

## “The Caring Place”

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### QUOTES FROM FUN DAY

“I am so glad that I was invited to participate in the Fun Day. I enjoyed meeting new people from the community and catching up with people I already know. My family enjoyed the time we spent together that day, and it was heart-warming to see how many other families were able to enjoy a nice, free day together. I can't wait for next year's Fun Day.”

Holly Patterson, Attorney at Law

“Many unchurched people's impression of church is that church is boring, and the church's posture is that they always want something from us. The block party as a gift to the community certainly dispels these two impressions about church. Not only is the gospel shared at the block party; it paves the way for the unchurched to hear and receive the gospel in months to come.”

David Lee, Lexington Baptist Association

“The word that comes to mind when I think back on the Gaston Fun Day is Great; great for the churches, great for the community, and great for the Kingdom of God! Looking forward to it next year.”

Pastor David Carter, Faith Baptist Church Swansea

“Pastor Harrison, I would like to thank you for allowing me to participate in your “Family Fun Day”. The response to your event was amazing. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed meeting you and your wife. In addition, I was able to talk to many who could use hospice service or has experience with hospice.”

Fran Wells-Hanna, Community Home Care & Hospice

“March 19, 2011; The Greatest Day of my life! The fields were ripe for harvest. The Holy Spirit prepared the table for the Feast of Souls. People approached asking to be saved; probably the closest I will ever come to Heaven on earth and I give my Savior all the credit and all the glory.”

Buddy Lambert

“I have worked many block party ministry events with Pastor Larry Harrison. I think of an eleven year old girl named Megan who accepted Jesus as her Savior. I saw that Megan didn't have one of the five color salvation bracelets we use in *Intentional Evangelism Witnessing*. The colors are BLACK (our sin) RED (Jesus' blood) WHITE (forgiven) GREEN (growing) and GOLD (God's glory) with each we use scripture and prayer. After Megan prayed to receive Jesus, she asked me with real urgency “how long will you be here?” I told her that we would be there until 5:00 PM which was a couple hours away. Only after I promised to stay right there did Megan leave and then return, in about ten minutes, with a big man in a work uniform, whom she introduced as her father. We call that an “**Andrew Thing**” as in Andrew bringing Simon Peter to Jesus. I took his left wrist as he extended it and put our biggest bracelet on it and began to explain the colors. At that moment Megan said “Mr. B, my daddy is a deaf and mute man”. I was so surprised but the Holy Spirit brought to my mind that He, Megan and I could do this. I said “Megan, I'll talk to you, you sign to your dad, he signs to you, you nod to me and we will go on to the next color.” I could see that as it was time to pray the sinners prayer Megan's dad was getting very emotional and then at the point where he asked Jesus to save him he picked me up almost lifting me out of my power chair. God is so good and He used this block party and intentional evangelism to bring His salvation to Megan's dad. In His Service Mr. B.”

Gary Burkholder

## NEWS FROM OUR SPIRITUAL WARRIORS WITH HELEN KING, DIRECTOR

What is praise? Praise can be defined as an *expression* of approval, respect, gratitude, an act of worship. An *expression* is the process of making known your thoughts, feelings, emotions, and opinions. Therefore, an expression or act is visible. That means it can be observed.

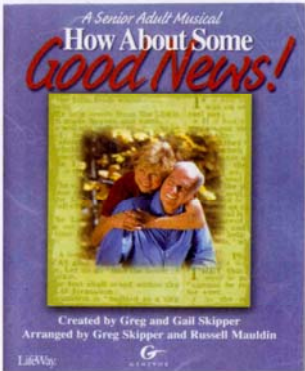
Ezra tells us when the exiles returned to Jerusalem and laid the foundation for the temple that they sang, praising and giving thanks to the Lord; some wept with a loud voice, while many shouted aloud for joy, and the sound was heard far away. You would have to say this was an expression that was observed.

When we pray, how does our praise measure against our requests? May I suggest a way to have more praise in our prayers? Go through the ABC's and praise Him this way. Here's a start: My Anchor, Boundless, Comforter, Deliverer, Everlasting Father, Glorious, my Hope, the One Who Intercedes for me....now you continue. See if you can get through the whole alphabet, and make a list as you are reading in the Bible. You will see how much easier praise can become a part of your prayers.

