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Pastor's Brief

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Will You Survive the Test?



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"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;... For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 15-17, KJV);

Beloved,

As always, we set our hearts and minds toward God, our Father, His Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit, to whom belong all Glory, all Honor, and all Praise. "For in Him, we live, and move, and have our being;" (Acts 17:28). We also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere love towards you, and greet you as fellow Laborers in the Kingdom, for we are all "ONE" in Christ Jesus our Lord – One Mind (Philippians 2:5), One Body (Romans 12:5), and One Spirit (Ephesians 4:4). As it is written, *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13, KJV).*

In 2 Corinthians, chapter 4, the Apostle Paul expresses that the Believers are tested on every side as we endeavor to labor in the Kingdom. In truth, it seems, we are continuously overwhelmed with test after test, which we call trials, tribulations, and temptations. Before we come out of one, another has begun, and just when we think we have mastered the latter one, again another storm begins to brew on the horizon. These occurrences are not just suddenly happening to the Believers today, but echo throughout the Scriptures, with testimony after testimony revealing the "times of testing," of faithful individuals, including Christ, Himself.

In addressing the testing of the Saints, the real question is **"Will You Survive the Test?"** Though the word "survive" means to endure or outlast a situation (testing), this question reaches beyond the enduring or surviving of the test, and seeks to reveal one's state of mind, addressing the "Outcome of the Test" – was the outcome Successful? The Apostle Paul states "...our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17,NKJV), and though outwardly we are perishing, yet inwardly we are renewed, daily (2 Cor. 4:16). In other words, Paul reveals

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that, after being tested, tried, cast down, persecuted, perplexed, and troubled, our outcome should produce a harvest in us that results in soundness of mind, a deeper conviction, clarity of assignment, and an effective ministry that is passionate and powerful.

What is more, for the Believers, God allows these times of testing to improve our character, to refine our faith, to perfect our loyalty, to purify our motives, and to secure our commitment to the Kingdom. For this reason, James, the Apostle, asserts that the testing of our faith produces patience....but let patience have its perfect work, that we may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing (1:3-4, NKJV). Therefore, Beloved, God is not interested in us simply surviving the test, but that the outcome leaves us stronger mentally, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually for Kingdom Building and for His Glory. Will You Survive the Test!

How To Walk In God's Blessing

Now Ye Are Clean Through the Word

Your nature is programmed to want to obey God in much the same way a calculator is programmed to compute numbers. When you put in the right information, you get the right response. And when you feed your new nature with God's Word, it's designed to give you the right response. That's why Satan tries to keep you so busy doing other things that you don't spend time reading your Bible. His goal is to keep you weak and ineffective. Paul writes, "We all...beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image" (2Co 3:18 NKJV). A mirror is simply a reflector. And the more time you spend in God's Word, the more you begin to reflect His likeness. But it won't happen by just grabbing a verse here and there or skimming through a passage. No, it calls for renewing your mind every day with God's Word, to the extent that the Holy Spirit connects with your spirit and produces a Christlike lifestyle. Jesus said: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15: 3-4). When food dries on a plate, that plate needs to 'abide' in some hot soapy water so that all the junk can be removed. That's why you need

to soak your mind in God's Word. It removes not only the gross sin, but hardened baked-on stubborn attitudes that keep you from growing in grace. **Author Unknown**

What Does It Mean to Trust God?

(Taken from YOUVERSIONBIBLE)

The latter history of these apostles -and others associated with them in the early church -shows that sometimes God delivers by a miracle, sometimes He does not. According to fairly reliable church history and tradition, miraculous angels did not always deliver them.

- *Matthew was beheaded with a sword.*
- *Mark died in Alexandria after being dragged through the streets of the city.*
- *Luke was hanged on an olive tree in Greece.*
- *John died a natural death, but they unsuccessfully tried to boil him in oil.*
- *Peter was crucified upside-down in Rome.*
- *James was beheaded in Jerusalem.*
- *James the Less was thrown from a height then beaten with clubs.*
- *Phillip was hanged,*
- *Bartholomew was whipped and beaten to death.*
- *Andrew was crucified and preached at the top of his voice to his persecutors until he died.*
- *Thomas was run through with a spear.*
- *Jude was killed with the arrows of an executioner.*
- *Matthias was stoned and then beheaded – as was Barnabas.*
- *Paul was beheaded in Rome.*

Submitted by Dr. Barbara Smith

Something to get you thinking:

- **Are you going through life with just a glimpse of who Jesus is? Will you even know Him when you get to heaven???**

Have You Heard About Being a Busybody?

