



Galilee Baptist Church Louisa

Equipping God's People for Works of Service-Eph4:11-16

The Tale of Two Rubens

God's Word

They answered Joshua, "We will do whatever you command us, and we will go wherever you send us. We will obey you just as we obeyed Moses. And may the Lord your God be with you as he was with Moses. Anyone who rebels against your orders and does not obey your words and everything you command will be put to death. So be strong and courageous!"

Joshua 1:16-18
(NLT)



I was listening to a Bible study from the Book of Joshua. The teacher recounted how before reaching the Promised Land three tribes (Ruben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh) requested to be let out of God's original promise for His people. They saw opportunity to raise their large flocks and herds in the land east of the Jordan River (the Promise was west).

Initially, Moses was upset at their defiance; thinking they were trying to get out of battle. He reminded them of how angry the Lord was at the previous generation for being afraid to enter and fight for the land. He feared the Lord would again be angry against the entire nation.

They came back to assure Moses that after their wives and children were secured, and the animals were safely penned they would indeed fight with their brothers to secure that land flowing with milk and honey. Moses agreed...conditionally. IF they did as promised, THEN that land would truly be their gift from the Lord. BUT, if they did not do as they promised, their sin against the Lord would surely find them.

If you have ever paid attention to our Pastor's preaching of his early days in ministry you know that he, at times, was defiant. One can only image his father in the ministry being fearful (as Moses was) of any action against him the Lord would rain. With a spiritual ear attuned to these sermons, you know how the Lord has blessed our Pastor's spiritual growth and maturity in ministry. Yes, even in his pastoring.

With my spiritual eyes and ears I can bear witness to how one's obedience can bring about abundant favor from God. It has nothing to do with being a perfect man (or woman); but it has everything to do with *striving* for perfection, and showing oneself approved, and loving the Lord like one's eternal soul depended upon it...

So, thank you, both Rubens, for honoring the Lord and blessing me in your respective walks with Him.

In Jesus' Name...

LB

Can we pray
for you?



Sick, Shut-in and Prayer Requests and Prayer

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.

Bro. John Agee	Bro. Franklin Hardy
Bro. Nathaniel Agee	Sis. Letia Harris
Sis. Yolanda Allen	Sis. Marie Harris
Sis. Ada Anderson	Bro. Hobart Howard
The Arnette/Cavanaugh	Sis. Janas Howard
Family	Kingdom Living Temple
Dea. David Ayers, Sr. &	Sis. Stacy Jackson
Family	Dea. Duke Johnson
The Banks/Callahan	Sis. Jessica Johnson &
Family	Family
Sis. Ethel Barksdale	Pastor Lewis & Family
Bro. Atilol Bland	Sis. Rhoda Lewis &
Dea. James W. Bland	Family
Sis. Lolita Bland	Bro. Greg Marsh &
Sis. Martha Bland	Family
Dea. Henry Bradshaw	Bro. Walter Martin
Bro. Russell Bradshaw, III	Bro. Lamont Minor
Bro. Larry Brown	Sis. Harriett Parrish
Bro. Sherman Brown	Dea. Roger Parrish
Bro. William Brown	Sis. Audrey Perkins
Sis. Mamie Bruce	Sis. Adeline Quarles
Bro. Andre Callahan	Sis. Rosemary Quarles
Rev. Edward Christmas	& Family
Sis. Felicia Christmas	Sis. Lucille Randolph
Bro. Shaun Daniel	Rev. Tanya Richardson
Sis. Cheryl Brooks-Davis	Bro. Ted Richardson
Sis. Marcine Dillard	Bro. Alfonza Scott
Bro. John/Sis. Susie Divers	Bro. Travis Shelton
Bro. Charlie English	Rev. Otis Spellman
Dea. Ashland Fortune & LC	Rev. Beulah Spellman
Sheriff's Dept.	Sis. Charmeka Stewart
Bro. James Fox	Sis. Doretta Trice
Dea. Roger Gaines	Sis. Shelia Waddy
Bro. Jamar Galdden &	Bro. Thomas Waddy
Family	Sis. Iesha White
Bro. Robert Grooms	Sis. Lorraine Winston
Bro. Alfonso Hardy	Walton/Shipman Family

pray
continually
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Preaching Schedule



8:00 a.m.