Praising God can work wonders (I've said that before)! It can heal. It releases power, tears down walls, shows faith. Someone suggested that for one week, don't ask the Lord for anything but turn your requests into praise. Suppose you just had bad news about your health, you might pray something like this: "Lord, because you are all-knowing, you know what's wrong, and you know what is best for me; so I trust and rest in you to give wisdom about any decision that needs to be made."

For all the seniors that came to the Spiritual Warriors Luncheon in April, you heard what praise did in the life of Ron Gibbs. Now have a blessed month of praising Him! See you at our luncheon the first Wednesday of May - **May 4!**

## MAY MUSIC NOTES WITH SHERRELL OTT, WORSHIP LEADER

Valley Voices  
**Valley Voices**  
 FROM  
**SPRING VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 OF COLUMBIA**  
 Presents  
  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON**  
**May 29, 2011**  
**6:00 PM**

Spring Valley's senior adults enjoy participating in a senior adult choir--*The Valley Voices*. The Valley Voices consists of nearly 100 members who enjoy a time of fellowship and worship while they sing both old hymns and new musicals written specifically for seniors. The Valley Voices have performed in nursing centers and in local churches across South Carolina.

**HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS!**  
**DON'T MISS THIS CONCERT!!**

**Sunday School Picnic**  
 May 21 ~ 2 - 8 PM  
 Bethel Christian Camp in Gaston  
 Swimming 2:00-6:00 PM ~ Zipline 2:00-5:00 PM  
 Boating and Canoeing 5:00-dark  
 Dinner 6:00 PM  
 Menu (barbeque chicken, macaroni & cheese,  
 green beans, & corn)  
**Please Bring a Dessert!!**  
 For additional information see Ed Joseph

**WOMEN ON MISSION NEWS WITH MARGIE RISH & CINDY FURTICK, CO-DIRECTORS**

May is here, flowers are blooming, kids are ready for school to be out and mission projects are everywhere.

The Week of Prayer for Associational Missions is **May 8-15**. This includes projects like Community Changers, World Changers, and Camille G. Graham Correctional Institution Picnic to name a few. Please remember to pray for these upcoming mission projects and other local mission events. The ladies home meeting will be **Monday, May 16** in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. Topics for discussion will be the Back-to-School Bash and the prayer quilt ministry. Please watch your bulletin for more information about the May 16 meeting.

The Lexington Baptist Association Office still has mission opportunities available to everyone. Ms. Linda Hite will be coordinating many Prayer Walking events. Please keep the following dates on your calendar and be in prayer for how you may wish to participate.

**Prayer Walking in Lexington, SC.....August 3; Dec 7, 2011**

**Prayer Walking in Atlanta, GA.....November 1-3, 2011**

**Prayer Walking in London, England.....May 4 -1; July 7-14; October 6 -13, 2011**

**Prayer Walking in Halifax, Nova Scotia.....June 2-8; September 2-8, 2011**

Many of these events are both Prayer Walking and Mission Trips. If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Linda Hite or David Lee at the Lexington Baptist Association Office at (803) 356-2543.

Coming in June the GAs will be going to camp and World Changers will be in the area the week of **June 20-25**. Our church has again agreed to be a host church for the World Changers and will be providing lunch that week. There will be more information in the June newsletter and bulletin closer to time.

As always, thank you for your support with all our mission projects and continue to be in prayer as to how you can become involved in missions.

Love in Christ, Margie Rish & Cindy Furtick



## THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

In the song ***“What Did He Die For?”*** Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America’s freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by His Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

***“What did He die for when He died for you and me,  
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?  
I believe we will answer each to Heaven  
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.  
Look inside and ask the question, What did He die for?”***



**Memorial Day** challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we’re challenged to live so as to honor Jesus’ supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our “priceless liberty” using our blessings to bless others.



“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

—Marcel Proust

“Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get.”

