



"A Seniors' Perspective"

What More Can You Ask?

GOD’s love endures forever, what a wonderful thing to know. When the tides of life runs against you and your spirit is downcast and low, GOD’s kindness is forever around us, always ready to freely impart strength to your faltering spirit, always ready to impart strength to your lonely heart. GOD’s presence is ever beside you, as near as the reach of your hand, you have but to tell Him your troubles there is nothing He won’t understand. Knowing GOD’s love is unfailing and His mercy unending and great. You have but to trust in His promise. GOD comes not too son or too late so wait with a heart that is patient for the goodness of GOD to prevail for never do prayer go unanswered and His mercy and love never fail.

Submitted by
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Any senior who would to contribute to the Bethesda Herald Newsletter
(Please contact Sister Ruth Johnson

Bethesda Herald Newsletter

We would like to place all Anniversaries, Birthdays, Graduations and Special Achievements in the Newsletter , but we need your help.

(Please contact church Secretary)
Sister Barbara Holmes




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- July 5th ~ Roberta Smalls
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- July 13th ~ Cynthia Toi Grant Green
- July 19th ~ Kwaglyn Drake
- July 26th ~ Kasia Fields
- July 29th ~ Tiffany Ford
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- July 29th ~ Jawan Mack
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The Place of the Outpouring



From The Pastor's Desk

Decently and in order." These words are part of 1 Corinthians 14:40. The entire verse is, "Let all things be done decently and in order." It was an admonition from the LORD through the Apostle Paul concerning maintaining order in worship assemblies. The Corinthian church needed guidelines that assured that "tongues, prophecies," nor any other permissible activities would be abused, thereby compromising the integrity of the worship experience. It seems Paul was saying that even good things needed to be managed.

Now, let us fast forward from Paul and the first century Christian church to Paul's word to us, the twenty-first century church. More particularly, let us seek the voice of the LORD from this verse to the summer situations of our children, families, and communities. Even now the LORD'S words to us are the same, "Let all things be done decently and in order." Each summer, we hear of a variety of negative situations that involve someone's child or group of children being in an inappropriate place at an inappropriate time without appropriate supervision. Fathers, mothers, grandparents, and other guardians, you are responsible for your children's location and behavior twenty-four hours each day. Summer school programs, summer camps, clubs, Vacation Bible School, and other resources may offer assistance. Still, parents and guardians must face and embrace responsibility for children. This includes what they do, where they go, how they behave, what they wear, and with whom they associate, among other things.

Freedoms must be given form and structure. In other words, destinations must be specific, time for each activity must be set, curfews must be set and enforced.

Besides giving form to their outside activities, parents must provide structure for the home scene. Children need chores appropriate for their abilities. Rewards are fine. They must, however, be rewards which have been earned.

In other words, "Let all things be done decently and in order" 1 Corinthians 14:40. The negative patterns of summers must be turned around. It is our job to get it done. So, think ahead. Plan ahead. Work your plan. Thereby, we and our children may be able to look back on an enjoyable, blessed summer.

*Shalom, my Friends,
Pastor Kenneth C. Doe*

“A CALL TO PRAY”

- Pray without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5: 17
- Make your request known to God: Philippians 4:6
- Cry out to God: Psalm 55: 17
 - Morning- - - - - 6:00am
 - Noon- - - - - 12:00 noon
 - Evening- - - - - -6:00pm
 - Midnight- - - - - 12:00 Midnight

We are praying for the body of Christ to rise to the occasion with a spirit of BOLDNESS so the world can see JESUS:

FOCUS PRAYER:

- Souls for the Kingdom: Revelation 2 and 3 ... "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Jeremiah 6: 11-17
- Against the spirit of fear 2 Timothy 1:7
- The peace of God: Philippians 4:7
- Spiritual Healing and Physical Healing: Isaiah 53:5; Jeremiah 17: 14
- The love of God to abide within us: 1 John 2:15-17

NOTE: Suggested scriptures: Psalm 50, 142, 141 91, 90, 46-49 etc.

