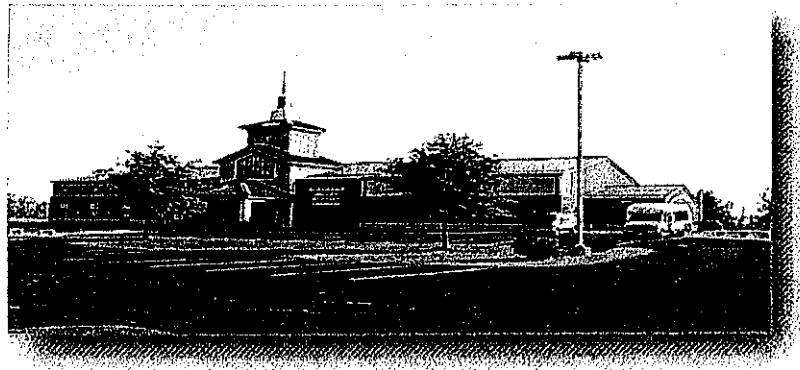


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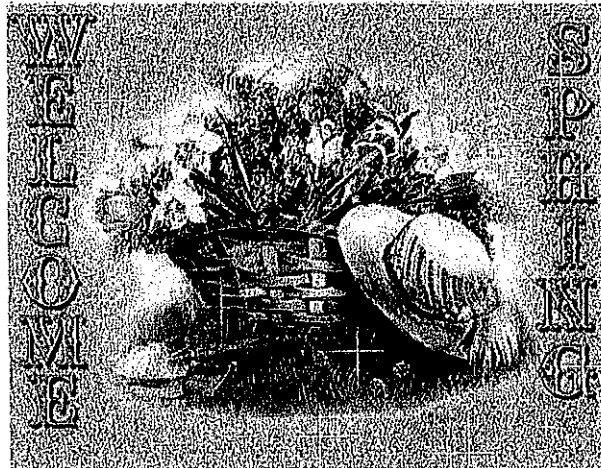
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MINI-SERMON

Be Confident in God's Word

If we really want to hear God and begin to trust His Will for our lives, we must get involved with Scripture and hear what God's Word is telling us. God's Word provides transformative wisdom, and when we study the Bible and grow closer to the Word, we begin to understand where God is, especially for us. The more

confident we are in God's promises, the closer we get to transformation and renewal. When we begin to see where God is, not where the World is, we can really move towards letting go of doubt and fear.

Submitted by: Betty Statbam

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS



Deacons for the Month of April:

Joseph Berryman - 04/02

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C & C News (cont.)

Michael Clements – 04/09
 Dwayne Holland – 04/16
 Youth – 04/23
 John D. Johnson – 04/30

Deaconess for the Month of April:

Joyce Dixon
 Imogene Johnson
 Ellen Trent

Ushers for the Month of April:

Imogene Johnson
 Connie Brown
 Madeline Atkinson
 Natasha Franklin

PVBC Attendance for February 2017

February 5 – 11
 Church School 17
 Morning Worship 76
 Bible Study 12
February 12 – 18
 Church School 20
 Morning Worship 78
February 19 – 25
 Church School 19
 Morning Worship 75
 Bible Study 32
 Midday Bible Study 11
February 26 – March 4
 Church School 28
 Morning Worship 79
Doris Hill, Statistical Secretary

Usher Ministry News

The Usher Ministry will meet with the Medical Ministry and Safety & Security Ministry on Saturday, March 18, 2017 @ 12 noon. This meeting has been arranged to discuss and inform usher members on medical and security measures to take in critical situations. All ushers are encouraged to attend.

Trustee Ministry News

The Trustee Ministry will meet on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. All ministry members are encouraged to attend.

Deacon Ministry News

The Deacon Ministry will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Fellowship News

The Ladies Fellowship Ministry will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All ladies of the church and community are invited to attend.

2017 Ladies Fellowship Hostess List

March 23 & *July

E. Berryman
 T. Clark
 B. Davis
 J. Dixon
 M. Gaines

April 27 & Sept. 28

S. Decker
 S. Harris
 K. Johnson
 M. Mickles
 J. Mosley
 T. Scott
 R. Smith

May 25 & Oct. 26

P. Gentry
 D. Hill
 I. Johnson
 O. Johnson
 G. Jackson
 B. Statham

June 15 & Nov. 16

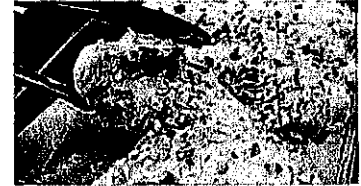
M. Atkinson
 B. Brown
 A. Collins
 G. Crumpton
 L. Crumpton
 M. Holmes
 W. Young

***Special Events**

Easter Sunday - April 16
 Community Revival - April 18 - April 20
 Vacation Bible School - June 19 - 23
 Senior Activity - July
 Thanksgiving Day - November 23
 Christmas Fellowship - December

