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What Time Is It?



Everything Has Its Time

¹ To everything there is a season,
 A time for every purpose under heaven:
² A time to be born,
 And a time to die;
 A time to plant,
 And a time to pluck what is planted;
³ A time to kill,
 And a time to heal;
 A time to break down,
 And a time to build up;

⁴ A time to weep,
 And a time to laugh;
 A time to mourn,
 And a time to dance;
⁵ A time to cast away stones,
 And a time to gather stones;
 A time to embrace,
 And a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶ A time to gain,
 And a time to lose;

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This Awful Slaughter

When Your Reputation Speaks For You

In any meaningful, matured discussions about the recent events of Charlottesville, Virginia, we have to start with some fundamental ground rules. First the Klan is not and has never been a charitable organization. Its basic principle is to use violence in any form necessary to intimidate and to eliminate their targets. Second, the Nazis; new or otherwise,

have just one principle for existing. That is to exterminate all people who don't look like they do. Third, the two organizations have nothing worthy of emulating when it comes to peace and kind-heartedness.

In all human history, the two organizations combined have murdered many more human beings than all other organizations combined. The numbers for the

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African American Soldier In History



The Role of the Buffalo Soldier in the Making of America

On February 21, 2008, William Shellman lectured

on "The Role of the Buffalo Solders in the Making of America." A brief history of the buffalo solders is as follows:

After the Civil War, Congress passed a bill to establish a peacetime military. Provisions in the bill created six regiments of colored troops-four infantries (foot solders) and two cavalries (on horseback)- of about 1,000

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Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I wanted to take a few moments to express my thanks and appreciation to you for your dedication and devotion to the ministry here at the Cross Street Church.

There is a saying that says “we’re better together”, which basically means that even though each one of us are gifted in some way, and could accomplish many things on our own, the real difference is when we each take that God-given ability or talent and work as a team for His glory! Together each accomplishes more (T.E.A.M.).

I often pause to think what it would be like if we did not have faithful members to serve with such love and loyalty, I don’t want to think on that too long! But as people are stepping up to serve, needs are being met that would have never been met, and people are growing in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ which is really our goal in the first place.

Thank you as we strive to step up to serve by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering others to joyfully serve and give. The Lord loves a cheerful giver 2 Corinthians 9.7. Our Beloved Alvin Holley leaves us an example of what it means to be a committed servant of Christ. He cheers us on as we continue the work of Christ! I know I can count on you to serve and give this conference year with excellence. We still believe the best is yet to come.

So again, thank you! What a blessing you are to me, but beyond that, what a blessing you are to the Church and Community, and of course, our precious Lord and Savior. Much love to you and yours.

Peace & Blessings!

Pastor Moses L. Harvill

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman..."He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."

LONG-SUFFERING (PATIENCE)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, LONG-SUFFERING, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." (Galatians 5:22,23)

LONG-SUFFERING is from the Greek word "makrothumia" which speaks of steadfastness of the soul under provocation. It means forbearance and patient endurance of any ill-treatment, without anger or thought of revenge. LONG-SUFFERING, or PATIENCE ("Hupomone") is the God-given ability of a Christian to remain upright in spite of overwhelming circumstances, tests and tribulations. It is a sweet attitude toward any trial that God permits in the life of the Christian. It is what enables the Christian to "give thanks in everything".

LONG-SUFFERING is a product of faith. We must believe that God is at work in our lives and that we will not be forgotten by the God to whom we have committed the keeping of our souls. LONG-SUFFERING grows where there is a continual awareness of God. God is faithful and will not allow evil to overcome us, but our trust must be anchored only in Him. It is inward peace, as well as outward control. How is LONG-SUFFERING produced? TROUBLE!! Trouble alone will make us impatient, but trouble connected with faith produces LONG-SUFFERING.

LONG-SUFFERING is also produced by knowledge, faith and hope. When we understand what is going on we can patiently await the outcome. LONG-SUFFERING does not stand alone, it supports and is supported by the other fruit of the Spirit, for without love, faith, hope, kindness, etc., one cannot be patient. God's timing does not always coincide with our immediate plans, but LONG-SUFFERING offers opportunity for spiritual growth while waiting for God to intervene on our behalf. How do we recognize LONG-SUFFERING? Look for persons who: • - have forgiving spirits. are enduring hardships, illness, or loss patiently • - are obedient to God, even under great persecution • - have control over their tempers and attitudes • - despite great difficulty remain Christ like • continue to praise and thank God in all things, whether good or bad • face tribulations head on and do not try to escape the trial or take matters into their own hands. • WARNING Avoid the enemy of LONG-SUFFERING - impatience, which if allowed to take root leads to disobedience. Impatience is a direct stance against God.

Additional Scriptures: For a perfect example of LONG-SUFFERING, read the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to see how Jesus exhibited LONG-SUFFERING.; Colossians 1:11, Colossians 3:13, Luke 8:15, Luke 21:19, I Timothy 6:11, 12, The Book of Job, I Peter 2:19,20, Hebrews 6:10-15, 1 Peter 3:17, James 5.