—Dale Carnegie

**DISCIPLESHIP WITH DEBBIE SPIRES, DIRECTOR**

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*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,  
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”  
2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV)*

**INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP**

**I**f Intentional Evangelism is intentionally reaching the lost, then what happens next must also be intentional. Intentional Discipleship (teaching) must follow Intentional Evangelism efforts or else new Christians are similar to an excited tour group loaded on a bus with no driver.

**Why is discipleship important?** It is important because in Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus commanded that we make disciples. Discipling new Christian converts will not happen without commitment with the intention to disciple. The tour bus driver cannot show up every now and then to start the engine, drive a few feet and then take a break. He must be committed and know where he is going. An excellent guidebook for the mentor to use with the new Christian is the Survival Kit for New Christians. This study helps new believers understand and win over the problems in their lives. It also helps them learn to have quiet times, prayer, Bible study, and do Bible memory. While the Survival Kit is excellent when used to lead a group, it is ideal for a one-on-one disciple relationship. I have used this with new Christians many times over the years. We used it in our home with our grandson a few years ago

**Discipleship involves investing yourself** in the life of another. Are you willing to invest yourself as a spiritual mentor? Taking advantage of opportunities is not the same as intentionally making opportunities. Do you have the desire to be obedient to Christ’s command? Are you willing to mentor a new Christian? Can you give an hour of your time each week for 6 weeks? See Debbie Harrison or myself if you would like the name of a new Christian and a copy of Survival Kit for New Christians.

**COLLEGE & CAREER MINISTRY WITH PAM SPIRES AND SHAWN STINTON**




**2011 Columbia Great Strides Walk**  
**Saluda Shoals Park ~ 9:00 AM, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Caring Place Team will walk in honor of Morgan Spradley.*  
 Please see Pam or Debbie Spires to register to walk or make a donation.



Congratulations to the young members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

*“Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”*



**Attention all  
High School & College  
Graduates!!**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Graduation Recognition Sunday.** We will have a special service to recognize your achievements. Please get your name, school and degree you have earned into the office by Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD  
FISHING TRIP**

**Fishing ~ Fun ~ Food ~ Fellowship**  
**May 6 & 7 ~ Santee State Park**  
**Come join the fun!!**

**Contact Allen Ott or Chris Vidrine for  
additional information.**

*THE HONESTY MANDATE*

**A**braham Lincoln was called 'honest' because he was a store keeper and lawyer with a reputation for treating people fairly. As a child in Illinois schools, I learned the stories of Lincoln walking several miles to return a small amount of change to a man he overcharged, and how as a lawyer and legislator he was above reproach.

Psychologists tell us that we are born with a 'sense of fairness'. We spend a great deal of time teaching children to take turns, but they are quick to point out when they think that another is getting preferential treatment. Depending on the circumstances, the 'built in rules' will be bent to benefit ourselves. Culture and conditioning determine to a large degree what amount of 'dishonesty' is expected and can be tolerated in 'personal transactions'. 'Does this make me look fat?'; 'What do you think?'; and 'What do you want to do?', will be answered with varying degrees of honesty depending on who is asking and answering. We engage in social dishonesty in order to avoid hurting another's feelings, or to avoid embarrassing and awkward situations.

When Adam and Eve hid themselves from God after eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they knew that they had sinned. When God asked Adam if he had eaten from the tree, Adam blamed God and Eve for his failure. If Adam had been honest, he would have taken responsibility for both his and Eve's failure.

God placed Adam in the garden to work and keep (protect) it and commanded him to not eat from the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam failed to protect Eve from the temptation of the serpent and he chose to violate God's command to not eat from the tree himself. God did two things in response to Adam's failures. First, He made Adam's work more difficult and then He removed him from the garden containing the tree of life.

Oddly, the results of making work more difficult results in men who become 'work-aholics' and neglect their responsibilities to their family and God, or in men who are negligent in their work and fail to provide for their family. God has provided us (men) with measures and methods to know when we have drifted in one direction or the other. To guard against putting work first is..."love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." NAS Deut. 6:5 To guard against slackness is "whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men." NAS Col 3:23

The problem we have, though, is that when we examine ourselves we are not honest about our work, our relationship with our wife, and our children. We allow God to examine areas where we are doing well, and refuse to go to the places we know are not right. You ask..."how should I know when something is not right?" The answer is God has told us what is right and what is expected of us in the Bible.