June

2 - Rev. Kimberly Fortune

9 - Elder Susan Lewis

16 - **10 a.m. Worship ONLY**

23 - Elder Brenda Smith

30 - **NO** 8 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning

Elder Ruben Lewis, Jr.

Away Preaching Engagements

Jun 9 9:45 a.m. - **Rev. D. Bradshaw**
@ Bethel Baptist, Staunton

3:00 p.m. - **Rev. Fortune**
@ Thessalonian Baptist, Mineral
Usher Anniversary

Jun 23 10:30 a.m. - **Rev. Fortune @**
St. Mark Baptist, Maidens

2:00 p.m. - **Pastor Lewis @**
Rising Sun Baptist, Mineral
Diaconate/Trustee Day

Jun 29 9:00 a.m. - **Rev. Fortune**
@ Bandit's Ridge, Louisa
Women's Day Service

Jun 30 11:00 a.m. - **Rev. Graham**
@ Gordonsville Baptist

Trustees of the Month

Thomas Waddy @ 434-589-8786

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



**On the cover: Sunday, May 26th -
Baby Girl Cortez being dedicated
to the Lord.**

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Ivanov Sanders-Hardy
Destini Davis
Ava Bass
- 3 Mark Grooms
- 4 James Payne
Jayadi Blakely
- 6 William Brown
- 8 Ryan Richardson
- 9 Pastor Ruben Lewis , Jr.
- 11 Sa'Neyah Jones
- 15 Lamiah Jones
- 16 Roger ♥ Kimberly Gaines
Brian ♥ Crystal Curry
- 18 Robert Grooms
Felicia Christmas
- 18 Natalie Bass
- 20 Telisha Quarles
George Parrish
- 24 Javanov Barksdale-White
Hobert ♥ Janas Howard
- 25 Camille Bradshaw
Gilbert ♥ Barbara Scott
George ♥ Harriett Parrish
Jerry ♥ Sarah Slaughter
- 26 Wanda Jackson
Briana Burruss
- 28 Raymond ♥ Flora Pace



Congratulations!

The Galilean sends our heartfelt congratulations to **Pastor Otis R. (and First Lady Janice) Spellman** on being installed as Pastor of Union Baptist Church in Waynesboro, VA.

The installation took place on Saturday, May 25th at the Blue Ridge Chapel, Church of the Brethren.

We pray the Lord's best for the Union Baptist family in this new beginning!



MUSINGS OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

I started my garden in March. I started the soil preparation. I amended the soil with wood ashes, Epsom salts, and Miracle Gro garden soil. I burned my garden spot, tilled and raked it to remove any clods of dirt. Perfection.

I planted tomatoes, cabbage, lettuce, green peppers, squash, cantaloupe, honey dew, watermelon, and beans. Now, I sit back and wait for the harvest. The sun is doing its part and the rain is contributing much needed water.

Gardening brings to mind Luke 8:15, *“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”*

Soil that has been properly conditioned is very much like the person who is receptive to the word. If the heart is hard and resistant to the word, nothing will penetrate it. And nothing will grow. Our hearts and minds are properly conditioned by immersing ourselves in the word of God. Reading, studying, and meditating on the Word conditions our “garden”. It also does not hurt to remove the clods of negative behavior and negative thoughts to make our soil as welcoming as possible.

Every day there are opportunities for us to become “gardens”. We can invite God and his message of love into our hearts. We can open ourselves to his purpose for our lives. Our fruit should be a blessing to others. The world should see our yield and want to partake of it. The fruit we bear should be beacons to draw others to God.

As I think ahead to the harvest, I am also looking into my own heart. Am I allowing God to plant seeds of love that can be a blessing to others? Would anyone want to partake of the yield from my garden? What am I planting and what am I harvesting?

“But show yourself in all things as a model in all good works, and in your teaching let your speech be wholesome” Titus 2:7



M.C.B.S.,
Columbia, Virginia

Helping Those Who Help

The GBCL Missionary Team donated, gathered and packaged: toiletries, kitchen items, and bathroom supplies. Along with those items was an encouraging tract. The ladies presented the much needed items to the Shelter for Help in Emergency located in Charlottesville, VA.



"The Shelter offers a variety of services designed to empower victims of domestic violence, and create a community of support. The shelter provides services that include a shelter, counseling, case management, children and teen services and legal advocacy."

