

The Marbury Messenger

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New Life in Christ

Your Heavenly Father loves you unconditionally and longs to begin a personal love relationship with you. The Bible tells us that we all fall short of God's righteous standard (Romans 3:23). Because of this, we are separated from Him and spiritually dead. However, because He loves us, God sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place as payment for our sin (John 3:16)

God says in the Bible, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved: (Romans 10:9).

You can begin a personal relationship with God, right now. You may wish to pray a prayer like this: *Dear God, I understand I am a sinner, but I believe Jesus died for my sins, and I now accept His gift of eternal life. Thank you for forgiving my sins. Thank you for my new life. From this day on, I choose to follow You and Your will for my life. Amen.*

Source: *Journey*, December 2009

Rededicate
Your Life
to  Christ

Our Father

"Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptations,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever.
Amen"

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

In His Steps

I had a dream one wintry night
As the moon was shining full and bright
The snow fell softly on a tree
That stood alone just like me.

There I saw Jesus walking by
His caring look caught my eye
He put a bow upon the tree
A symbol of His Love for me.

I woke up thinking of what I'd dreamed
Amazed at just how real it seemed
Then through my window I saw the bow
Crimson red on the pure white snow.

With the ribbons flowing down the tree
Just like His blood He shed for me
I was in awe of the beautiful bow
Then I saw His footprints in the snow.

----Lois Lievens

Dear Church Family,

It has been fifteen years since my Dad died and almost twenty-four since my Mother died. Even after all that time I still miss them very much.

From time to time I have thoughts about something they taught me.

One of the most important things that they taught me was not to give up. If you want to do something bad enough there is always a way.

Taylor is nine years old now and one of the most important things I have tried to teach him is: Bean Boys Never Give Up!

I was reminded of how much my parents taught me as I read an excerpt from one of Robert Schuller's books: *Power Thoughts*. It was entitled: "I Will Not Quit".

He told of how his father's farm was destroyed by a tornado. The house, the animals, and the crops were all gone in a matter of ten minutes. All of the neighbors farms also were destroyed and they moved away.

Not so for Dr. Schuller's father. He bought an old house, took it apart and rebuilt it on his farm. Within five years his father had paid off the mortgage and was prospering more than he had been before.

His father would not quit. His slogan was "I WILL NOT QUIT!"

Dr. Schuller says, "Now each time a problem comes along, I remember how he held on and came out a winner!"

Schuller ends the thought with: "When it looks like it's all over, hold on! Things are going to get better. They always do, if you just believe."

What we live for and teach our children, family, and friends can have a powerful impact on us and the people around us.

That thought also carries over to our Spiritual lives. What do people see in our lives? Do they see us willing to be faithful to God no matter what?

What we teach our children, family, and friends can draw them closer to God.

In closing, we are having a great year. I challenge you to keep on being faithful to God.

DON'T GIVE UP!

Love in Christ,



A Special Ministry

Last summer, Emma Daniel Gray died in Washington, D.C., at age 95. At the memorial service, Bishop Royce Woods told the congregation about the special ministry Gray practiced every night for 24 years, as she cleaned the Oval Office. She paused behind the president's chair and offered a prayer for blessings, wisdom and safety.

"You couldn't be around her and not know what she believed," Woods said. "She always believed there was a higher power to grab on to that would lift you above any circumstance, and she was always able to do that. She preached her own eulogy by the life that she lived."

Now Is the Time

We live in troubling times, with wars, poverty, hunger, economic woes, health scares and more. So what now?

Believe this: We Christians will survive the test! "Faith, prayer and discipline will bring us victory. Our love for God and the need for worship, Christian education and joyous fellowship will ultimately prevail."

A pastor who worked in a city's poverty-stricken area was asked how his work was going. He answered "It is a hand-to-mouth existence: God's hand providing for our mouths." So it may be for many churches and people today. But God promises to see us through.

The Pastor's Longest Walk

A young pastor was called serve a 3,000 member church where the retiring pastor had served for 26 years. On his first Sunday, the choir began proceeding up the center aisle, singing the opening hymn. The pastor nervously trailed behind.

The pulpit appeared to be very far away; the endless aisle seemed as long as a football field. The pastor was walking but felt as if he were getting nowhere. The hymn dragged on forever. His hands shook, and he was perspiring. He felt unsure to himself. Would he be accepted? Could he communicate clearly?

Later, when the pastor described the experience to friends, he said it felt like the longest walk he'd ever taken. Now that he's been that church's pastor for 10 years, he doesn't think that aisle is so long after all.

Like in the famous "Footprints" poem, God had carried this man during a time of anxiety. By relying on God's strength, the pastor was able to face uncertainty and gratefully serve God in return.

Church Mouse



Please Pray for:

Dale & Rosemary Arbogast; Hazel Brady; George & Betty Cockerham, Esther Dudley ; George & Marie Eccard; Norma Hurley; Dorothy (Hampton) Jamison; Marian Kellam; Ruth King; George Rothgeb; Donna Schaeffer; Ellen Shaffer; Elizabeth Warder; Dorothy Wright and all of our Church Family.

