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

#### **Two Corrections Letters**

Last month I received two letters, both of them came into my possession the same day. The one from the Department of Corrections was in my church mail cubby. Some of you know that a few recipients of this newsletter are incarcerated. From the first read of this letter I thought that I (we) were no longer being allowed to send the Galilean to these individuals. Thankfully, I did a re-read; if I was allowed a "flesh" moment, I could have been offended by this seemingly rejection. It was only the cover of one edition that was questionable and was deemed harmful to their rehabilitation efforts.

The other letter was handed to me by our Pastor. It was actually from a gentleman who is currently incarcerated, but was not necessarily intended for The Galilean. The Pastor said he did not know the man. I have no idea how he came to write to Galilee. This letter also required a re-read. He wrote of hurt and abandonment by family and friends; and disappointment from the faith community. Neither the Pastor nor I was sure of his intent. So, after prayer for clarity, I prayed for him, added him to the mailing and prayer lists, and prayed again.

The DOC letter provided an option to contest their decision. My response only requested to find out what was objectionable; I trusted that they had the best intentions for the individuals under their care and did not wish to make the mistake again.

In ministry, there is a tremendous responsibility! Matthew 11:6 (see God's Word) teaches that what we seek may not always be what we find. I pray that the DOC reviewers continue to seek out materials that may potentially cause harm; even those from the faith community. I pray that in whatever the gentleman is seeking the Lord will show him something greater than family, friends and religion. I pray that he will find in the Lord a source of joy, peace and contentment. (Thank you Sir, for trusting us and allowing us to pray for you.) In Jesus Name...

God's Word

**C**nd blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: <u>"What did you go</u> into tñe wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did vou ao out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' 'But what houses. did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, say to you, and moré than a prophet. For this is *he* of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send Mv messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way prepare You.' before You.'

Matthew 11:6-10 (NKJV)



### 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. Nathaniel Agee Sis. Yolanda Allen Sis. Ada Anderson The Arnette/Cavanaugh Family

Dea. David Avers, Sr. The Banks/Callahan

Family

Sis. Ethel Barksdale Sis. Roberta Bass Elder Dorothy Bishop Bro. Atilol Bland

Dea. James W. Bland

Sis. Lolita Bland Sis. Martha Bland Rev. Peggy Brice

Bro. Russell Bradshaw, III

Bro. Larry Brown

Bro. Sherman Brown Bro. William Brown

Sis. Mamie Bruce

Sis. Nancy Burney

Bro. Andre Callahan

Sis. Judy Callahan Sis. Felicia Christmas

Bro. Shaun Daniel

Sis. Marcine Dillard

Bro. John/Sis. Susie Divers

Bro. Charlie English

Dea. Ashland Fortune & LC Sheriff's Dept.

Sis. Mary Fortune

Bro. James Fox

Bro. Jamar Galdden &

Family

Sis. Terry Graham Sis. Holly Grooms Bro. Robert Grooms

Bro. Alfonso Hardy

Bro. Franklin Hardv

Sis. Letia Harris

Sis. Marie Harris

Rev. Edna Holt Sis Janas Howard Kingdom Living Temple Sis. Stacy Jackson Dea. Duke Johnson Bro. Omarion Jones Pastor Lewis & Family Sis. Rhoda Lewis & Family

Bro. Walter Martin **Bro. Lamont Minor** The Morris/Lewis Family Deas. Frances Parrish Sis. Harriett Parrish Dea. Roger Parrish Sis. Audrey Perkins Sis. Leathrice Price Sis. Adeline Quarles Bro. Lonnie Quarles Sis. Lucille Randolph

Rev. Tanya Richardson

Bro. Ted Richardson Bro. Alfonza Scott

Bro. Gilbert Scott

Sis. Pamala Shelton Bro. Travis Shelton

Rev. Otis Spellman

Rev. Beulah Spellman Sis. Charmeka Stewart

Sis. Doretta Trice

Dea. Chester Walker & Family

Sis. lesha White Bro. Ronnie Whitbeck Sis. Lorraine Winston Walton/Shipman Family



### Preaching Schedule

8:00 a.m. May



6 - Reverend Dale Bradshaw

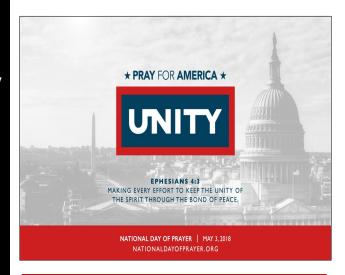
13 - No 8am/10:00am worship

20 - Reverend Kimberly Fortune

27 - Elder Brenda Smith

### 11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning

Elder Ruben Lewis, Jr.



