



Galilee

Baptist Church Louisa

The Battleground of Victory & Deliverance

God's Word

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

Psalm 40:3-2
(NIV)

A Hymn Out of Pain

I have confessed to the Lord that my high tolerance for pain will probably be my downfall. One hand can be used to count the number of times I have allowed pain to stop me in my tracks. The week following Thanksgiving was one of those times. My knees had been screaming all week! That evening while preparing lunch I had to stop. Almost in tears, I was doubled over at the counter, knees throbbing, when my spirit began to sing out loud, *"I will trust in the Lord, 'til I die. Father, I stretch my hand to thee; no other help I know..."* Hopefully, you know the rest.

Almost instantly that throbbing type of pain that stalls me was gone, and I was able to complete my tasks. The arthritis and the chronic pain were still present, but I was able to stand, walk, sing and continue.

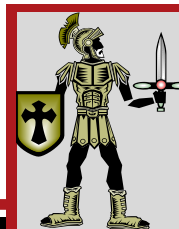
Songs of praise to my Lord have been an invaluable tool in my Christian walk. I seriously doubt if the author of that particular song was going through arthritic knee pain when it was written, but it served me for that purpose.

In this time of year when gifts and giving are on the minds of the masses, I thank the generations of psalmists for their many gifts of musical praise and worship that bring joy and peace and contentment to God's people—when spoken words fail to come.

I thank my God for the gift of His Son (not born on December 25th). It is belief in this most Precious Gift that provides me with instant relief- relief from knee pain, people pain, financial pain...you name it!

I pray that on your journey with the Lord you are loaded with tools that instantly take you out of circumstance and into the presence of God's peace and joy!

In total praise...I am





Sick, Shut-in and Prayer Requests

Please call these names out during your personal prayer time; and in your intercessions ask the Father to bless these individuals and ministries in His own way and in His own time.

Sis. Yolanda Allen	Bro. Franklin Hardy
Sis. Ada Anderson	Sis. Letia Harris
Sis. Alice Arnette	Rev. Edna Holt
Dea. David Ayers, Sr.	Bro. Edward Holt
Sis. Janet Ayers	Kingdom Living Temple
Sis. Ethel Barksdale	Dea. Duke Johnson
Sis. Leanne Blalock	Bro. Ruben Lewis III
Bro. Atilol Bland	Deas. Dottie Martin
Dea. James W. Bland	Deas. Emma Martin
Dea. Presley Bland	Bro. Walter Martin
Bro. Shakespeare Bland	Bro. William McKnight
Rev. Peggy Brice	Bro. Milton Morris & Family
Sis. Gladys Brown & Family	Sis. Janet Page
Bro. William Brown	Sis. Audrey Perkins
Sis. Mamie Bruce	Sis. Adeline Quarles
The Bullock Family	Bro. Alonzo Scott
Bro. Andre Callahan	Bro. Gilbert Scott
Sis. Darlene Carter	Sis. Mary Scott
Sis. Cleolive Cavanaugh	Bro. Travis Shelton
Bro. Darnell Collier	Sis. Virgie Shelton
Sis. Felicia Christmas	Sis. Maxine Spears
Sis. Marcine Dillard	Rev. Otis Spellman
Bro. John/Sis. Susie Divers	Revs. Robert/Beulah Spellman
Sis. Clara Eubanks	Walton/Shipman Family
Bro. James Fox	Sis. Charmeka Stewart
Bro. Jamar Galdden & Family	Sis. Doretta Trice
Dea. Eunice Graves	Sis. Lorraine Winston



On the cover: December 2—Pastor Lewis offering words of encouragement to Baptism candidates.

Preaching Schedule

8:00 a.m.
December



6 - Minister Brenda Smith
13 - Minister Bernadine Bradshaw
20 - Reverend Dr. Sarah Morris
27 - Minister Susan Lewis

11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning
Elder Ruben Lewis, Jr

Christmas Program

Please join our Sunday School as we present our church's Annual **Christmas Program** to be held on **Saturday, December 12th** at 4:00 p.m.

New Tithing/Contribution Envelopes

The **2016 Contribution envelopes** are now in the church vestibule and will **remain only until** the 5th Sunday in January (1/31).

Trustees of the Month

Gilbert Scott @ 434-589-1309

Please contact for entry into the church after hours or for other church related concerns during **December.**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 ZACCHAEUS JACKSON
- 4 DALE ♥ HENRY BRADSHAW
- 7 PAUL BISHOP, SR.
- 8 JANAS HOWARD
- 10 MARY FORTUNE
- 13 SHARON FERGUSON
MARIAH GAINES
LARRY QUARLES
- 14 GEORGE FERGUSON
CAIN MCKNIGHT
THOMAS WADDY, JR.
- 20 LORI RAGLAND
- 25 ALONZA COLEMAN
IRENE MORRIS
- 27 NICOLE GILLIAM
MICHAEL HARRIS
- 29 DE'JA JACKSON
- 30 JAMES GRAHAM
JANICE RAGLAND
- 31 LEONA JOHNSON



'Tis the Season

However it is you decide to celebrate the Christmas season, just remember that Jesus was born! Don't get hung up on the date. Don't get hung up on the fact that the holiday has pagan origins (as do lots of other holidays we choose to celebrate).