TEMPERANCE

TEMPERANCE: Possessing power, strong, having mastery or possession of; self-control. TEMPERANCE controls when self is out of control. Steady, balance. TEMPERANCE enables the saint of God to praise Him in discipline or testing, trials and the battles of life.

In the Book of Nehemiah, the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and "a city, in ancient days, without walls, had lost its sense of identity and all its defenses. It was prey to every kind of enemy, natural, as well as human". (The Fruit of the Spirit; John w. Sanderson). A life that lacks self-control is similar to a city with broken down walls because it lacks defense and every conceivable evil seeks to enter in. An uncontrolled body and an uncontrolled spirit is at risk for destruction and spiritual decay.

How to cultivate the fruit of Temperance (Consider the athlete's self-discipline code): 1. Aim- run to win 2. Follow training rules - deny self of things that will hinder your winning. 3. Constant, sustained effort - have a well-

defined goal: an intelligent manner of life and continue pressing toward the goal. 4. Remember, "You are not your own. You are bought with a price" (I Corinthians 6:19,20) 5. Remember to call ever' faculty' into obedience to Christ, to the glory of God. 6. Allow the Holy Spirit's leading in reminding you of who you are, who God is, where you came from, and where you are headed.

How to Recognize Temperance

Look for persons who: * have control over their bodies and do not indulge in harmful activities * have control over their spiritual life. * do not exhibit pride in less than godly goals * are not defenseless, but is fully dressed in the armor of God * is not angry, envious or covetous * shows spiritual growth and maturity * has a passion to be Christ like.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES: Philippians 3:18, 19; Proverbs 16:32; Proverbs 25:28; Luke 15:11-13; I Corinthians



Giving God First Place

Key Scripture: *"1 am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty"* (Rev. 1:8).

Key Thought: You belong to God.

Prayer: Dear God, I realize I am not my own. I have been bought with a price - the price of the precious blood of Jesus.¹ I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, I live; yet it is not I, but it is Christ who lives within me. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.² I embrace your Word which tells me that I am dead to sin, and my life is hid with Christ in God.³

Because of your great love, I am risen with Christ, and I will seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at your right hand.⁴ Father-God, I commit myself to giving you first place in my life at all times. I will seek first your kingdom, and your righteousness, and I thank you for taking care of me.⁵

Your Word declares that my heart will be found where my treasure is. Lord, I want you to be my treasure.⁶ You are the one God, the Father of all, and you are my Father. You are above all and through all, and in all believers.⁷ Help me, Father, to keep you first in my life, and to keep all the priorities of my life in line with yours.

Father, I am so honored to be your child, and I appreciate the presence of your Holy Spirit both with me and within me.⁸ Lord, it thrills me to know that you have first place in my life in the here-and-now, and I rejoice to know that this will continue throughout all eternity, and we will be together forever.⁹

You are my love, you are my life, you are my breath, you are my all in all.

References: (1) 1 Corinthians 6:20; (2) Galatians 2:20; (3) Colossians 3:3; (4) Colossians 3:1; (5) Matthew 6:33; (6) Matthew 6:21; (7) Ephesians 4:6; (8) John 14:17; (9) Revelation 19:6.

Spiritual Growth

Key Scripture: *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"* (1 Peter 2:2)

Key Thought: God's Word is food for growth.

Prayer: Thank you, Father, for showing me that as I desire and drink the sincere milk of your Word I will grow spiritually.¹ All Scripture has been given by your inspiration², and I want to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth³. I will study your Word so that I will never need to be ashamed, because I will know how to rightly divide your Word of truth⁴.

As I walk in the light of your Word⁵, Father, I will meditate upon your precepts, and give myself totally to them⁶. Speaking the truth in love, I will grow up into Christ in all things⁷. Father, I deeply desire to fully know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, so that I would be filled with all your fullness⁸.

I rejoice, O Lord, in the promise of your Word that tells me that I will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon⁹. My delight, dear Father, is in your Word, and in your Word I will meditate day and night. You assure me that this will cause me to be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, and whatever I do shall prosper¹⁰.

Thank you, Father, for helping me to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory forevermore¹¹.

References: (1) 1 Peter 2:2; (2) 2 Timothy 3:16; (3) Matthew 4:4; (4) 2 Timothy 2:15; (5) Psalms 119:105; (6) 1 Timothy 4:15; (7) Ephesians 4:15; (8) Ephesians 3:19; (9) Psalms 92:12-13; (10) Psalms 1:2-3; (11) 2 Peter 3:18.



Sunday School is a Family Affair

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages – 3 to 103
 New Members Class meets at the same time.
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Come Grow with US!

DRAWING IN

Devotional Reading: *Psalm 15*

Background Scripture: *Acts 10*

Scripture: *Acts 10:19-33*

EXALT!

Declaration: *Exodus 3:1-12*

¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three men are searching for you. ²⁰ Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.” ²¹ So Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?” ²² They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by the holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” ²³ So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believer from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ On Peter’s arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up, saying, “Stand up; I am only a mortal.” ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; ²⁸ and he said to them, “You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God

has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you send for me?”