Engaging in spiritual dishonesty hurts our relationship with our family and limits our usefulness to God.

## YOUTH NEWS WITH BOBBY SPIRES, DIRECTOR

**Youth Need**

Our new Christian youth are learning what it means to be a Christ follower, a true disciple. They are growing in their relationship with Christ. Through prayer, I feel this group needs the experience of SummerSalt Youth Camp. By faith, I have reserved 40 spots for our group. We will be attending this amazing week of youth ministry, worship and Bible study July 5th - 9th. We need your help! The cost for our group is a discounted \$180.00 per student. This covers all lodging & food at White Oak Conference Center. I am determined not to leave behind any who want to go. This will require a church-wide scholarship initiative. If you are able to invest in one or more of our youth through a partial or whole scholarship, please see either me or Adam Callahan. Thank you! Bobby

"If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been." —Robert Brault



**Mother's Day May 8, 2011**



Thank you for your participation in the "Read-a-Book" Week. All of the books on display in the foyer of the church are now or will soon be in our media center. We have to move things around to accommodate the new titles in our collection. Everything is not exactly in its final place, so please work with us.

Remember, if you can't find exactly what you need, talk to one of the media committee. It maybe something that others want and the church can purchase it for the collection. It may be a picture book or a junior fiction, Christian fiction, biography, or a book to advance your Christian growth. It may be a Christian DVD you want. Give us the title to purchase.

Peter Jumper ~ Janice Boldt ~ Debbie Spires ~ Marilyn Hook ~ Phyllis Templeton

### BOOK REVIEW:

Teri Blackstock Best-selling author of Christian mystery

#### Cape Refuge Book 1

A brutal double-murder has struck fear into the heart of the peaceful Cape Refuge community, off the Savannah coast. Blair Cleary wants no part of her parents' ministry or their faith. A lethal race against time ensues as a search for the true killer uncovers some startling finds.

#### Southern Storm Book 2

The body in the morgue had no ID. No one knew who he was or where he came from when he walked out in front of Cade's car. And when Cade learns he had a gunshot wound before he was struck, finding his identity becomes even more urgent. Then Cade vanishes! But Blair Owens doesn't believe the rumors about Cade's disappearance. Something has happened to Cade, and she's determined to find him. Saving Cade's life will take faith in a God Blair has always doubted---but He may be her only hope.

#### River's Edge Book 3

Ben Jackson is sure to defeat Jonathan Cleary in the Cape Refuge mayoral race, until his wife turns up missing the day before a major debate. Suspecting foul play, Police Chief Cade launches an island-wide search. But it takes a psychic's "vision" to point police to the riverside---and Lisa's body. Is this psychic's vision truly a gift from God as he claims?

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**We want to make sure everyone catches a ride to VBS !!!  
JUNE 13-17 MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:30 to 9:00 EACH NIGHT!  
CLASSES FOR K5-ADULT and Preschool and Nursery for  
attending or working adults!!! This is going to be an exciting  
week! We are going to NEW YORK CITY!!! and ending the week  
with a Coney Island Carnival. If you have not volunteered or been  
asked and are willing to help with VBS please see Pam Spires, Shawn  
Stinton, Sherrell Ott or Rachel Joseph...  
there is a place of service for all of our church members!!**