We, as Christians, should celebrate the virgin birth at every instance; not only in December.

Unless the Lord pricks your heart not to take part in Christmas traditions, know that He loves us and (prayerfully) understands our need or desire to partake in such traditions.



Consider this time of year as an extra special occasion to share your faith in the one Whose Name is at the beginning of "Christmas".



Trust and believe that Jesus knows the hearts of those who truly love Him, and He won't send you to Hell for putting up a tree or having your child take a picture with the jolly gentleman in the red suit.

Whether you agree with the above or not...please have a Merry Christmas filled with every blessing the Lord has set aside just for you...now and into the New Year!

—The Galilean





MUSINGS OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

“Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

Isaiah 40:28-29 (New Living Translation)

The message of Isaiah is so profound and quite frankly reassuring. While there are consequences for our actions, there is also forgiveness and love from an All-caring God. We are assured of God’s immeasurable capacity for love and forgiveness. It does not give us a license to do wrong without any concern for the consequences; it instead lets us know that when we make choices that are contrary to His will, He is just to forgive us. He grants us mercy. He *“looks beyond our faults and sees our needs”*.

Just as He did with the Israelites, He will come and He will deliver us (sometimes from ourselves). When it seems that there is trouble all around us, God is there. While we are not in the same kind of bondage as the Israelites, we do find ourselves enslaved to secular thoughts and desires. We seek the world and its allure. We spend lavishly on all kinds of trinkets and baubles; we do not always keep all the Commandments; we allow ourselves to be paralyzed by fear and uncertainty when He has told us we have nothing to fear; and we fail to trust Him in all things. Are we pleasing God? Maybe not, but he does not cast us aside. He welcomes us back into fellowship with Himself.

In the New Year, let us seek God’s strength and comfort. While our various circumstances may not change, our way of dealing with them can change. We can go forth into battle with the “full Armor of God”. We will have His strength. We will challenge life’s problems with His strength; we will challenge sickness with His power, and we will be victors through a God Who is omnipotent. Let us turn and return to Him seeking His comfort. Read your Bible daily for encouragement. This is God’s Everlasting Word. When all else fails, God’s Word will stand. His Word will stand for all eternity.

“The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him.”

Lamentations 3:22-24

Trusting and Believing-
M.C.B-S.
Columbia, Virginia

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study 12:30pm	2 Prayer Service 7:00pm	3 Diaconate Education 7:30pm	4 Bible Study 9:00 am	5 -10:00am Gospel Chorus
6 -6:30am Men of Promise <i>Holy Communion</i>	7 Family Bible Study 7:30pm	8 Bible Study 12:30pm	9 Prayer Service 7:00pm	10 Diaconate Education 7:30pm	11 Bible Study 9:00 am 7:30pm	12 -10:00am Senior Choir
13	14 Family Bible Study 7:30pm	15 Bible Study 12:30pm	16 Prayer Service 7:00pm	17 Diaconate Education 7:30pm	18 Bible Study 9:00am	19 -10:30am Men's Chorus
20 -6:30am Men of Promise	21 Family Bible Study 7:30pm	22 Bible Study 12:30pm	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26
27 <i>Youth Sunday</i>	28 Family Bible Study 7:30pm	29	30	31		

Other Important Dates

Dec 12 4:00 p.m. Annual
Sunday School
Christmas Program

*The Church Office may be closed some days during the end of 2015 and the start of 2016. Days and time will be in Sunday bulletins and on our website.

Also, please call ahead or check the website during Christmas/New Years for any weather-related or other cancellations.

Please join us
for Sunday
School every
Sunday at
9:30



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS (Adult)

December 6 "The Lord's Day" *Lesson focus: Keeping the Sabbath is a response to God's holiness.*
Exodus 20:8-11 (Remember the Sabbath), **31:12-16** (Keep the Sabbath Holy)

December 13 "Acceptable Offerings" *Lesson focus: Give God an acceptable sacrifice.*
Leviticus 22:17-25 (Bring Acceptable Sacrifices), **31:33** (Keep God's Commandments)

December 20 "Dedication of the Firstborn" *Lesson focus: Recognize the coming of Jesus.*
Luke 2:22-24 (Dedicated to God), **25-32** (A Devout Man of God and a Departing Praise)

December 27 "A Generous Gift" *Lesson focus: God gives a humble spirit.*
Matthew 23:2-7, **Mark 12:38-40** (Hypocrisy Exposed), **Matthew 23**⁸⁻¹² (Humility Exhorted), **Mark 12:41-44** (Humility Expressed)

*If you know your Bible, Sunday School needs you.
If you don't know your Bible, then you need Sunday School.*

Lessons from **Comprehensive Bible Study Adult Student Book - Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings—Studies in the Old and New Testaments**, Volume 131 Number 2. 2015 Cook Communications Ministries (David C. Cook)



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