³⁰ Cornelius replied, “Four days ago at this very hour, at three o’clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. ³¹ He said, “Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ ³³ Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

Affirmation: God guides me daily toward oneness in Christ Jesus.

ENGAGE

The summer quarter is concluded today with a lesson that highlights the institution of the cross-cultural mission of the church. Peter is the medium through which the inclusivity of the Gospel is revealed, actuated and later, defended. His meeting with Cornelius resulted in the subsequent infilling of the Holy Spirit upon his entire Italian household, granting both Jew and Gentile a common spiritual experience in Christ Jesus.

The following is a Common Ground activity from: Keefer, Mikal (Compiler). All-Star Games from All

-Star Youth Leaders. 1998. Loveland, Colorado: Group Publishing, Inc.

COMMON GROUND

- Form equal sized teams of 3-6 players. Each team is to be given a sheet of paper and a pencil/pen.
- The team’s challenge is to list everything your team members have in common. For example, attending the same school, preferring the same kind of music, having the same brand of tennis shoes. The only rule is you cannot list similar body parts, i.e., “We all have two arms,” et cetera.
- This is a three-minute challenge, so work quickly to create your team’s list. When time is up, the team that has the longest list must read the similarities they listed. Then, the other teams can share items on their lists that were not identified by the team that won the challenge.

Discussion questions:

1. How easy was it to discover something in common with another group member?
2. How can similarities draw us closer together?
3. How can our differences draw us closer together?

EDUCATE

Acts 10:19-33 - Our lesson is located squarely in the middle of *Acts 10*, so some background information would be useful to set the stage. This chapter is

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Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God’s hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God’s children.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

SEPTEMBER

1 Jeremiah 47-49
 2 Jeremiah 50-52
 3 Lamentations 1-5
 4 Ezekiel 1-3
 5 Ezekiel 4-7
 6 Ezekiel 8-11
 7 Ezekiel 12-14

8 Ezekiel 15-18
 9 Ezekiel 19-21
 10 Ezekiel 22-24
 11 Ezekiel 25-27
 12 Ezekiel 28-30
 13 Ezekiel 31-33
 14 Ezekiel 34-36
 15 Ezekiel 37-39

16 Ezekiel 40-42
 17 Ezekiel 43-45
 18 Ezekiel 46-48
 19 Daniel 1-3
 20 Daniel 4-6
 21 Daniel 7-9
 22 Daniel 10-12
 23 Hosea 1-4

24 Hosea 5-7
 25 Hosea 8-10
 26 Hosea 11-14
 27 Joel 1-3
 28 Amos 1-3
 29 Amos 4-6
 30 Amos 7-9

OCTOBER

1 Obadiah, Jonah
 2 Micah 1-4
 3 Micah 5-7
 4 Nahum 1-3
 5 Habakkuk 1-3
 6 Zephaniah 1-3
 7 Haggai 1-2

8 Zechariah 1-2
 9 Zechariah 3-6
 10 Zechariah 7-10
 11 Zechariah 11-14
 12 Malachi 1-4
 13 Matthew 1-4
 14 Matthew 5-7
 15 Matthew 8-11

16 Matthew 12-15
 17 Matthew 16-19
 18 Matthew 20-22
 19 Matthew 23-25
 20 Matthew 26-28
 21 Mark 1-3
 22 Mark 4-6
 23 Mark 7-10

24 Mark 11-13
 25 Mark 14-16
 26 Luke 1-3
 27 Luke 4-6
 28 Luke 7-9
 29 Luke 10-13
 30 Luke 14-17
 31 Luke 18-21

NOVEMBER

1 Luke 22-24
 2 John 1-3
 3 John 4-6
 4 John 7-10
 5 John 11-13
 6 John 14-17
 7 John 18-21

8 Acts 1-2
 9 Acts 3-5
 10 Acts 6-9
 11 Acts 10-12
 12 Acts 13-14
 13 Acts 15-16
 14 Acts 17-18
 15 Acts 19-21

16 Acts 22-24
 17 Acts 25-26
 18 Acts 27-28
 19 Romans 1-4
 20 Romans 5-8
 21 Romans 9-11
 22 Romans 12-16
 23 1 Corinthians 1-4

24 1 Corinthians 5-8
 25 1 Corinthians 9-12
 26 1 Corinthians 13-16
 27 2 Corinthians 1-3
 28 2 Corinthians 4-6
 29 2 Corinthians 7-9
 30 2 Corinthians 10-13

Kingdomtide (August 27 - December 2)

Kingdomtide begins on the last Sunday in August and continues until the beginning of Advent (December 3, 2017). It covers 13-14 Sundays. The emphasis includes evangelism, world missions, and the work for peace and justice in all relationships.