By Eldress Frances Harvey

Being a busybody better known as a gossip and prying into other people's affairs are listed along with sins of murder, stealing and making trouble (see 1Peter 4:15). Christians sometimes fall into the sin of prying into other people's affairs and then gossiping about them. Apparently, God considers this as a serious sin as stealing or murder. That's rather shocking, isn't it and it does seem strange that prying into others' affairs and then gossiping about them is so severely condemned by God perhaps God has watched the suffering and pain that has been created by these sins.

Most Christians would staunchly declare that they would never steal from anyone and certainly have never committed murder. But how many of us regularly pry into other people's lives and we do pass our information along to others. If it's true that a fellow Christians was once on drugs or guilty of some other sins, do we feel it's our business to find out or if we find out that he or she has been guilty would we then tell other people if we did. Would that please God? Of course, we should not sin. But how strange to us that in God's eyes it seems the sins of stealing and murder are no worse than our effort to point out other people's sin.

Perhaps all of this has something to do with the fact that God has forgiven our sins. He doesn't want us to be reminded of them even at the judgment seat. God paid the great price of permitting His Son to be humiliated and crucified in order to provide the forgiveness of our sins. Maybe the great price He paid causes Him to be angry when we find it necessary to pry into that which He has forgiven. I strongly recommend that you carefully ponder your attitude toward the sins of others. If you have been eager to hear about other people's mistakes, reflect on the consequences before you once again practice the fine of prying—even if you clothe your curiosity by saying, "I want to pray for them." Remember that Jesus told us to pray. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. But the act of prying is saying, "I want to find out what others have done." Just like Eve, we want more knowledge of good and evil.

Many sufferings come to those who disregard God's warning. The sins of prying and gossiping sink men's hearts into discouragement. I've seen it happen, Christians who were once filled with confidence and joy that Jesus was their

Lord and Savior drifted into doubt and discouragement after they centered their attention on another person's sins or failures. They found it difficult to believe that God had forgiven their own sins. When we learn about another man's faults we may be tempted to judge him; we need to consider Romans 14:4.

One Fine Day

By Mark Bova

Make someone beautiful day,
Help them along their rough, rough way.
Shine like a starlit moon,
Wipe away their fear and gloom.
Show them a helping hand,
Let them know you understand.
Always be at their side
To boost their forgotten pride.
Be there to listen only,
For they may be so sad and lonely.
The day is only so long,
So, keep singing that happy song.
I say, give all your sunshine away,
Don't save it for a rainy day.
Make them see that shining star
That shows them who they truly are.
Sunshine's not for holding tight,
But for showing a friend that guiding light.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Get Ready to Grow: Introducing Our New Sunday School Study!

We are thrilled to announce that starting on Sunday, September 6, 2026, our Adult Sunday School class will begin a brand new study: Standard Lesson Commentary Sunday School Book part of the David Cook Books and Ministry Resources.

Why This Book?

The Standard Lesson Commentary is the world's most popular Annual Bible Commentary trusted for over 60 years, providing 52 weeks of in-depth study in a single volume. Students will deepen their understanding of scripture.

Key Features

- Printed Scripture text from the King James Version
- Verse by verse commentary to interpret the Scripture
- Contextualized literary and historical lesson introductions
- A review quiz for each quarter
- Pronunciation guide for difficult words
- Discussion questions to prompt conversation and reflection
- Group learning activities to encourage life application

We cannot wait to see how God uses this new Sunday school book to transform the hearts and minds of our students! **Submitted by Mother Veronica Smith, Sunday School Superintendent**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**

September
8th- Bertha Williams
18th-Crystal Jones
23rd- Linberg Crosby

October
4th-Mary Autry
12th Howard T. Bell
15th-William Autry
25th- Sandra Crosby

November
1st- Haywood Bell
12th- Diane Hart
12th- Janice E. Ingram
23rd- Linwood Gainey

