



“Fenimorian News from the Pews”

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HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY!!!



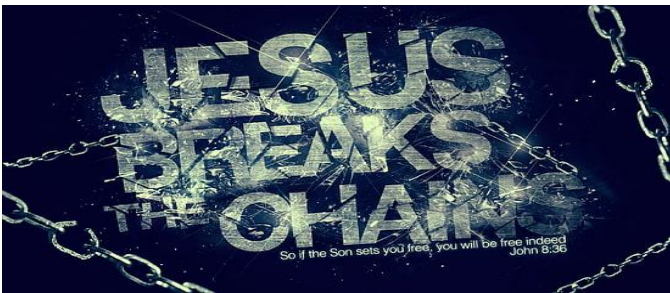
*“It is true!
The Lord has risen.”*
Luke 24:34

*“You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified. He has risen!”*
Mark 16:6



HALLELUJAH!!!

SPRING FORTH: A NEW BEGINNING



peace
JULY
love Fenimorian Family,

As we transition from the miracle and gift of Jesus' historical resurrection and amazing demonstration of love, believers can be confident that the "chains of sin and death has been broken" and we are reminded that we can spring forth, start anew and partake in a new season of growth.

While there is no parallel to Jesus' awesome sacrifice meteorologically, a new season is approaching and the days will continue to get longer and expectantly warmer and we will soon see those early daffodils followed by the tulips beginning to bloom. Spring is a bountiful season, symbolizing a time of rebirth, new beginnings and transformation. It's a time of reawakening and emergence. A time when crops are sowed. It has even been said that spring is a time of hope.

Yet for the believer new beginnings and transformation can occur at any time when we "spring forth" in the Lord. Jesus can change our name and our nature. Look how Abram's name was changed to Abraham, and let's not forget Saul's name to Paul and Simon's to Peter. New names emerge out of new hearts for Jesus. As his beloved children we are named Saints in Christ.

Hope isn't relegated to the season of spring either. As believers we are indwelt and surrounded by

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hope. Romans 15:13 (NIV) declares "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, believing, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

So, as we look forward to vibrant daffodils blooming, and those delectable spring fruits and vegetables on the horizon soon to be ripe for the harvest, lets once again embrace a fresh start in the Lord Jesus Christ.

After all, God doesn't remember our past, he gives us a fresh start for Isaiah 43:18-19 tells us "Forget the former things: do not dwell on the past, See, I am doing a new thing! Now it **springs up**: do you not perceive it?"



Sis Kim Jackson, Newsletter Ministry

Upcoming Church Events:

Prayer on Zoom every Tuesday @ 8:00pm.

Bible Study will resume on Zoom, Wednesday 4/3/24 @ 7:00pm. We will continue studying the book of Genesis.

Churchwide meeting will be held Sunday, 4/7 immediately following the service. We are requesting that all church members be present.

Stewardship Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 5/4 from 11-2 pm in FH. Facilitator will be the Frontier Foundation from the NY Conference. Pastor is requesting that church members make themselves available to attend.

The Higher Education Scholarship Fund Committee will be hosting a Bake Sale 5/5/24 in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Food Pantry distribution hosted by Ladies in Waiting in Fellowship Hall every Tuesday between 10:00am-1:00pm.

Grab & Go/Community Breakfast hosted by Family Life Ministry on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Senior Citizen Center meets in Fellowship Hall Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 10:00am-4:00pm

From the Desk of the Pastor Jackson:



Grace, mercy and love to All,

As we emerge metaphorically from our designated season of penance, lament and life anew, we are forever reminded that God's

season for grace, mercy and forgiveness toward us is not subjected to the Christian liturgical calendar.

This is why we as disciples of Jesus Christ remember and give thanks for the finished work of our Lord and Savior at Calvary, eternally thankful for sacrificing His life for us, conquering death and the grave to live forever at the right hand of God the Father making intercession for us. We have much to be thankful for as we continue this walk of faith that leads to our eternal home in heaven. As believers who are indwelt with the resurrected power of Holy Spirit may we live out this life as resurrected people in plain view of this lost and dying world!

In moving governed by chronological time, I am sure that some of us are lamenting over preparing to fill out tax forms prior to the government deadline in April. A few of us may even be plotting ways of getting around paying what we know that we owe. May all of us be governed by the word of God that has been a lamp unto our feet and a light along our pathway and give unto Caesar that which belongs to Caesar and give unto God that which belongs to God. By doing so, we will have no need to ask for God's forgiveness or beg for His mercy!

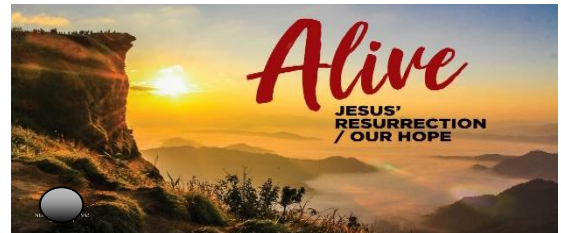
Then after crying into our preverbal milk over having to have to pay too much taxes, because you know that taxes are too high, the month of May will roll in and we will make time to celebrate loving mothers and women in our lives who have played an intricate role in shaping and molding us into becoming the best people that we can be. We thank God for you who with joy sacrificed in countless ways to see to it that we had what we needed to make it from one day to the next.