Color: Green is the liturgical color for Kingdomtide. Green is symbolic of the freshness of nature, hope, life, and growth.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
ELOHIM	The All-powerful One	God is the all-powerful creator of the universe. God knows all, creates all, and is everywhere at all times. The plural of "EL".
EL OLAM	The Eternal God The Everlasting God	He is the Beginning and the End, the One who works His purposes throughout the ages. He gives strength to the weary.
EL ROI	The God Who See Me	There are no circumstances in our lives that escape His fatherly awareness and care. God knows us and our troubles.
EL SHADDAI	The All Sufficient One, The God of the Mountains, God Almighty	God is the all-sufficient source of all of our blessings. God is all-powerful. Our problems are not too big for God to handle.

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atrocities leading to the events of the **second world war** have been documented in numerous places for anyone's interest. You are going to have the opportunity to decide for yourself the depth of ill-reputation of the Klan in the history of this country as you read the following speech by **Ida B. Wells-Barnett**, written in 1909. I sincerely forgive you, if you've never heard of this great, illustrious daughter of the Negro race.

Born to slaves, **Ida B. Wells-Barnett** was educated at Rust in Mississippi and Fisk in Tennessee. She wrote for several news papers, notably the Memphis Free Speech, the Chicago Conservator and the New York Age. She started and maintained a one-woman journalistic crusade against lynching. Read what she had to say in a speech to the NAACP's first annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia on May 8, 1909. From "Great Speeches by African Americans" edited by James Daley.

"The lynching record for a quarter of a century merits the thoughtful study of the American people. It presents three salient facts: First, Lynching is color-line murder. Second, crimes against women is the excuse, not the cause. Third, it is a national crime and requires a national remedy.

Proof that lynching follows the color line is to be found in the statistics which have been kept for the past twenty-five years. During the few years preceding this period and while frontier law existed, the execution showed a majority of white victims. Later, however, as law courts and authorized judiciary extended into the far West, lynch law rapidly abated, and its white victim became fewer and far between.

Just as the lynch-law regime came to a close in the West, a new mob movement started in the South. This was wholly political, its purpose being to suppress the colored vote by intimidation and murder. Thousands of assassins banded together under the name of the Ku Klux Klans, "Midnight Raiders," "Knights of the

Golden Circle," etc., etc., spread a reign of terror, by beating, shooting and killing colored people by the thousands. In a few years, the purpose was accomplished, and the black vote was suppressed. But mob murder continued.

From 1882, in which year fifty-two were lynched, down to the present, lynching has been along the color line. Mob murder increased yearly until in 1892 more than two hundred victims were lynched and statistics show that 3,284 men, women and children have been put to death in this quarter of a century. During the last ten years from 1899 to 1908 inclusive the number lynched was 959. Of this number 102 were white, while the colored victims numbered 857. No other nation, civilized or savage, burns its criminals; only under that Stars and Stripes is the human holocaust possible. Twenty-eight human beings burned at the stake, one of them a woman and two of them children, is the awful indictment against American civilization-the gruesome tribute which the nation pays to the color line.

Why is mob murder permitted by a Christian nation? What is the cause of this awful slaughter? This question is answered almost daily – always the same shameless falsehood that "Negroes are lynched to protect womanhood." Standing before a Chautauqua assemblage, John Temple Graves, at once the champion of lynching and apologist for lynchers, said: "The mob stands today as the most potential bulwark between the women of the South and such a carnival of crime as would infuriate the world and precipitate the annihilation of the Negro race." This is the never-varying answer of lynchers and their apologists. All know that it is untrue. The cowardly lyncher revels in murder, and then seeks to shield himself from public execration by claiming devotion to woman. But truth is mighty and lynching record discloses the hypocrisy of the lyncher as well as his crime.

The Springfield, Illinois, mob rioted for two days, the militia of the entire state was called out, two men were lynched, hundreds of people driven

from their homes, all because a white woman said a Negro assaulted her. A mad mob went to the jail, tried to lynch the victim of her charge and, not being able to find him, preceded to pillage and burn the town and to lynch two innocent men. Later, after the police had found the woman's charge was false, she published a retraction, the indictment was dismissed and intended victim discharged. But the lynched victims were dead. Hundreds were homeless and Illinois was disgraced.

As a final and complete refutation of the charge that lynching is occasioned by crimes against women, a partial record of lynchings is cited; 285 persons were lynched for cause as follows: Unknown cause, 92; no cause, 10; race prejudice, 49; miscegenation, 7; informing, 12; making threats, 11; keeping saloon, 3; practicing fraud, 5; practicing voodooism, 2; bad reputation, 8; unpopularity, 3; mistaken identity, 5; using improper language, 3; violation of contract, 1; writing insulting letter, 2; eloping, 2; poisoning horse, 1; poisoning well, 2; by white caps, 9; vigilantes, 14; Indians, 1; moon shining, 1; refusing evidence, 2; political causes, 5; disputing, 1; disobeying quarantine regulations, 2; slapping a child, 1; turning state's evidence, 3; protecting a Negro, 1; to prevent giving evidence, 1; knowledge of larceny, 1; writing a letter to white woman, 1; asking white woman to marry, 1; jilting girl, 1; having small pox, 1; concealing criminal, 2; threatening political exposure, 1; self defense, 6; cruelty, 1; insulting language to woman, 5; quarreling with white man, 2; colonizing Negroes, 1; throwing stones, 1; quarreling, 1; gambling, 1.