### **Trustee of the Month**

**Thomas Waddy** @ 434-589-8786

Please contact for entry into the church



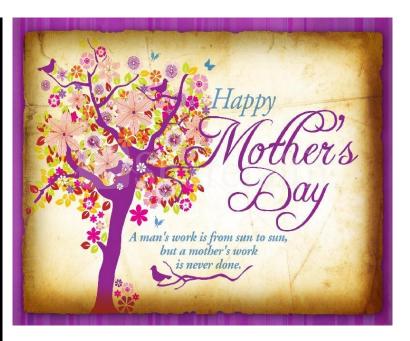
after hours or for other church related concerns during May 2018.

On the cover: Message found on a board in one of the classrooms.

### April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- **1** Chad ♥ Christy White
- 2 Julia Richardson
- **3** Flossie Quarles
- **4** Mary Grooms Lloyd Martin
- 6 Antonio Lewis, Jr.
- 7 Robert Scott, III
- 8 Melissa Bishop
- **9** Takiyah Anderson
- **10** Robert Scott IV Takara Smith
- **14** Leroy ♥ Mattie Price
- **15** Haley Hardy Raquan Jones
- 23 Sharon Bradshaw
- 24 Sarah Morris Leathrice Price
- 25 Bri'Anna Callahan
- **26** Donna Aheart
- 27 Rachel Carr Kalailah Lewis
- 29 Michael Ragland
- **30** Henry Bradshaw
- **31** Ruben ♥ Susan Lewis







Please visit the New Community Corner located in the rear of the Fellowship Hall.

All items are free!

Please contact Elder Susan Lewis to

donate to this new ministry.









"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

Life has brought a lot of changes in the last three years. My husband died. I retired. I sold my home. I moved and remodeled my childhood home. Some of these changes were outside my control and the other changes were in the interest of simplifying my life. I am not impulsive and I do not make hasty decisions. These things were carefully thought out. They had been part of discussions my husband and I had prior to his death.

It required a lot of trust on my part to make these changes. I had to rest and rely on God for strength and comfort throughout this process. I read the biblical accounts of Sarai and how she did not understand God's plan for her and her husband. She probably thought that Abram had misunderstood the message from the angel. Did God really send a message to her husband telling him that he would be the Father of many descendants? I entertained similar questions. Was I hearing what I thought I was hearing or was I hearing what I wanted to hear? I had to stop and listen with my whole being to know that this was what God wanted me to do. I had to ask myself if I was putting my desires ahead of God's will. Remember how Sarai created a mess because she took things into her own hands. I did not want to create havoc in my live because I put my will ahead of God's.

Taking into account that God's timing is not my timing; I had to pray and wait. I had to "be still". I had to remove the distractions of life. I had to go to my quiet place. I had to go to the Word and seek guidance. Ultimately, I had to know God and know His voice when He speaks and to interpret His message.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," we read in Hebrews 13:8 (NIV). The Lord Whom you read about in the Old Testament and New Testament is the same Lord involved in your life today. Jesus-in-you is still all-sufficient, merciful, and powerful. He still longs to feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, provide rest to the weary and peace to the restless.

Sometimes it's easier to love and trust the Jesus in the Bible than to love and trust the Jesus Who is in us and Who actively wants to be involved in our lives. After all, we can read the outcomes of Bible stories. We can be observers, rather than part of the cast. Yet in all the ways Jesus wanted to work then, He desires to work now. God's Word isn't just a book about learning about Jesus. It's a book about learning how Jesus can also work in your life if you allow Him.

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

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 GAME ON IL PETER 1-3



This year our Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 25-29.

Our 2018 VBS invites our kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to: join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Get in the spirit today with *Game On! VBS*.

If you have never participated in VBS, this is your opportunity to step out knowing that your game can always use some stepping up. So, smash through all those excuses and give it a try.