Recipe Corner

Chicken, Swiss Cheese and Stuffing Bake



Ingredients

5 skinless and boneless chicken breasts
 5 slices of Swiss cheese (you can also try with Pepper jack, Monterey...)
 1 can of cream of onion soup
 1/4 cup (60 ml) of white wine (you can substitute for milk if you prefer)
 Stuffing mix (we recommend garlic and herbs, but you can use the plain one as well)
 1/4 cup (50 gr) of butter
 Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 350 F (175 C). Grease a casserole dish and season your chicken breasts.
2. In a mixing bowl, mix the white wine (or the milk) with the can of cream of onion soup. Add a couple of spoonfuls of the soup and wine mixture to the casserole and spread it. Arrange your chicken breasts and cover each one of them with a slice of the cheese.
3. Pour the rest of the soup and wine mixture over the chicken and the cheese.
4. Pour the stuffing mix over the casserole and sprinkle it with the butter.
5. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 35 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for 10-15 more minutes or until golden brown.

Pro tip: If you're going to freeze this casserole, it's better not to add the stuffing and add it whenever you're going to eat it. That way the bread won't get soggy while it thaws. In any case, serve over rice or with a side of steamed green beans.

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

(Anonymous)

Loving God,

Welcome into your arms the victims of violence and terrorism. Comfort their families and all who grieve for them. Help us in our fear and uncertainty, and bless us with the knowledge that we are secure in your love. Strengthen all those who work for peace, and may the peace the world cannot give reign in our hearts. Amen.

Submitted by Betty Statham

MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD HINT

Stainless Steel Sinks



A great way to get your stainless steel sink to look brand new. After cleaning and drying the sink. Put some lemon oil or Pledge on a paper towel and coat the entire surface of the sink. It will look brand new! Of course, once it is used again, the lemon oil will vanish and your sink will look the way it did before. But it is great if you are having company, and want a shiny sink.

POETRY CORNER

Unworthy, As We Are

(Clay Harrison)

How blessed we are in many ways
Unworthy as we are,
As we look into the heavens
and wish upon a star
God gave us tongues to praise Him
And eyes that we might see
the marvelous creation
He made for you and me.
And yet we take for granted
these blessings every day,

And rarely do we praise Him
for gifts He sends our way,
Each season brings new blessings
for our eyes to behold.
And these simple, daily pleasures
are more precious than gold.
It's not the things that we possess
that makes us who we are.
But what we share with others
as we travel near and far.
Each day's a new beginning,
Bright as the morning star.
How blessed we are in every way,
Unworthy as we are.

Submitted by Betty Statham

PRAYER LIST

- Marilyn Ackers
- Lacy Atkinson
- Madeline Atkinson
- Muriel Bray
- Martha Brogden
- Gladys Brown
- Janie Brown
- Kathy Brown
- Gerleana Callahan
- Curtis Canada
- Leroy Cheatham
- Geraldine Clark
- Irene Cook
- Justin Ferguson
- Norman Ferguson
- Travis Ferguson
- Herman Frederick
- David Gaines, Jr.
- Governor Gaines
- Ronald Hamler
- Valerie Harris
- Lorna Hassell
- Ethel Hill
- Imogene Johnson
- Lawrence Johnson
- Richard Johnson
- William Johnson, III
- William Johnson, Jr.
- Jean Kennedy
- Mabel Lemon
- Gardeen Lovelace
- Norvell Mays
- Clara McDaniel
- Harold Megginson
- Charon Miller
- Bunice Nowlin

- Liz Parnell
- Clifford Pennix
- Cornell Pennix
- Daisy Robinson
- Chris Richardson
- Nancy Royal
- Toni Scott
- Betty Statham
- Dea. Douglas Statham, Jr.
- Bobby Stratton
- Stephanie Sullivan
- Zerbie Swain
- Charles Williams
- Gladys Woodson
- Winifred Young

IN MEMORIAM

- Pleasant Johnson – 1933
- Maurice Wheeler – 1949
- Julia Cabell – 1952
- Florice McDaniel – 1960
- Jasper Cabell, Sr – 1968
- Edith Johnson – 1970
- Shadrack Anderson – 1972
- Cleo Preston Martin – 1977
- Lawrence Stratton, Sr. – 1993
- Rev. Arthur Holmes, Sr. – 2003
- James Megginson, Jr. – 2005
- Gladys Pannell – 2005
- Lottie J. Street – 2005
- Lawrence Young, Sr. – 2006
- Doretha Brown – 2012
- Jasper Cabell – 2016

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- N'Kiaya Thomas
 - William & Delnora Johnson – 03/04
 - Brenda Callahan – 03/05
 - Muriel Gentry Bray – 03/06
 - Joseph Berryman – 03/07
 - Jeffrey & Jonette Johnson – 03/07
 - Christopher Mack – 03/08
 - Jannell Lovelace – 03/08
 - Calvin & Kisha Brown – 03/08
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Birthdays (cont.)