Is there a remedy, or will the nation confess that it cannot protect its protectors as home as well as abroad? Various remedies have been suggested to abolish the lynching infamy, by year after year the butchery of men, women and children continues in spite of plea and protest. Education is suggested as a preventive, but it as grave a crime to murder an ignorant man as is scholar.

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True few educated men have been lynched, but the hue and cry once started stops at no bounds, as was clearly shown by the lynchings in Atlanta, and in Springfield, Illinois.

Agitation, though helpful, will not alone stop the crime. Year after year lynchings go on. Public sentiment does measurably decrease the sway of mob law, but the irresponsible bloodthirsty criminals who swept through the streets of Springfield, beating inoffensive law-abiding citizen to death in one part of the town and in another torturing and shooting to death a man who for threescore years had made a reputation for honesty, integrity and sobriety, had raised a family and accumulated property, were not deterred from the heinous crimes by ether education or agitation.

The only certain remedy is an appeal to law. Lawbreakers must be made to know that human life is sacred and the every citizen of this country is first a citizen of the United States and secondly a citizen of the state in which he belongs. This nation must

assert itself and protect its federal citizenship at home as well as abroad. The strong arm of the government must reach across state lines whenever unbridled lawlessness defies state laws and must give to the individuals under the Stars and Stripes the same measure of protection it gives to him when he travels in foreign lands.

Federal protection of American citizenship is the remedy for lynching. Foreigners rarely lynched in America. If, by mistake one is lynched, the national government quickly pays the damages. The recent agitation in California against the Japanese compelled this nation to recognize that federal power must yet assert itself to protect the nation from the treason of sovereign states. Thousands of American citizens have been put to death and no President has yet raised his hand in effective protest, but a simple insult to a native Japan was quite sufficient to stir the government at Washington to prevent the threatened wrong. If the government has power to protect a foreigner from insult, certainly it has

power to save a citizen's life.

In a multitude of counsel there is wisdom. Upon the grave question presented by the slaughter of innocent men, women and children there should be an honest, courageous conference of patriotic, law-abiding citizens anxious to punish crime promptly, impartially and by due process of law, also to make life liberty and property secure against mob rule."

This was over a hundred years ago, in 1909, when the klan was clearly known to have been behind most the atrocities. Fast forward to 2017, now the hood is off, and they are emboldened by recent events and want to drag us all back to those days of mob rule again. This is the background of the urgency with which the counter-protestors showed up in Charlottesville, Virginia. As if you never knew that – just in case.

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important, because it chronicles a pivotal phase in the life of the church; the progression of Jews and Gentiles coming into Christian communion. Cornelius is a Roman centurion of the Italian Regiment, whose sincere devotion to God and generosity to the poor prompts an angelic visitation (10:1-3). In a vision, he is instructed by an angel to send men on a 36-mile trip to Joppa to call upon a man named Simon Peter, who is staying at Simon the Tanner's house. Now, this heavenly message probably could have been shared directly by the angel, but God had more than the salvation of Cornelius and his household in mind.

Shortly before Cornelius' men arrive at Simon's house. The apostle Peter falls into a trance and receives a vision while praying on the rooftop (10:9-16). He is shown a sheet full of animals that Jews were not allowed to eat according to ritual law. (See Leviticus,

Chapter 11.) when he is commanded to eat these animals, he respectfully refuses, "By no means, Lord," (10:14). The divine response comes, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane," (10:15). This entire scene happens three times - most likely for emphasis - with Peter obstinately refusing the imperative to eat each time. It becomes apparent to the reader that God's direct command is unable to supersede Peter's partialities and predispositions. The vision ends, leaving him perplexed as to its meaning - and here is where today's text begins.

Peter is still scratching his head in wonder, when the Holy Spirit informs him of the three quests downstairs. He is instructed to receive these men hospitably, because God has sent them. Peter is about to learn that his rooftop vision was referencing more than a modification to food laws; it was indicative of an upcoming, dramatic change in Jewish-Gentile

relations. Notably, it seems that as a believer who was a devout Jew, his attitude toward fellowshiping with "clean" persons had already begun to soften. He was staying at the home of a tanner, a man whose profession required the handling of dead animals and who was, thus, ceremonially unclean most of the time.

Peter introduces himself to the three men, who explain the reason for their visit, (10:22). Peter's invitation for them to spend the night at Simon's home signals that the walls of cultural prejudice are beginning to come down. The next morning, he gathers a few of the Christian brethren from Joppa and they leave with Cornelius' men for Caesarea.

When the travelers arrive the next day, they are greeted by Cornelius' family and friends. The God-fearing Roman centurion kneels before Peter, who immediately tells him to stand up.

