

THE MOUNTAIN CITY MESSENGER

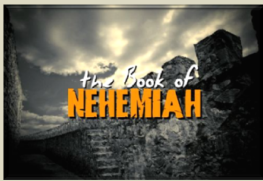
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

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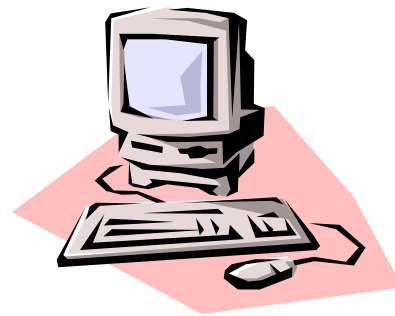
9/30 - The Right Answer

10/7 - The Right Security

10/14 - The Right Beginning

10/21 - The Right Agreement

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Daily Scriptures:

Week of 10/7:
Mon – Exodus 14
Tues – Exodus 15
Wed – Joshua 3
Thur – Joshua 4
Fri – Nehemiah 8
Sat – Nehemiah 9

Week of 10/14:
Mon – Genesis 9:1-17
Tues – Exodus 24
Wed – Psalm 25
Thur – Psalm 132
Fri – Acts 3
Sat – Nehemiah 10

Week of 10/21:
Mon – Lev 23:1-22
Tues – Lev 23:23-44
Wed – Jeremiah 30
Thur – Luke 15
Fri – Psalm 7
Sat – Nehemiah 12

Week of 10/28:
Mon – Ruth 4
Tues – 1 Chronicles 3
Wed – 2 Sam 7:1-17
Thur – 2 Sam 7:18-29
Fri – Luke 3:23-38
Sat – Matthew 1:1-17

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few

Now that the fields near the church have been picked, and the local farmer's market is closing for the season, we are reminded that the Lord is counting on us to bring in the harvest.

There are plenty of people around us who need Jesus, but they don't know how to get to Him. That is why we have to make sure we show them the way to the cross.

As God's church, we are to be the light for Jesus in the dark world around us.

By reaching out to the people in our community, we are showing the world that the church is still relevant today. There is only one way to get to heaven, and that is through Jesus. And when we shine the light of Jesus, the narrow road can be seen so the people can find it.

This month, we are finishing our series on Nehemiah.

This book has been a joy to study as there are many leadership lessons in the life of Nehemiah. We would do well to apply these lessons as we influence those around us for Christ!

Let's grow together!

-Earl Winfrey
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"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Albert Einstein

[God Is Our Fortress]

[TO THE CHOIRMASTER. OF THE SONS OF KORAH. ACCORDING TO ALAMOTH. A SONG.]

[1] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

[2] Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

[3] though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

[4] There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

[5] God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

[6] The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

[7] The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

[8] Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

[9] He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

[10] "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

[11] The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah (Psalm 46 ESV)

The sons of Korah, writers of many of the Psalms, watched their Dad get swallowed by the earth for challenging God's law (Numbers 16). When they wrote about the power and strength of God, and how God moves mountains, they weren't writing poetry... they were writing history...

Sunday Night Video Series!!

Sunday nights at 6:30pm, we have a 5 week study on the silencing of God. This will lead us up to the election in November. During this series, we will also dedicate part of the sessions to praying over the November 6 election.

Here are some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

* Accept that some days you're the pigeon,
And some days you're the statue.

* Always keep your words soft and sweet,
Just in case you have to eat them.

* Always read stuff that will make you look good
If you die in the middle of it.

* Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be
Recalled by their maker.

* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be
vague.

* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person
again, it was probably worth it.

* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply be
kind to others.

* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time,
Because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

* Nobody cares if you can't dance well.
Just get up and dance.

* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the
bird, sleep late.

* The second mouse gets the cheese.

* Birthdays are good for you.
The more you have, the longer you live.

* You may be only one person in the world,
But you may also be the world to one person.

* Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

* We could learn a lot from crayons... Some are sharp,
some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird
names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live
in the same box.

* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery
on a detour.

"If you burn your neighbor's house down, it doesn't make your house look any better."
- Lou Holtz

"[6] I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. [7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."(1 Cor 3:6-7)

I love to work in the yard. There is just something about being outside working with plants and watching them grow that relaxes me. Well, as long as the plants grow the way they should, I am relaxed. But there are times when I don't get the results I am looking for, and that is when I have to remember that there may be times when plants grow without showing signs of growth.

Before I met Michael in 2006, I had an idea for the flower bed at my home in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. I took a 10 pound bag of sunflower seeds that were for feeding birds and planted them. My theory was that since other seeds around the bird feeder sprouted when left on the ground, the seeds I planted should produce sunflowers. A week after planting the seeds, I took a trip to visit my family in Atlanta, and when I went back home a few days later, there were many sprouts that grew into a very dense bed of sunflowers. My theory was a success!

4 months after marrying Michael in 2007, we moved to Port Orange, Florida. At our new home, I wanted to plant sunflowers again, so I did the same thing with the 10 pound bag of seeds. Unfortunately, the seeds were taking longer to sprout, so I was getting frustrated at my "failure" to grow sunflowers. After 3 weeks had passed, we were taking a trip to Atlanta to visit family, and I made up my mind that after we returned home, I would find something else to plant. When we returned home, I was happy to see our sunflowers sprouting, and a few weeks later, we had just as many sunflowers as I did the first time I planted seeds. I just had to be patient and give the seeds time to sprout, but since I was basing my success on what happened the first time, I was frustrated and ready to quit before seeing the results.