Recap of Significant Events

During the past several months several booklets have been published. Our Constitution was re-written, reviewed and adopted.

The Church Council began meeting regularly with the beginning of the new church year. Children's Ministry continues to meet and make plans for the coming year.

Worship KIDSTYLE continues to be a successful program for our younger children during the Sunday Morning Worship time.

"Three Christmas Greetings for the Holiday Season", the Children's play was an awesome performance. I hope you did not miss it! Copies of the DVD can be provided upon your request. Thanks to Sallie Gomez, Gail Elrod and their troupe for their participation.

Our annual Breakfast With Santa was well attended. There were pancakes, sausage, grits, scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee and juice—"enough to feed an Army." If you went away hungry, shame on you.

Picture taking, cookie decorating, carol singing and the reading of the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus were all part of the day. Our great CHEF, Pastor Tim and his fabulous cooks prepared the food.

We observed Christmas Eve by gathering for a candlelight, service including inspiring music, encouraging words from Bible readings and by participating in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Adult Choir under the direction of John Bethune, Interim Minister of Music, were to present their annual cantata, "Welcome to Our World" on Sunday, December 20th, but, due to "inclement" weather it was postponed until January 3, 2010. (See picture on right.)

On Sunday, January 10 the church licensed Wayne Matthews to preach the Gospel. Wayne also has his own W. M. Lord Led Ministry. He currently is in Haiti helping in the disaster relief there.

We have just published another booklet containing our latest Church Directory, a list of Officers and Teachers, the Budget, our Deacons, our Prayer Chain and the Church Calendar of events for 2010.

We look forward to the new Year and the events planned for next year.

BIG THANKS

Perhaps you made cookies, provided lunch, made costumes, painted backdrops, came to practice or brought your children or you just attended; no matter what, you made all a success! Thank you to all who made these events possible..



The entrance to the office from the January 19-20 Snow.

You might notice it looks a little different. Remodeling of the office was done in December under the direction of Billy Moore, together with the help of George Dudley and Ken Bowie, Sr. Our grateful thanks go to these gentlemen, and three ladies, Nary France Newland, Helena Paulk and Millie Raby, who helped Mildred with washing, ironing and rehanging curtains.

Directory Change:

Correct Phone Number
BOWIE, Ken 743-7531

Please mark your new directory with this change.

Retirement

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Master Sergeant Beatrice Morris on her retirement from the United States Air Force on Friday, January 22 after 30 years of service to our country.

Safe Nights

Again this year MBC is partnering with Lifestyles to provide adequate shelter, food and transportation for the homeless in Charles County.

This year we have agreed to supply two weeks; February 7 thru February 14 and again March 14 thru March 21.

Housekeeping is a vital part of this week's schedule. We will need cooks, servers, dishwashers, bathroom/kitchen attendants, monitors, laundry, pickup trucks and drivers.

We have a need for many volunteers (some have already signed up) to make this a successful event. A list of items needed is in your Sunday bulletin. Donations of money/checks should be made out to MBC; placed in an envelope, marked "Safe Nights".

Carrie Brady is our Coordinator, again this year. You may contact her at 240-682-5193. Please sign-up on the sheets provided or let Carrie know if you can help.

We covet your prayers and your help.

A New Year's Resolution

Economically speaking, 2009 was a dreadful year for many families around the world. Some lost homes, cars, and jobs. Many are unable to fund college educations for their children, and bank accounts have dwindled. What will 2010 bring: movement toward less of everything or toward a more hopeful future?

Here's a good resolution to make: "Our family will pay close attention to our income, our savings and our necessary purchases. We will keep a record of every dollar spent and every dollar saved."

Money accumulated, invested and given wisely will bring peace of mind and the ability to contribute more to the church and people in need. Families must develop a healthy attitude toward money. Scripture doesn't condemn money; it simply warns against loving it or making it an idol (1 Timothy 6:10).

With God as our mentor, nearly every family can avoid having crushing debt. Wise stewardship brings relief and unbridled joy to those who practice it. As economist George Humphrey said, "I don't think you can spend yourself rich."

Youth News

by Melanie Hallock

On January 16th the Youth had a Game Night in the fellowship hall. We played games, ate pizza, and participated in a devotion based on making Jesus the "MVP" of our lives. Thank you for all who came out and joined us!

This month we will be helping prepare for Safe Nights, a ministry for the Homeless in Charles County. We will be packing lunches after church on Sunday, February 7. We will have lunch together and devotion time. Pick up time will be 3:30pm. If you have any question contact Melanie Hallock at 301-266-1049. We'll see you there!



I Must Tell Jesus

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone;;
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;
He is a kind, compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him, He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end.

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior,
One who can help my burdens to bear;
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus;
He all my cares and sorrows will share.

O how the world to evil allures me!
O how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me
Over the world the vict'ry to win.