When to Keep Your Mouth Shut

Don't Open your Mouth:



1. In the heat of anger- Proverbs 14:17
2. When you don't have all of the facts- Proverbs 18:13
3. When you haven't verified the story- Deuteronomy 17:6
4. If your words will offend a weaker brother- 1Corinthians 8:11
5. If your words will be a poor reflection of the Lord or of your friends and family- Peter 2:22-23
6. When you are tempted to joke about sin – Proverbs 14:9
7. When you would be ashamed of your words later – Proverbs 8:8
8. When you are tempted to make light of holy things – Ecclesiastes 5:2
9. If your words would convey a wrong impression- Proverbs 17:27
10. If the issue is none of your business- Proverbs 14:10
11. When you are tempted to tell an outright lie – Proverbs 4:24
12. If your words will damage someone's reputation – Proverbs 16:27
13. If your words will destroy a friendship – Proverbs 25:28
14. If you have already more than one time (then it becomes nagging) – Proverbs 19:1
15. When you are feeling critical - James 3:9
16. If you can't speak without yelling – Proverbs 18:21
17. When it is time to listen – Proverbs 13:1
18. If you may have to eat your words later – Proverbs 18:21
19. When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person- Proverbs 24:24
20. When you are supposed to be working instead – Proverbs 14:23

PROVERBS 21:23 "WHOSOEVER KEEPETH HIS MOUTH AND HIS TONGUE, KEEPETH HIS SOUL FROM TROUBLE."

“12 Ways To Be A Blessing To Your Church”

Kate McVeigh Submitted by Dr. Barbara A Smith

1. Do Not Ask What Your Church Can Do for You, but What You Can Do for Your Church
2. Pray Daily for Your Pastor
3. Bless Your Pastor on Special Occasions
4. Get Involved in the Helps Ministry
5. Follow Through With Commitments
6. Submit With Style and Always Smile
7. Recognize the Trap of Familiarity
8. Overcome Offenses (Note: Ways 1-8 in previous newsletters.)

9. Speak Faith-Filled Words (Over Your Church)

There is power in the words we speak! As a matter of fact, words are so powerful that God created the world by them. **Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.** This scripture tells us that the world was framed with words, We, too, can frame our world around us by the words that we speak. We can frame our world of peace, prosperity, and healing by the words that come out of our mouth. The scripture also tells us that we are snared by the words of our mouth (Proverbs 6:2).

James 3:6 tells us that the tongue can ignite a fire and it can spread. This is true negatively and positively. Just like gossip spreads in a *negative way*, you can spread good things about your church in a *positive way*.

I don't know about you, but it was hearing good things about my church that caused me to want to investigate what was happening there. I showed up once and remained ever since. Even in Jesus' own meetings, people came as a result of the good things they heard about Him. They heard that cripples were walking, blind eyes were opening, miracles were happening, and lives were being restored. Faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17). People need to hear of the good things that are happening at your church.

If you really want to be a blessing, you should speak God's Words over your church on a daily basis. Say out loud that God is giving your pastor wisdom and that all your church's needs are met in abundance with plenty left over to give to others. Confess daily that God's glory is in every service, that souls are being saved, and that your church is a mighty force touching your city and world.

A few scriptures that you can quote over your church: Mark 11:23; Hebrews 10:23; Proverbs 6:2; Proverbs 16: 24, Proverbs 18:4, Proverbs 18:21.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

7th - Labor Day
 9-11th - Annual Revival
 13th - National Grandparents Day
 19th - Homecoming Activity/ Cookout
 27th - **123rd Homecoming/ Church Anniversary**

October (Pastor Appreciation Month)

23rd - Quarterly Conference
 25th - Holy Communion

November

3rd - **ELECTION DAY**
 11th - Veterans' Day
 9-15th - 159th Annual Conference@ CFA
 26th - Thanksgiving Day
 29th - District Union

Speaking the Language

By Pastor Tony Evans

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things." John 14:26

Prayer is like the weather: everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it. At least not often, when it comes to prayer. If there's any area where most of us are weak in our spiritual lives, it's prayer. It's not that we don't put a high value on it. It's not that we don't think we should pray. The problem is that we simply don't pray. If you struggle with prayer, welcome to the family. One reason we struggle is that we don't know how to pray. Prayer isn't natural to us, because our natural state is to run from God's presence, not come before Him. Our natural state is to pursue our own path, but prayer helps to align us with God's path.

