colossians are a good model for your prayer for your husband, other members of your family, your neighbors, and yourself. After all, all of God's people need to know His will, honor Him in everything they do, grow in the knowledge of the Lord, and be strong, steadfast, and patient as we serve him.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN VOTE

With the election coming up in November, how important is it that Christians vote? Ambassador Alan Keyes summarized it this way: "What should be uppermost in the minds of Christian voters as they go to the polls on Tuesday? What is the real meaning of patriotic responsibility for Christians in the often very worldly business of American politics? Our first call is not an allegiance of party; it is not an allegiance of personal interest; it is not an allegiance to social good. Our first call is our allegiance to God Almighty. And at the expense of all things, we must serve that allegiance – for that is what Our Lord did and that is what, by His example, we are called to do."

Mark Twain wrote: "It will be conceded that a Christian's first duty is to God. It then follows, as a matter of course, that it is his duty to carry his Christian code of morals to the polls and vote them. Whenever he shall do that, he will not find himself voting for an unclean man, a dishonest man. If Christians would vote their duty to God at the polls, they would carry every election, and do it with ease. Their prodigious power would be quickly realized and recognized, and afterward there would be no unclean candidates upon any ticket, and graft would cease. If the Christians of America could be persuaded to vote God and a clean ticket, it would bring about a moral revolution that would be incalculably beneficent. It would save the country."

James M. Hutchens, in his column Dateline: Heaven, said, "If you are a Christian and your view of the world is determined by the Bible, you need to vote for candidates whose record and views are most in keeping with what God says in the Bible, and who has demonstrated the least opposition to the clear intent of Scripture."

The Bible makes it clear that Christian's have a patriotic responsibility. The book of Proverbs states "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." (Prov. 14:34) Jesus himself said in the Sermon on the Mount, "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, how will it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city cannot be hidden when it is located on a hill. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket. Instead, everyone who lights a lamp puts it on a lampstand. Then its light shines on everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:13-16) If one doubts the importance of a single vote, here are some examples from history that testify to the fact that each vote indeed counts.

The year is. . .

- 1800 - One vote gives Thomas Jefferson the presidency over Aaron Burr.
- 1839 - One vote wins the Massachusetts governorship for Marcus Morton.
- 1868 - One vote saves Andrew Johnson's presidency.
- 1923 - One vote won Hitler the leadership of the Nazi party
- 1941 - One vote strengthens selective service before World War II.
- 1960 - One vote per precinct gives JFK the presidency.
- 1993 - One vote by Al Gore approves the largest tax increase in history.

Finally, while the matter of which candidate to choose is between the individual and God, it goes without saying that Christians must cast a vote declaring a moral mandate, a return to godliness, and a biblical standard of righteousness. If there has ever been a time when our nation stands at a moral crossroad, it is now. Christian, your vote IS important. Vote your conscience and convictions; vote your values and beliefs; but most of all Christians. . .VOTE!

## VOLLEYBALL (Michaela Winfrey)

Volleyball is a very important sport. It is all about moving your feet and your mouth. If you don't move your feet, you won't get to the ball quick enough and the point goes to the other team. If you don't move your mouth and speak, you might run into your teammates while trying to get the ball. It is very much like evangelism. If you don't move your feet, you will not get to the people who need to hear the word of God. If you don't speak, then the word of God won't get out to the people.

When trying to get the word of God out to others, you have to make sure they can hear you. One day at volleyball practice, our coach made us run for the ball and scream as loud as you can saying "Mine! Mine! Mine!" or "Got it! Got it! Got it!", and everybody's voice was lost by the time we were done. If you have ever been to a volleyball game, you would know how loud it could get. That is how loud we should be trying to get people to hear the word. If we don't move our feet and our mouths, we will never get the people to hear what God is saying to you through the Bible.

## SPIDER-MAN (Wil Winfrey)

Spider-man is one of the most popular superheroes out there; he has super powers which are being able to cling to any surface, sort of a sixth sense alerting him to danger, but it doesn't work all the time, super human strength and speed, but can be stopped, and possibly killed by using pesticides. He can shoot webs with the help of his web shooters, and has five hundred seventy-six possible web shooter combinations (According to Spider-man Homecoming), but water can, and will disable them. Much like Peter's web shooters, the church can be disabled when hardships come, but we can be resilient to said hardships with the help of God, and he can't be killed with pesticides, or be caught off guard, or get sore from getting hit too many times. So how do we get God's help?

The good thing is God is only a prayer away to hear our needs, and will help us, and we don't have to worry about cellphone service, all we have to do is close our eyes and talk to Him like He is there right in front of us. Along with prayer we have the bible which can be used to study and help us grow stronger in faith, and with the strong faith we can stand up to the devil, like the way Spider-man stands up to his enemies.

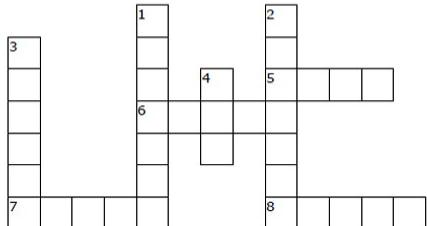
## Life Lessons (Written by Andy Rooney)

I've learned....

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

## Giving Thanks

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4  
Puzzle is based on Psalm 100



### ACROSS

- 5. A short piece of music that is sung
- 6. To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
- 7. A small animal with a wooly coat
- 8. The planet where people live

### DOWN

- 1. To express one's love and adoration for God
- 2. A field covered with grass where animals eat
- 3. An expression of appreciation
- 4. A feeling of great happiness

WORSHIP	SONG	JOY	THANKS
PASTURE	EARTH	SHOUT	SHEEP

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WORSHIP	EARTH	JOY	LOVE	ENTER
ENDURES	FOREVER	SHEEP	THANKS	SHOUT
SONGS	PASTURE	GLADNESS	GATES	PRAISE

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Prayer - 9:30am Coffee - 9:45am S.S. - 10am Worship - 11am	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 (5:00pm)	Mission of the Month: <b>Greenwood Pathway House</b>	All events subject to change if needed	Weekly bulletin will have the most current information
1	2  Ex 31:1-11	3 <u>Pray for FCC</u>  Ex 35:30-36:7	4  Ps 51:10-19	5  Zech 4:1-9	6  John 6:25-40	7  1 Kg 18:16-39
8	9  Nehemiah 9	10 <u>Pray for FCC</u>  Ez 37:1-14	11  Matt 14:13-21	12  Luke 12:13-34	13 (2 Peter 1:3-11) Game Night 6:00pm Bring Snacks	14  1 Kg 19:1-8
15	16  Ex 18:13-27	17 <u>Pray for FCC</u>  Num 11:4-17	18  Psalm 62	19 (John 16) Newsletter Submissions Due	20  John 17	21  1 Kg 19:9-18
22 Fellowship Meal after Worship Youth Sunday	23  Psalm 46	24 <u>Pray for FCC</u>  Prov 25:6-14	25 No Midweek Study tonight  Mk 10:42-45	26 Thanksgiving  Eph 4:1-6	27  Phil 2:1-4	28  Luke 14:1-11
29 Chris Crawford Preaching Advent begins	30  1 Chron 24		Elders meet as needed. For questions, see Frank or Marvin			



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