<https://www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org/>

Thanks to the Missionary Team for their donations and for supporting this effort. Above pictured from L to R: Sis. Julia Richardson, Deaconess Frances Parrish, Deaconess Mattie Price, Sis. Kim Souvannaphan, Sis. Robin Rucker.

Bible Quiz: Who Said That? New Testament



1. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Acts 26:28)
King Agrippa King Herod Pontius Pilate Saul
2. "Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years." (Luke 1:18)
Mark Zacharias Peter Joseph
3. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire...." (Matthew 3:11) James Matthew Peter John the Baptist
4. "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." (Matthew 4:3)
a Pharisee a Sadducee Satan a Samaritan
5. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)
Satan Peter John the Baptist Jesus
6. "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18)
a Sadducee a publican a rich ruler Simon Peter
7. "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." (Luke 23:40)
Martha Lazarus a Samaritan one of the thieves that was crucified with Jesus
8. "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." (John 4:15)
Mary Magdalene the good Samaritan Andrew the Samaritan woman at the well
9. "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water" (Matthew 14:28)
Simon Peter Timothy James Matthew
10. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37)
King Herod Peter Jesus Paul

Vacation Bible School 2019



Come explore God's love for the nations.
Revelation 7:9

It's a Vacation Bible School like no other!

Kids will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges as they fill their score cards.

They'll also discover that, no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race—**the human race**—and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

As they examine the events surrounding the tower of Babel, kids will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. And that he wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away.

Join *The Incredible Race* and experience God's love for every tribe, language, and nation!

Registration begins May 5th

For your volunteering options, please contact
Sis. Kimberly Gaines and/or
Elder Susan Lewis



**We look forward
to seeing your *entire* family !**



June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 -10:00am Gospel Chorus
2 Men of Promise 6:30am	3 Bible Study 7:00pm	4 Bible Study 12:30pm	5 Preaching & Praise Service 7:00pm	6	7 Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	8 -10:00am Senior Choir
9	10 Bible Study 7:00pm	11 Bible Study 12:30pm	12 Prayer Service 7:00pm	13	14 Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	15 -10:00am Men's Chorus
16	17	18	19	20	21 First day of Summer	22 -10:00am YPU
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
23 Youth Sunday 30		25 Bible Study 12:30pm	26 Prayer Service 7:00pm	27	28 Bible Study 9:00am 7:00pm	29

Other Important Dates

Jun 16 - 10:00 a.m.
Father's Day Worship

Jun 17-21
Vacation Bible School

Jun 30 - 11:00 a.m.
Youth Led Worship -
Guest Preacher,
Rev. Chante Carnes



Pastor Lewis' Office Hours

Monday 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday 4:00 - 7:00 pm

PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE OF THESE TIMES

Please join us for
Sunday School
most Sundays at
9:30 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS (Adult)

Unit 1: A Fulfilled Covenant

Jun 2 “Jesus Institutes the New Covenant” *Lesson focus: Communion reminds us of our superior covenant with Jesus.*

Mark 14:17-24 (The First Communion), Hebrews 8:6-7, 10-12 (A Covenant Established on Better Promises)

Jun 9 “Jesus Seals the New Covenant” *Lesson focus: Jesus’ death opened the door to come to God.*

Mark 15:6-15, 25-25 (Jesus is Condemned), 33-39 (Jesus is Crucified)

Jun 16 “The New Covenant’s Sacrifice” *Lesson focus: Jesus’ once-for-all sacrifice cleanses and redeems.*

Hebrews 9:11-14 (Jesus’ Sacrifice Purifies Us), 15-18 (Jesus’ Death Redeems Us), 19-22 (Jesus’ Blood Covers Our Sins)

Jun 23 “Hearts United in Love” *Lesson focus: Remember who you are in Christ.*

Colossians 2:1-7 (Rooted in Christ), 8-12 (Raised with Christ), 13-15 (Forgiven Because of Christ)

Jun 30 “Jesus Teaches About Right Attitudes” *Lesson focus: Kingdom living is countercultural.*

Matthew 5:1-5 (A Right Heart Before God), 6-9 (A Right Relationship with God), 10-12 (A Right Perspective About Our Future with God)

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

Lessons

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