Javon Johnson – 03/09
 John & Oretha Johnson – 03/09
 Richard Johnson – 03/10
 Madeline Atkinson – 03/10
 Shaquan Atkinson – 03/12
 Jeffrey & Cerina Scott – 03/12
 Kyasha Ware – 03/13
 Demetria J. Scott – 03/13
 Lawane Garland – 03/15
 Linda Thornton – 03/15
 Jacqueline Jones – 03/15
 Herman & Mary Frederick – 03/15
 Darren Young – 03/16
 Alvin & Toni Scott – 03/16
 Savion Gaines – 03/17
 Drexel & Allison Collins – 03/18
 Casima McCoy – 03/19
 Kaleb Scott – 03/20
 Geoffrey Royal – 03/21
 Mary Carol Cabell – 03/21
 Tawana Nelson – 03/21
 Camden Clark – 03/22
 Lacy Atkinson – 03/24
 Ronald Nelson, Jr. – 03/24
 Derrick & Cynthia Wyche – 03/24
 Evette Harris – 03/26
 Anna Mickles Koehle – 03/28
 Joy Lynn Brattan – 03/28
 Sydney Todd – 03/28
 Marques Whitlock, Jr. – 03/28
 Clifford Pennix – 03/29
 Sharmane Derose – 03/30
 Diane Stratton – 03/31
 Tammy Sanchez – 03/31

JUST FOR LAUGHS**Grumpy Grandpa**

There were three little boys visiting their grandparents. The oldest came out and asked his grandpa, "Can you make a sound like a frog, Grandpappy?"

Grandpa, being in a kind of ill mood, responded "No, I don't really want to make the sound of a frog now."

So, the second little boy came out and asked his grandfather, "Will you please make a sound like a frog?"

Grandpa again said, "No, not now. I don't really want to do that. I'm in a grumpy mood. Maybe later."

Then the third little boy came out and pleaded, "Grandpa, oh please, please, please will you make a sound like a frog?"

"Why do all of you boys want me to make a sound like a frog?" Grandpa asked quite annoyed.

The oldest little boy replied with a hopeful face, "Well, Mom said that when you croak we get to go to Disney World!"

Tough Choice

One day while walking downtown, a Human Resources woman was hit by a bus and was tragically killed. Her soul arrived at the Pearly Gates where she met St. Peter.

"Welcome to Heaven," said St. Peter. "Before you get settled in though, it seems we have a problem. You see, strangely enough, we've never once had an HR manager make it this far. What we're going to do is let you have a day in Hell and a day in Heaven and then you can choose whichever one you want to spend an eternity in," the Saint said.

"Actually, I think I've made up my mind...I prefer to stay in Heaven."

"Sorry, we have our rules."

And with that St. Peter put the HR manager in an elevator and it went down-down-down to Hell. The doors opened and the HR manager found herself stepping out onto the putting green of a beautiful golf course. In the distance was a country club and standing in front of her were all her friends from the industry. They played a round of golf and, at night, enjoyed an excellent steak and lobster dinner. She even met Devil himself who appeared to be really nice. She had a great time, but before she knew it, it was time to leave. She got on the elevator and went up-up-up and ended back up at the Pearly Gates where St. Peter was waiting for her.

"Now it's time to spend a day in Heaven," he said. So the HR manager spent the next 24 hours lounging around on the clouds and playing the harp and singing. She had a great time

and before she knew it, her 24 hours were up and St. Peter came and got her.

"So, you've spent a day in Hell and you've spent a day in Heaven. Now you must choose your eternity," he said.

The HR manager paused for a second and then replied, "Well, I think I had a better time in Hell."

So, St. Peter escorted her to the elevator and again the HR manager went down-down-down back to Hell.

When the doors of the elevator opened she found herself standing in a desolate wasteland covered in garbage and filth. She saw her friends were dressed in rags and were picking up garbage and putting it in sacks for the evening meal. The Devil came up to her and put his arm around her and laughed at her.

"I don't understand," stammered the HR manager. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and a country club and we ate lobster and we danced and had a great time. Now all there is a wasteland of garbage and all my friends look miserable."

The Devil looked at her and grinned: "That's because yesterday we were recruiting you, but today you're staff."

Deer Hunting

It was Saturday morning as Jake, an avid hunter, woke up ready to go bag the first deer of the season. He walked down to the kitchen to get a cup of coffee, and to his surprise he found his wife, Alice, sitting there, fully dressed in camouflage. Jake asked her, "What are you up to?"

Alice smiled. "I'm going hunting with you!"

Jake, though he had many reservations about this, reluctantly decided to take her along. Later they arrived at the hunting site. Jake set his wife safely up in the tree stand and told her, "If you see a deer, take careful aim and I'll come running back as soon as I hear the shot."

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Laughs (cont.)

Jake walked away with a smile on his face knowing that Alice couldn't bag an elephant, much less a deer. Not 10 minutes passed when he was startled as he heard an array of gunshots. Quickly, Jake ran back.

As he got closer to her stand, he heard Alice screaming: "Get away from my deer!" Confused, Jake raced faster towards his screaming wife. And again he heard her yell: "Get away from my deer!" followed by another volley of gunfire!

Now, within sight of where he had left his wife, Jake was surprised to see a guy standing there with his hands high in the air.

The guy, obviously distraught, said, "Okay, lady, okay!!!! You can have your deer!!! Just let me get my saddle off it!"

All Laughs Submitted by Betty Statham

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Courage

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

— *Winston Churchill*

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