When we plan events at church, there is a temptation to declare what success would look like. There are some events that will produce results while others will look like a waste of time. No matter what happens with events, we have to keep in mind that we are planting seeds, and even though the seeds may have sprouted quickly before, they may take more time to grow this time. One of the laws of the harvest is that we sow in one season and reap in another. That means that immediate results are not always seen when seeds are planted. We should not be discouraged when we do not reap results in the same season we have sown. Remember that one man plants, another man waters, but God is the one who makes it grow.

Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

Beautiful People

"We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be one of the "beautiful people"? Fans swarming the stage. People asking for your autograph. The satisfaction of accolades and trophies. The rush of knowing that others imitate the way you walk, dress, and speak. What a life that would be!

But perhaps that lifestyle isn't quite as glamorous, as we might think. Consider what it would be like to have photographers hound your every step, hoping to catch you in less-than-beautiful activities. Think about the hassle of having to wear a disguise at the ballpark or your favorite restaurant.

Being one of the "beautiful people" comes at a price. Many celebrities hire bodyguards to keep the adoring public at arm's length. Most live behind secure gates in homes protected by surveillance cameras. Being beautiful means being very careful about associating with others.

In contrast, our beautiful Savior welcomes us into His presence-always! Jesus doesn't hole up inside a secure compound or wall Himself off behind impenetrable security. No, He enfolds us in His grace, inviting us to come close and to stay close, forever!

As Jesus lived here on earth, He made Himself accessible to all who came to hear the message of God's unending love for them. He healed the sick. He touched the lepers. His inexhaustible mercy made Him beautiful beyond words in their eyes.

Still today, Jesus is present with us, accessible at any and every moment. We can call out to Him with any need, any concern. He gladly invites us to spend time with Him, to share our lives with Him. He longs for us to stay near, to nestle close to His heart, secure in His love.

What's more, the more time we spend with Him, thinking about His acceptance, pouring over the promises in His Word, reflecting on His compassion, the more like Him we become.

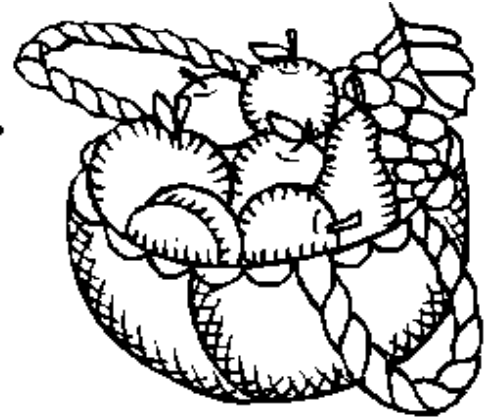
We are transformed-changed-into His very image, with ever-increasing glory.

Christmas is not that far away!!!

As the weather gets cooler, we need to start thinking about Christmas at our church. Just like last year, we will be decorating the church on the last Wed in November. We need somebody who has an eye for decorating to lead us as we "Deck the halls" for December! If you are interested in taking charge of the decorations, please let us know soon so we can check out our decorations to see what we need!

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Fruit of the Spirit Anagram



Word List:

Christ-like, confess, gentleness, gifts,
healthy, honest, kindness, learn, patience,
trustworthy

aceeinpt _____

deiknss _____

eeegltnsst _____

fgist _____

aelnr _____

cefnoos _____

ehnost _____

horrstttuwy _____

chirst-eikl _____

aehhlty _____

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12 (NIV)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Tuesday - Men's Discipleship group at Chick-Fil-A in Clayton 7am

Sunday nights - Video Series 6:30pm

Oct 1-3 - Earl in Louisville
 Oct 5 - Craft Day
 Oct 7 - Fellowship Meal after Worship
 Elders Meeting after Meal
 Oct 10 - Elders/Deacons meeting 5pm
 Oct 12 - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm
 Oct 16 - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm
 Oct 18 - Food Pantry 4:30pm
 Oct 19 - Game Night 6pm
 Oct 23 - Deadline for November Newsletter
 Oct 26 - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm

Servers for October:

Morning Prayer - Lee Lantzer
 Offering Prayer - Mark Mason
 Server - Ernie Smith
 Communion Meditation - Luke Turner
 Communion Preparation - Tiffany Berg



Please keep us informed of any address changes so we can keep our records up to date.

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General Prayer Items for the month:

(Please see the weekly bulletin for the church prayer list.)

- Church Leadership
- Ministries of the church
- Members
- Visitors
- Lost Souls
- Those needing work/Home sales
- The persecuted church
- Missionaries
- Future Kingdom Workers
- Those serving in the Military
- Government
- Schools

Evangelistic Opportunities:

Does your neighbor go to church?
 Does your neighbor know that you go to church?

Partners in Ministry

Don't forget to pray for those churches around us and near our hearts!

- FCC of Franklin, NC
- Toccoa Christian Church
- Providence Road Church of Christ (Charlotte, NC)
- First Christian Church of Fairburn, GA
- Coastline Christian Church (New Smyrna Beach)
- Southlake Christian Church (Groveland, FL)
- Christian Church at Deleon Springs, FL
- Tomoka Christian Church (Ormond Beach, FL)
- N. Citrus Christian Church (Citrus Springs, FL)

If anyone knows of any churches that need to be added to this list, be sure to let Earl know.

Our food pantry is now going to be every 3rd Thursday of the month. The food pantry will still be available during other times of the month if anyone is in need, so don't think you have to wait until the 3rd Thursday to receive help with food.

We are beginning a Men's Bible Study every 3rd Tuesday of the month, and our Men's night will be moved to every 1st Tuesday of the month.

Sign under a mounted fish:
 If I had kept my mouth shut, I wouldn't be here.