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone;
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

Elisha A Hoffman, 1839-1929
CCLI 698253



*** A JAR OF ***
Love and Appreciation



Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

What you need:


- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

What you do:

1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hope, always perseveres. Love never fails.....Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. An now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

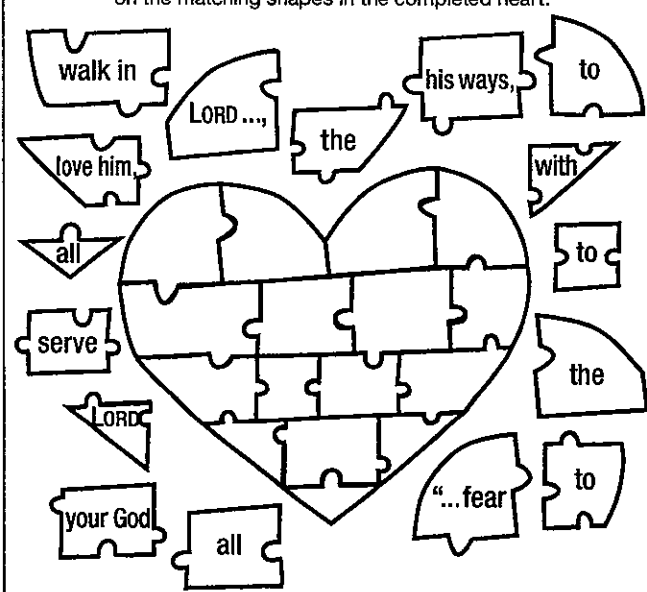
I Corinthians 13:4:8a; 12b:13



Our first love

In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.



... your heart and with all your soul ..."

Answer: "...fear the LORD ...", "to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all ..."

Coming Events - February

- 7 - Lord's Supper
- Deacons' Meeting
- 7 - 14 - Safe Nights
- 8 - Women On Mission
- 15 - Articles for Newsletter Due
- 15 - Presidents's Day
- Office Closed
- 17 - Monthly Business Meeting
- 21 - Baptist Women's Day
- Soup-Salad Lunch
- 22 - Women On Mission

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January Anniversaries

3 Jane & Dan Gallagher
5 Heather & David Bastain
12 Virginia & Tim King
16 . Sharlene & Rodney Thompson
19 Terry & Danny Dulin
28 Pat & Bill Wagner

February Anniversaries

2 Robin & Greg Armstrong
12 Dorothy & Jay Wright
24 Pat & Jim Dawson
..... Susan & Lee Patterson
27 Irma & Bernie Dalcanton

January Birthdays

1 Jimmy Baldwin
..... Craig Wheeler
2 Sedrina Cobey
3 Hollie Matthews,
... Lynette Rohring, Tammy Ryman
6 Bill Wagner
7 ... Brenda Bowie, Kyle Murphy
8 ... Jaime Fooks, Janice Matthews
9 Holly Busey,
... Hilda Hartman, Christine Lambdin
10 Sophia Gallagher
11 Lindsay Funkhouser,
Elizabeth Golden, Letha Lievens,
..... Christy Nolan

12 Charles Bostian,
Samantha Bowie, George Eccard, Sr,
..... Jaime Ostrander
13 . Mark Dudley, Nicholas Thomas
14 Leslie Wagner
15 Wyatt Fooks,
..... Savannah Raley, Pat Vanscoy
17 Lucy Bowie,
..... Gale Elrod, Dorian Lopes
18 Rick Elrod
..... Jimmy Thorp, John Wright
19 George Dudley
20 Cory Lee Wagner
23 .. Joe Blanton, Richard Lambdin
24 Arlo Bowie,
... Bernie Dalcanton, Michael Routt
25 Mary Frances Newland
26 Charlie Donohue,
..... Willard Lough, Cody Rundlett
27 Jacob Cooksey
28 Billy Moore, Judy Wright
30 Danny Schaeffer
31 .. Sydnie Gomez, Kim Thompson

February Birthdays

1 Kenny Boykin
2 David Elder,
..... Robin Wright, Drew Wegand
4 . Stephanie Gomez, Robert James,
..... Hayley Tanner, Arthur Willett
6 Michael Bland, Jr.,
..... Austin Wood, Brett Wood
7 Tim Beymer

8 Janna Freedle,
Michele Henderson, Patrick Wathen
9 . Robin Armstrong, Cindy Benitz
.. Jimmy Garrett, Sallie McKeown,
..... Tyler Peed, Dennis Wood
10 Lauren Bradburn,
..... Elizabeth Finamore,
..... Stefani Henderson
11 George Cockerham,
... Malkie Fogle; Patrick McClure,
..... Bill McConnell
12 Betty Deer
14 Jim Berry,
... Betty Lou Jenkins, Ron Stancill
15 Karen Coombs, Aubrey Harman
16 Jeannette F. Cooksey
18 Bennett,
.. Mary Ellen Fennell, Karen Liddle
19 Kenneth Bowie, Sr.,
..... Jason McClaugherty
20 Greg Armstrong
21 Savannah Revoir, Phyllis Shumans
23 .. Alyson Lowery, Jessica Riffe
24 Ora Stancill
25 Heather Yake, Jeff Walton,
..... J.R. Wheeler, Walter Willett
26 .. Linda Bean, Le' Sasha Fogle,
..... Christopher Violette
27 Michael Grove, Harold Hudson,
..... Zackary McKeown