Some of us have never learned how to pray. Others haven't prayed enough to be comfortable with it. Still others don't understand enough of God's Word to pray biblically and accurately.

Whatever the case, you and I don't have any excuse not to pray. We may have good reasons for not praying well, but we don't have any excuse for not praying at all.

Paul recognizes our prayer dilemma, and he has some good news. When you don't know how to pray, when you don't know what to say or how to say it, you have a divine Interpreter called the Holy Spirit who can clarify, correct and focus your prayer so that by the time it leaves you and gets to heaven, it's aligned with God's kingdom and His agenda in the most appropriate way.

You don't have to worry that you didn't get that prayer just right. By the time the Holy Spirit took your prayer and carried it into the heavenly throne room, the prayer is powerful, because the Spirit's job is to intercede for us. His job is to interpret our prayers and carry them to the Father. Learning to pray is like learning a foreign language.

The best way to learn it is to hang out in an environment where the language is spoken. So, if you want to learn to pray, you need to spend time in an environment where prayer is spoken. You need to pray and abide in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit will help you as you do these things. He knows the powerful prayer language of the heavenly kingdom realm.

General Election Coming Soon!



On October 15th, Early Voting begins in North Carolina with Election Day on November 3rd. There are various statewide offices on the ballots but let's take a look at the offices closer to home. These races will shape your community, your school, your safety and your rights.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Your vote will help decide how your tax dollars are spent, local services are delivered, community growth and how county government works for your family.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

School board members shape your child's education from decisions on school budgets, available resources and what students learn.

SHERIFF

Sheriff oversees public safety and law enforcement, while promoting accountability and trust within the communities they serve.

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Court of Appeals judges decide whether trial judges followed the law and treated people fairly.

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

District court judges make major decisions in family, civil, and criminal cases that affect people's lives.

NOW is the time to get prepared for the upcoming November 3rd Election. Get registered! If you are registered, check your registration to ensure all information is accurate! Contact the Harnett County Board of Elections at 910-893-7553 or harnett.org/elections; Cumberland County Board of Elections 910-678-7733 or cumberland-countync.gov for any questions.

VOTING IS A RIGHT!!!



Puzzle answer: Have mercy on me O Lord.

Happenings



Cape Fear "A" Mothers' Department Tea



7-Up Program at Free Will Bethel



Dec & Mother Smith at Pastor McCloud's Banquet



Mya McKoy's 1st Dance Recital



Dec & Mother McNeill visits for Mother's Day



First Lady Joyce & Bishop McKeithan celebrates 30th Pastoral Anniversary



Pastor Jones speaks at True Victory Deliverance Tabernacle's Pastoral Anniversary

Pictures courtesy of Dr. Barbara Smith and Mother Veronica Smith

Ushers' Anniversary



Zion Wall Ushers joined by other guest Ushers



VP William Autry, First Lady Betty Bell introduces the speaker



The 1st Usher Anniversary for the Youth Ushers-
Shamar Bobbitt, Reagan Jenkins, Riley Jenkins,
Gary Elliott, Jr and Aiden Jenkins



Sis. Bertha Williams gives
welcome address



Pastor Gerry Bell, speaker
for the occasion



ZW Male Chorus sang for the occasion

*Pictures courtesy
of Dr. Barbara Smith and Mother
Veronica Smith*

Bible Wordsearch

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Matt.20:1-19

The Hired Hands

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ASKED	BURDEN
BEING	CONDEMN
CHIEF	CRUCIFIED
DEATH	DISCIPLES
EARLY	ENVOIOUS
EQUAL	FOREMAN
GAVE	FRIEND
HIRED	GENTILES
JESUS	GRUMBLE
LAST	HEAVEN
LIFE	JERUSALEM
MONEY	KINGDOM
ONES	MOCKED
ONLY	OWNER
RIGHT	PRIESTS
STILL	RAISED
TOLD	TEACHERS
WAGES	VINEYARD

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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