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Kneeling to welcome an esteemed visitor was a common act of deference in Cornelius' tradition, but in Peter's culture, it was considered idolatrous. "I'm a man, just like you" (10:26, NLT)! He reminds Cornelius that a Gentile's home is considered "unclean" according to Jewish law. Then, surprisingly, Peter goes on to declare that God has informed him that he is no longer to call any person unclean! (We can only wonder who was more shocked at this cultural paradigm-shifting pronouncement - the Italian Gentiles or the Jews from Joppa!) notice that this statement is made before Peter asks why he has been summoned there in the first place (10:29). As Cornelius shares his divine encounter with Peter (10:30-33), it becomes clear that, not only have these two men from opposing cultures had a common spiritual experience, but there is also a greater power working through them to remove those cultural divisions and adjust negative perceptions. (See 10:34-36.)

There are certain commonalities shared by all humans, like number of genes, basic anatomy, and physiology. Maslow's famed hierarchy of needs theorizes that, in general, people around the world are motivated by similar basic psychological and self-fulfillment needs. (See <http://www.simplypsychology.org/maslow.html>.) On the other hand, there are cultural differences, which reflect the rich diversity and beauty of this incredible world designed by God, our Master Creator. While many

endeavor to appreciate and celebrate most of what distinguishes us ethnographically, sadly, there are walls of separation and division that still exist, even among Christian communities. Some are racial, some are denominational, some are doctrinal, some are cultural, but all having the power to efface the marks of love and unity that identify members of the body of Christ. As said in James 10:3, "My brothers and sisters, this ought not be!" Let us not only contend for the faith (Jude 3), but allow faith to draw us in to relationships of love and harmony with one another. "In Christ's family, there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us, [we] are all equal. That is, we are in a common relationship with Jesus Christ." (Gal. 3:28 MSG)

ELEVATE

In Acts, Chapters 10-11, we see the supernatural actions used to begin pulling down the strongholds of cultural division between Jew and non-Jews, and laying a common groundwork for the extension of the Christian faith. To this day, we are still challenged to look at those who are different from us and embrace the notion that there is more about us similar than dissimilar.

Action item: What lengths are you willing to go to tear down walls and build bridges as a believer today? This week, prayerfully consider your response to this question as you review at least one of items listed below on the work of Daryl Davis. Last year, he was featured in a film documenting his bold journey to

challenge racial prejudice by forming relationships with members of the Ku Klux Klan.

1. Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America - documentary film by Matt Orstein.
2. Klan-Destine Relations: A Black Man's Odyssey in the Ku Klux Klan - book by Daryl Davis
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YIqMOyF8c> - Daryl Davis interviewed by CNN
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhLV5LF6ask> - Daryl Davis on the Steve Harvey Show

I THINK:

1. Have a discussion from the vantage point of Simon the Tanner, Peter's host. Imagine him writing in his journal the night his guest invited three Gentiles to spend the night under his roof.
2. Make a list of items or objects that God might put in a vision to shake a contemporary person out of a mindset that limits involvement with people of a different heritage or ethnicity - just as God used "unclean animals" to open Peter's eyes.

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. Acts 10:28

From The Young People-Adult Quarterly (Ages 18 and up) International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching

(Time from page 1)

A time to keep,
 And a time to throw away;
⁷ A time to tear,
 And a time to sew;
 A time to keep silence,
 And a time to speak;
⁸ A time to love,
 And a time to hate;
 A time of war,
 And a time of peace.

The God-Given Task

⁹ What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? ¹⁰ I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

¹² I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, ¹³ and also that every

man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor-it is the gift of God.

¹⁴ I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him.

¹⁵ That which is has already been; And God requires an account of what is past. Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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men each. The troops were placed under the command of colonels Benjamin Grierson and Edward Hatch. African Americans from the North and South, many of them freed slaves, enlisted in what were organized as the 9th and 10th cavalries. The Buffalo Soldiers served at Wounded Knee and Teddy Roosevelt in Cuba, battled Crazy Horse., helped capture Geronimo and Billy the Kid, and helped string telegraph lines across the West.

Although there are several theories and notions, the cavalries actually got their name from their enemies, the American Indians, who admired the colored troopers' fearlessness and courage (qualities also found in the buffalo). The Native Americans also

believed that the soldiers' hair resembled the tuft (or rough hair) between the horns of the bison (or buffalo). The name "Buffalo Soldiers" stuck as a description of the African American soldier on the frontier. Like white units, they were called into service to, "carry out the U. S. Government public policy of Westward expansion," as well as escort tribes to designated reservations. The soldiers built and defended the telegraph lines, built and repaired forts, and helped establish the foundation of the future towns. They were also involved in settling disputes between railroads and American soldiers. To this day the African American soldiers wear the description with pride.

The primary assignment of the Buffalo

Soldiers was to suppress the interference of Native American tribes with the settlement of the white Americans. In the Westward expansion, the Buffalo Soldiers mapped the vast territories in New Mexico and Arizona, as well as marking the water holes. For decades, African American Regulars were the most effective troops on the Western Frontier.