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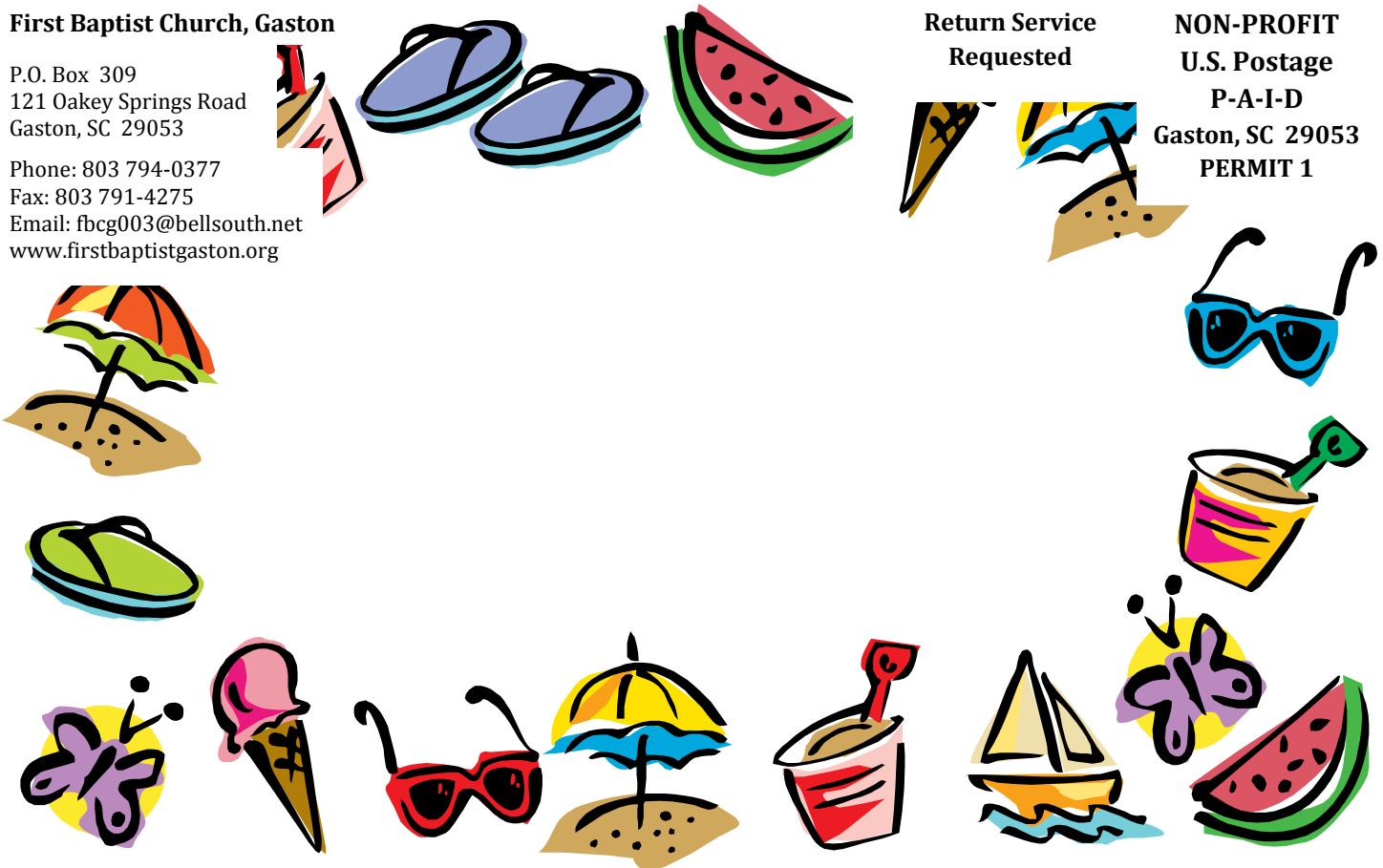
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| 1<br>Stafford Johnson<br>Lisa Killian  | 2<br>Lei Hulon<br>Charlie Smith  | 3<br>Brittany Godfrey<br>Bonnie McBride<br>Mary Moseley<br>Taylor Reynolds   | 4<br>Rick Cartner<br>Cleta Chasteen<br>Melinda Mattox<br>John Reynolds<br>♥Jimmy & Fran<br>Bobbott<br>♥Glenn & Belinda<br>Clark<br><br>Spiritual Warriors<br>Luncheon 11:30 | 5  | 6<br>♥Ronald & Sherry<br>Rawlinson<br><br><b>Brotherhood Fishing Trip</b><br><b>Santee State Park</b><br> | 7<br>Nita Garrett<br>Barbara Garrett<br>Chase Pound<br>♥Michael &<br>Marilyn Hook       |
| 8<br>Kim Madden<br>Leilani Patel<br>Diane Smith<br>♥John & Agnes Sigh<br><br>    | 9<br>Jordan Jackson<br>♥Stephen & Valerie<br>Yow   | 10<br>Ruth Barwick<br>Sharon Brant<br>Tori Shuler  | 11<br>Sara Pound<br>♥Ray & Dot Wilson   | 12<br>Gina Deming<br>♥Chris & Lisa<br>Pound<br>♥Daniel & Olivia<br>Speares                               | 13<br>Kimberly Hammond<br>Marilyn Jeffcoat<br>Mindy Lloyd<br>Kathy Travers   | 14<br>Marilyn Callahan<br>Robin Hall<br>Matthew<br>Murtaugh, Sr.<br>Regina Watts        |
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| 22<br><br>Graduation<br>Recognition<br>Sunday                                  | 23<br>Paulette Sheppard<br>Stuart Smith  | 24<br>Vicki Bryant<br>Chandler Reynolds<br>Jessica Ward<br>♥Ernest & Virginia<br>Gantt<br>♥Larry & Debra<br>Harrison<br>♥Chad & Renee<br>Pound | 25<br>Shea Brown<br>♥Stuart, Sr. & Chelly<br>Pound  | 26<br>Elizabeth Dawkins<br>Trevor Mills  | 27<br>Curtis Dowd<br>Brian Frank<br>Becky Jones<br>♥Leonard &<br>Virginia Thomas   | 28<br>Todd Callahan<br>Allen Watts<br>♥Erick & Kim<br>Gardner                           |
| 29<br>Benny Williams<br>Ethan Gates<br><br><br>Memorial<br>Day<br>Recognition | 30<br>♥Clayton & Lynn<br>Barber<br><br> | 31<br>Sarah Marks<br><br>Deacon<br>Meeting 7PM   |   |  |  |   |