For your volunteering options, please contact Rev. Dale Bradshaw and/or Rev. Kimberly Fortune



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY AT VBS 2018!













### **MORRIS FAMILY ESTATE SALE**

1341 Overlook Drive - Charlottesville, VA 22903

May 11, 2018 – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. May 12, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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June 15, 2018 – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 16, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Anything you could possibly want can be found at this sale!!!

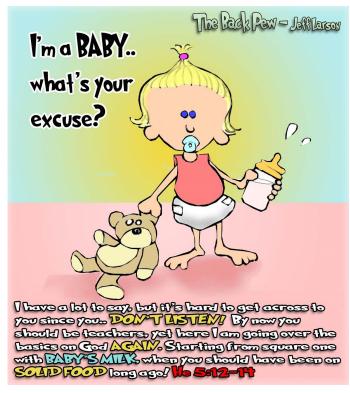
Jewelry, beds, dining room tables and chairs, couches, king and double bedroom sets, tvs, stereo systems, cast iron skillets and pots, lawn mowers, dolls, toys, tools, guns, paintings, books, pots and pans, candles, baskets, cedar wardrobe and chest.

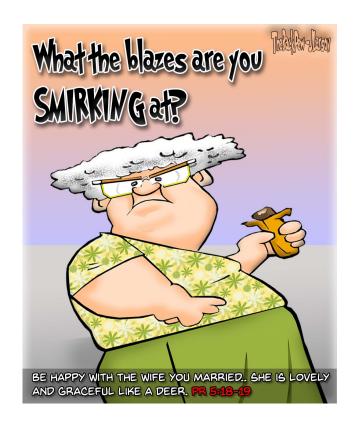
Each sale date will have new items to view!

If you think you need it, it is here!

### Cash sales only!

Contact Susan Lewis, 434-960-0801, for more information





## May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Bible Study 1:00 pm	Prayer Service 7:00pm	Servant Leadership Education 7:00pm	4 Bible Study 9:00am 7:30 pm	5 -10:00am Gospel Chorus
6	<b>7 Bible Study</b> 7:00pm	8 Bible Study 1:00 pm	9 Prayer Service 7:00pm	10 Servant Leadership Education 7:00pm	Bible Study 9:00am	12 -10:00am Senior Choir
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAL	Bible Study 7:00pm	15 Bible Study 1:00 pm	Prayer Service 7:00pm	Servant Leadership Education 7:00pm	Bible Study 9:00am 7:30 pm	19 10:30am Men's Chorus
20	Bible Study 7:00pm	Bible Study 1:00 pm	Prayer Service 7:00pm	Servant Leadership Education 7:00pm	Bible Study 9:00am 7:30 pm	26 -Noon <b>YPU</b>
Youth Sunday	MENORIAL	Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	Prayer Service 7:00pm	31 Servant Leadership Education 7:00pm	Bible Study 9:00am 7:30 pm	2 -10:00am Gospel Chorus

### Other Important Dates

April 13 8:00 am Mother's Day Breakfast

April 19 10:00 am New Members' Class Materials and lunch provided



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS (Adult)**

**Unit 2: All Glory and Honor** 

May 6 "Giving From a Generous Heart" Lesson focus: Giving is an expression of our devotion to God. Exodus 35:20-24 (Giving of Our Possessions), 25-29 (Giving of Our Talents), 9:6-8 (Giving Cheerfully and Purposefully)

May 13 "Bringing First Fruits" Lesson focus: Gove to God faithfully and to others generously.

Leviticus 23:9-11 (Give God Our Firsts), 12-14 (Give God Our Best), 22 (Gove to God by Giving to Others)

May 20 "Remembering With Joy" Lesson focus: God's pattern for your life is rest and liberty.

Leviticus 25:1-7 (A Year of Rest for the Land), 8-12 (The Year of Jubilee)

May 27 "Rejoicing in Restoration" Lesson focus: We praise God for His restoration and deliverance.

Psalm 34:1-10 (From Praise to Provision), Hebrews 2:17-18 (A High Priest Who Understands Us)

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

Lessons from **ECHOES: Comprehensive Bible Study - Acknowledging God: Studies in the Old and New Testaments**; Volume 30, Number 3; 2018. Cook Communications Ministries (David C. Cook)