William Shellman, who resides in Johnson City, served in the 24th Infantry Regiment during the Second World War. As indicated in the article above, the 24th Infantry Regiment was one of the original four Buffalo Soldier units. It was disbanded after World War II when President Truman issued Executive Order 9981 which desegregated the Armed Forces.

Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, Inc. **The Fighting on Orchard Hill** 13th Connecticut Infantry (13th USCT)

Severe fighting at Peach Orchard Hill on the second day of the Battle of Nashville was the topic of discussion by a panel of experts at the January 20, 2005 meeting of the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society at historic Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum.

Speaking to an audience about one hundred Civil War buffs were BONPS Historian Ross Massey, Carter House Thomas Cartwright, and Travellers Rest Executive Director David Currey.

On Friday, December 16, 1864, Union forces under General George Thomas attacked Confederate forces under General John Bell Hood behind fortification on Peach Orchard Hill, also known as Overton Hill. The 300-foot-high hill was located on the Judge John Overton property, not far from his residence at Travellers Rest. Today the hill is cut by Harding Place between Interstate 65 and Franklin Road. It can be easily located by the huge U.S. flag flying at nearby Franklin Road Academy.

Some of the heaviest and costliest fighting of the entire battle occurred at Peach Orchard Hill on December 16th even though the attack was planned as not much more than a feint.

At 9 a.m., 28 pieces of Union field artillery opened fire on Confederate positions atop the hill and continued unabated for the next two hours. The guns were located approximately where the Father Ryan High School campus is today. The Confederates responded with the eight guns of the Stanford and Eufaula batteries.



David Currey, Ross Mass, and Thomas Cartwright

Attacking the hill were troops under General Thomas Wood and General James Steedman. Wood was looking for redemption due to his poor performance at the Battle of Chickamauga, said Masse. In that same battle, Steedman was hailed as a hero for responding to the plight of beleaguered Union forces under General Thomas.

Defending the hill was the corps of General Stephen D. Lee, in particular Clayton's Division, consisting of the brigades of Generals. Gibson, Holtzclaw, and Stovall.

The attack began at 2:45 p.m. and lasted about 30 minutes, Massey said. Twelve thousand Federal troops (9,000 under Wood; 3,000 under Steedman) moved southward against the hill, with U.S. Colored Troops in the vanguard. Twelve hundred Federal troops were killed or wounded during the unsuccessful assault.

Cartwright noted that the 13th USCT Regiment was the only unit to reach the Confederate fortifications

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and suffered 229 casualties out of a total of 550 men, including five color bearers. Cartwright speculated that the Battle of Nashville may have produced the most USCT casualties of any battle in the Civil War.

Although the Confederates held their ground at Overton Hill, General Hood sent reinforcements from the western flank (Shy's Hill area), where they were desperately needed. On December 16th, the retreat of Hood's army began when troops at Shy's Hill broke and ran.

Once the retreat began, General Lee ordered General Clayton to fall back one mile on the Franklin Pike and

General Gibson to retreat half a mile. A desperate rearguard action was fought on the pike near the present-day location of Tyne Boulevard, Cartwright said. General Lee would be wounded the next day south of Franklin during the ongoing rearguard action.

Currey noted that the attacking USCT troops marched past brick slave quarters on the Overton plantation, near where the CSX Railroad parking lot is now located. Recent research has shown that five men in the 13th USCT Regiment were named Overton, and may have been former plantation slaves.

Currey noted that the Overton family hid in the cellar during the fighting.

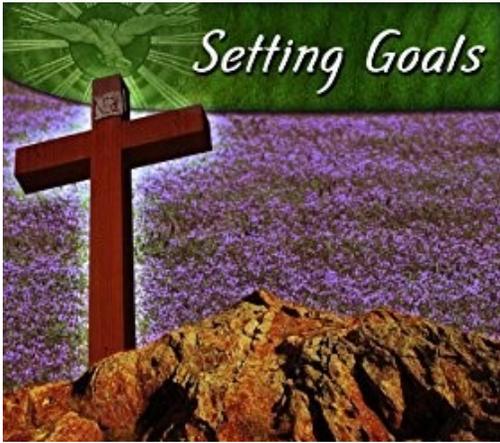
They were glad to see Union troops under General Washington Elliot, a friend of the family before the war. The general posted guards around the house and spent the night there.

For two weeks prior to the battle, Travellers Rest had served as headquarters for General Hood and his staff. One of the museum's most prized possessions is the quest book signed by eight Confederate generals, including Hood, Lee, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Alexander P. Steward, and James Chalmers.

Ironically, Currey noted that at the time of the battle Peach Orchard Hill probably did not include an orchard, or many trees at all.

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How to Set a Faith Goal

By Rick Warren

"I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above." (Philippians 3:13-14 NCV)

I believe in setting goals. I've set them all my life, because goals are simply statements of faith. The Bible says, "The just shall live by faith" and "Without faith it's impossible to please God" and "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" and "According to your faith it will be done unto you."