Deacons and Wards of Bethesda Christian Fellowship

- Deacon Fields** ~ Beaufort, Port Royal, Parris Island, Hardeeville, Ridgeland, Laurel Bay, Grays Hill, Seabrook, Dale, Sheldon, Jenkins, Burton, Big Estate,
- Deacon Holmes** ~ Warsaw, Lady’s Island, Oaks
- Deacon Middleton** ~ Saxonville and Seaside road
- Deacon Rivers** ~ Lands End, Scott, Orange Grove, Ann Fripp, Tombee, Corner

- Deacon Middleton** ~ Indian Hill, Tom Fripp, John Fripp, Cedar Grove, Molly Hill, Folly Road, Coffin Point
- Deacon Glover** ~ Wallace, Edding Point, Croft, Mary Jenkins

Prayer Plan and Assignments

~In this plan, all wards are identified by their Deacon leader.

- Deacons Fields and Elliott ~ GROUP 1
- Deacons Holmes and Bailey ~ GROUP 2
- Deacons Middleton and Rivers ~ GROUP 3
- Deacon Glover ~ GROUP 4

~Each group will begin with this assignment:

- GROUP 1 - 6 A.M. -Focus 1
- GROUP 2 -12 NOON -Focus 2
- GROUP 3 - 6 P.M. -Focus 3
- GROUP 4 -12 MIDNIGHT -Focus 4

~ Each Successive week , each Group will move down to the next focus.

~ The length of the prayer time is less important than the intensity of the prayer time.

Thank You For Your Cooperation. GOD BLESS.

Series Recap

Repairers of the Breaches

The Cost of being Unprepared

Repairing from the Inside

The Signs of Unpreparedness

Hearing and Heeding Jesus' Voice

Dealing with Those Who Refuse to Believe

For the Common Good

Reacting to Jesus' Love

Not Can or Can't, But Should or Shouldn't

The Mother's Instinct

Distinguishing Pride from Godly Assurance

Developing Personal Spiritual Strength

One Sure Method

Nowhere to Run — Nowhere to Hide

Order

Fruit of the Spirit -- Ministers Exhortation

Who Me?

Effective Christianity

Marks of the Sincere

I Can't Turn Back

Together, Or not at All

One Man's Faith

Now is Everything

Fulfilling GODS' Purpose for Ny Life

Under GOD's Sovereign Authority

Isaiah 58:12

Repairers of the Breaches

Christians Should Be Different

Christians are unlike their neighbors in many ways. Some of these are apparent while many of them remain invisible. One objective of Christian living is to become like Christ (1 Peter 1:14-16). Thus, the qualities of the Savior should be apparent in every mature Christian. Peter neatly summed Christian characteristics in 2 Peter 1:5-8, saying: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 John 4:17 states: "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." Modern life has many aspects. Let's examine, briefly, a few Christian attitudes and actions typical in every aspect. In matters of religion, Christians hear neither inner voices of instruction, nor the teachings of men; they listen well, however, to the voice of God, the Holy Bible. 1 Cor. 2:12, 13 teaches: "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." The apostle, Paul, instructing the young evangelist, Timothy, wrote (in 1 Timothy 6:3-5), saying: "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strife's of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising's, perverse disputing's of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." Thus, Christians can have no creed but that of Christ as revealed by the Bible: Jesus prayed, soon before His execution (John 17:17~21), that all of His followers would teach the same thing so that, "They all may be one . . . that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Many aspects of modern life styles trouble today's people. Christians, however, have direction about marriage, family relationships, child-raising, and the selection of friends; they are untroubled in their own lives by today's philosophies, but they grieve deeply over the results of sinful ideas and associations upon our civilization.

The book of Hebrews (Chapter 13, verse 4) reveals that, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Jesus said about divorce in Matthew 5:32: "But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." Thus, fornication, or adultery, is the only cause for divorce satisfactory to God. Paul instructed Jesus' followers regarding family relationships as follows: "Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything." Paul also said: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Study carefully Ephesians 5:22 through 6:4.

Christians Should Be Different Part II

Because much of the world entertainment emphasizes promiscuous sex, extols law violation and condones drug use, the Christian must look elsewhere for relaxation and entertainment. When selecting activities for recreation and entertainment, the Christian must consider:

- 1.) Will this activity violate my conscience? Romans 14:22,23.
- 2.) Will my doing this activity cause weaker Christians to lose their faith or will it set a bad example of Christian behavior for others? 1 Cor. 10:23-33.
- 3.) Will this activity place me under evil influences? 1 Cor. 6:19,20.
- 4.) Will my doing this activity conflict with Christian duty? Christians must put God and His kingdom first. Matthew 6:33.
- 5.) Will my doing this activity arouse in me indecent responses? Books, magazines, and movies that create indecent desires are contrary to Christianity. Paul instructed, "Whatsoever things are pure . . . think on these things." Philippians 4:8.
- 6.) Is this activity both legal and right? Christians should always respect the rights of others as well as obey the law of the land.