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**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**  
 9:45am.....Sunday School  
 11:00am.....Worship  
 11:00am..Children's Worship  
 6:00pm.....Adult Choir  
 6:00pm.....Discipleship  
 7:00pm.....Worship

**Monday**  
 3:00pm....Ladies' & Men's  
 Prayer Time

**Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Joyful Noise, Jr &  
 Youth Choir practice  
 7:00pm. ....Prayer Service  
 7:00pm.....GA, RA &  
 Mission Friends Meetings

**Monthly Meetings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday all mission  
 groups meet 7:00PM  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Conference/  
 Prayer Service 7:00PM  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Women on  
 Mission Home Meeting 6:15  
 Last Tuesday Deacons Meet

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***"THE CARING PLACE"***

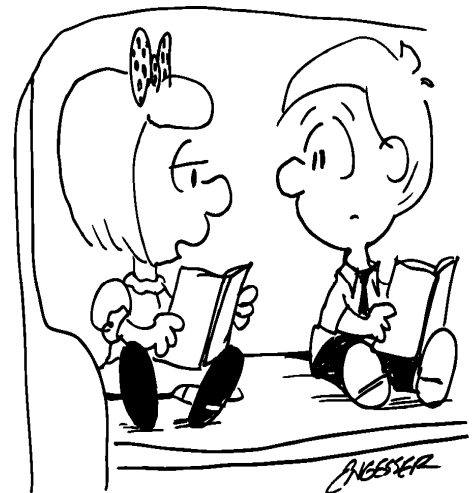
We are here to minister to you and your loved ones and to help strengthen your faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. If you are not currently attending a church, we invite you to join us. See our weekly schedule to the left of page.

In the Old Testament book of Job, the title character suffers many losses. During three separate raids in quick succession, he loses his livestock and servants. While still reeling from that news, Job learns that his children died during a furious windstorm. Later, Job also loses his health, when a skin disease causes sores all over his body.

From the list below, **choose the one thing Job did not do in response to his great misfortune:**

- A. tore his clothes and shaved his head
- B. cursed God and died
- C. sat among ashes
- D. worshiped the Lord

Answer: B (See Job 1-2.)



"No, Peter Cottontail was not an apostle!"