God always operates in your life by faith. That's why you need goals in your life, because a goal is a statement of faith. A goal says, "I believe God wants me to accomplish something by a certain date." If you

don't have a date, it's not a goal. It's a wish. It's a dream. It's a desire. But wishes are a dime a dozen; they're worthless. The only thing that will change your life is setting a goal. You've got to wake up from the dream and go to work!

A "FAITH" goal has five characteristics:

Focused. That means it is specific. If you use the words "more" or "less," it's not a focused goal. "I want to be less angry" or "I want to weigh less" or "I want to be more like Jesus" are not goals because you can't measure them. You have to be specific.

Attainable. If you set an unrealistic goal, it's just going to discourage you. If you say, "I'm going to pray three hours a day," you're setting yourself up for failure. Set a goal that stretches you and then trust God will help you stretch.

Individual. That means it's personal. You cannot set goals for other people because you can't control them. You can't set goals for your children, your husband, or your boyfriend or girlfriend. You can only set goals for yourself, because you can control you and not anybody else. The only way you can change other people is by changing yourself.

Trackable. Trackable goals can be measured. They're verifiable. You set a date and say, "By Nov. 30 I will have accomplished this, and by Dec. 30 I will have accomplished this, and by Jan. 30 I will have accomplished this."

Heartfelt. Your goals have got to be heartfelt. You'll never reach a passionless goal. If you're not passionate about the goal, wait until you get passionate about it. If you don't have a deep desire to do it, don't set it.

I encourage you to set one spiritual goal for your life today. Maybe your goal is to have a quiet time for five minutes every day for the next month. That is a FAITH goal, and you can accomplish it in faith.

Talk It Over

- What are the goals that you have been working toward? Do they meet the criteria of a FAITH goal?
- How does prayer play a role in the way you set goals?

What is a new goal that you believe God wants you to set after learning about FAITH goals?

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. Hebrews 13:5,6.

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STEPPING INTO STRENGTH

READ: 1 Chronicles 16:-18, 28-36

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

“Will we see any snakes?” Allen, a young boy in our neighborhood, asked that question as we started on a hike by the river near our home. “We never have before,” I answered, “but we might! So let’s ask God to keep us safe.” We paused, prayed together, and kept walking.

Serval minutes later my wife, Cari, suddenly took a quick step backward, narrowly avoiding a poisonous copperhead partially coiled on the path ahead. We waited as the snake left the trail, giving it a wide berth. Then we paused and thanked God nothing had happened. I believe that through Allen’s question, God had prepared us for the encounter, and our prayer was part of His providential care.

Our brush with danger that evening brings to mind the importance of David’s words: “Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always” (1 Chronicles 16:11). This

advice was part of a psalm celebrating the return of the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem. It recounts God’s faithfulness to His people in their struggles throughout history, reminding them to always praise Him and “cry out” to Him (v.35).

What does it mean to “seek [God’s] face”? It means we turn our hearts toward Him in even the most mundane moments. Sometimes our prayers are answered differently than our asking, but God is faithful come what may. Our Good Shepherd will direct our paths and keeps us in His mercy, strength, and love. May we declare our dependence on Him. James Bank

Prayer imports the power to walk and not faint.
Oswald Chambers
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 12

NO Alive in The Word

(Will resume Tuesday, September 19)
 Please continue to read the Book of Hebrews & the Book of Romans

Tuesday, September 12

Organization Meeting & Budget Update

6:00 pm - Light Supper
 7:00 pm - Meeting

Saturday, September 16

8:30 am

Men's Ministry Breakfast Meeting

ALL men requested to attend.

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am

National Back-to-Church Sunday

- Kickoff for 195th Church Anniversary
- Bring your pictures that depict the years at 160 Cross Street & 440 West Street
 - ALL members to bring a dish for dinner and fellowship

Sunday, September 17

4:00 pm

Pastor preaching at

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Doxology

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude 24-25



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"I am a Christian"

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, some-
how!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and make it plain on
tablets, that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel
saying, "**Oh, that You would bless me
indeed, and enlarge my territory, that
Your hand would keep me from evil,
that I may nor cause pain!**" So God
granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

"God's Word"

*For the word of God is quick, and power-
ful, and sharper than any two-edged
sword, piercing even to the dividing asun-
der of soul and spirit, and of the joints
and marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of the heart"*
Hebrews 4:12

Prayer: Forever, O Lord, your Word is
settled in heaven. I bless you because
you have given me rest according to all
that you have promised to me. Not one
word of all your good promises has ever
failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in
your Word at all times.
I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path. All of
your words are pure, O God, and you are
a shield to me. Lord God, your way is
perfect, and your Word is tried. You are a

shield and a mighty buckler to me as I
trust in you.
With your Word you made the heavens,
O Lord. all of your promises are yes in
Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have
spoken through your Word since ancient
times, in order to give light to those who
sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in
the way of peace.
Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword.
It pierces even to the dividing asunder of
my soul and spirit, and of my joints and
marrow, and is a discerner of the
thoughts and intents of my heart.
Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I
will endeavor to walk in the light of your
Word all the days of my life.

If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???

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