In matters of government, law and taxes the Christian must be obedient to civil authority although others might take their obligation to authority lightly. Jesus said, in Mark 12:17, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When speaking about civil government, Paul said: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God." Read Romans 13:1-7. Thus, Christians obey their government's laws. They give their measure of taxes, and their automobiles need no radar detectors because they will not be

driven above the speed limit. Christians are aware that a civilization's fabric can be torn and destroyed by widespread lawlessness. **Materialism** represents one aspect of life where there seems little difference between the Christian and the disbeliever. When submerged in materialistic outlooks, the Christian's conscience is bothered, for materialism is foreign to the religion of Jesus who said, in Luke 12:15-31: "Therefore, I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what you shall eat: neither for the body, what you shall put on. The life is more than meat and the body is more than raiment.

We concede that materialism invades much of today's society, including the church. Yet, many Christians avoid materialism: New church buildings are being erected through funds gathered by the mortgaging of Christian's possessions, while loans obligated by Christians for the cause of Christ are being repaid by savings from driving older cars, living in smaller houses, and wearing older styles. But, compared to the many who claim to be the Lord's, these are few. Truly materialism is a great weakness among the Lord's people today.

Christians are different because they live by the word of God. Thus, they are free of much of the envy, strife, and worry common to worldly people. Yet, even the best of Christianity misses the goal of being entirely like Christ. Christians must continue to pattern their lives after that of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

from the Interactive Bible Website

Covid-19

The more transmissible Delta variant has spread to every state in the US, fueling health experts' concerns about Covid-19 spikes. The variant is expected to become the dominant coronavirus strain in the US, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. And with half the US still not fully vaccinated, doctors say it could cause a resurgence of Covid-19 in the fall -- just as children too young to get vaccinated go back to school. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has shown to be 88% effective against symptomatic infections caused by the Delta variant -- two weeks after the second dose. Those who received only one dose have significantly less protection. And Moderna's vaccine was found in lab experiments to work against new variants such as the Delta strain, the company said Tuesday. Researchers used serum samples from eight participants taken a week after they received their second dose

of vaccine. But the spread of coronavirus is outpacing vaccinations, the World Health Organization said. And the longer coronavirus spreads among unvaccinated people, the more opportunities it has to mutate into more troubling variants. Now the Gamma variant has been shown to be more resistant to vaccines and antibody treatments. Last week, the WHO said even those who are fully vaccinated should wear masks in places with high rates of Covid-19 spread.

How to help kids go back to school in-person, safely

For parents of children ages 12 and up, the time to vaccinate them for school is now, said Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health. "My message is really clear: You should get your kids vaccinated," The safety profile on these vaccines are really quite extraordinary, and they're much, much safer than getting Covid." There have been extremely rare reports of myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart muscle, and pericarditis, or inflammation of the outer lining of the heart, after the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, the CDC says. Symptoms can include shortness of breath, chest pain or the feeling of a fast heartbeat. "Patients can usually return to their normal daily activities after their symptoms improve," the agency says. "The known and potential benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks, including the possible risk of myocarditis or pericarditis," the CDC says. In the US, hot spots such as Missouri are seeing increased hospitalizations due to the Delta variant. Those hospitalized now are younger than those hospitalized during the winter Covid-19 surge. "People in their late teens and even early 20s are being hospitalized and needing the use of ventilators," The risk-benefit analysis between getting Covid-19 vs. getting vaccinated is a "no-brainer," Jha said. "Getting Covid itself is so much worse," he said. With some schools starting in early August, parents of children ages 12 and older would need to get their adolescents vaccinated soon to be protected before the school year. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is the only one

authorized for children 12 and up. It requires two doses, spaced three weeks apart, and the vaccine doesn't fully kick in until two weeks after the second dose. So it'll take five weeks from the first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine to be fully vaccinated.

Some vaccines offer years of protection, study shows

A new study suggests the two-dose Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine should keep an immune response up for years -- unlike vaccines for the flu that need a yearly booster.



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God's Promise Is to Bless - Graduation Poem. May God bless you as you move ahead. With the plan He had in mind. Before you were ever born. Uniquely for you designed. May you feel His presence with you. As He guides you on your way. For He's promised to never leave you. When storm clouds fill your day.

Not All Graduates are pictured.