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I thank God for all of you mothers and women who have been moved by love in caring for others, what you have done and continue doing proves that Jesus Christ is alive and well in you.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13



Pastor Jackson



CONGRATS TO KENZON GOODMAN

**On God's prevenient grace over your life celebrated on 1/28/24
Grandson of Minister "Jacque" Cummins**

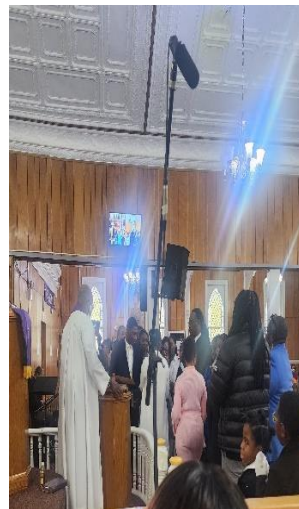


Photo by Dianne Brown
In covenant prayer



Kenzon and his Uncle. Minister Jacque in the background (on right)



On Feb 25th we commemorated our Black history pioneers and our rich African heritage. Following is an excerpt from Caribbean Life posted on Feb. 29, 2024 by **Dr. Nelson A. King.**

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Rev. Roger Jackson, preached on “The Past is Prologue,” while the congregation joined in singing, among other hymns, the Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,” “Let It Breathe on Me” and “We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder.”

FSUMC Celebrates Grand Black History Month



Sis. Barbara Moody with drummers Eric Frazier, left, and Gene Osborne.
Photo by Nelson A. King

Fenimore Street United Methodist Church (FSUMC) on Sunday celebrated Black History Month with a grand commemoration during its Worship

Service.

The two-hour-long celebration, dubbed “Heritage Sunday,” was punctuated with, among other things, lofty singing, drumming, dancing, praying, preaching and reading of scriptures, as well as narration and a Black History Moment.

Liturgist Min. Cynthia Grant offered the Opening Prayer and read 2 Tim. 1:3-5; and Master Drummers Eric Frazier and Gene Osborne rendered special presentations, while “Heritage Sunday” Coordinator Sis. Barbara Moody narrated “Resources for Celebrating Black History Month 2024, provided by the Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

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Sis. Barbara Castleberry sings “Steal Away.”
Photo by Nelson A. King

In reading the narration, written by Bryan Tener, for the United Methodist Church, Sis. Moody said that February, being Black History Month, is “a woven

tapestry of The United Methodist Church,” and that “African Americans are — and have been — vital, having played a major role in the denomination’s development.”

She noted that Black History Month has been observed in February in the United States and Canada since 1976, stating that the celebration was started by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926 “as a weeklong focus to educate American people about African American history.

“Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the gifts and offerings that African Americans contribute to the world and the church through art, music, writing, leadership and action,” Sis. Moody said. “There is much to recognize, reflect upon and share with others.”

In his sermon, based on 2 Tim. 1:3-5, Pastor Jackson preached that “our heritage encompasses our personal proclivities – what we eat, how we dress.”

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He noted, however, that “our common thread, though, (is that) we come this far by faith.

“We must pass down our spiritual heritage, our ‘correctedness,’ our vision” he urged. “Spirit heritage is our faith.

“In our culture, heritage is to love and respect God,” Rev. Jackson said. “A God we serve is worthy of our praise and worthy of our shepherd. Our culture includes our legacy. The past is a prologue to our culture.”

Contributed by: Dr. Nelson A. King



IS THIS ON YOUR ANNUAL CALENDAR?



The winter has ended so as we shake off some of the associated sluggishness and become more energized by the increased daylight, for many the start of spring signifies a time when we give our homes a good “scrub down” and for some a desire to wipe down every surface imaginable. It can be specific to certain rooms in our homes to that room-to-room cleaning until every area is touched. We pull out pails, scrub brushes, paint, blind and window cleaners, grout cleaner and everything else that we can think of.

I came across an article entitled “*The Many Household Uses For Vinegar*” which excerpts are below:

“There’s a cheap, safe and effective product that has hundreds of uses! It’s white vinegar! Discover vinegar’s versatility but also when NOT to use vinegar.

White Vinegar in the Garden

Insect Bites: Apply full strength vinegar to mosquito or other insect bites to relieve the itching. (Caution: Do not do this if the affected area is raw.)

Cut Flowers: To extend the life of flowers in a vase, add a few tablespoons of white vinegar to the water, plus a dash of sugar.

White Vinegar and Cleaning

Stovetop: A solution of vinegar and baking soda will easily remove cooking oil from your stovetop.

Clogged or Smelly Sink: Pour ¼ cup of baking soda

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GET READY!!!

Higher Education Committee
PRESENTS
TASTY TREATS
 A fundraiser to
CELEBRATE, SUPPORT & HONOR
 the active youth of our church

www.bakesaleflyers.com

May 5, 2024 following Sunday service in Fellowship Hall

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down the sink, then add 1 cup of vinegar and cover the drain tightly.

Tile Grout: White vinegar is actually safer than chlorine bleach for cleaning grout and caulk. Spray, leave for 1 hour, and then scrub.

Windows: Clean windows with a cloth dipped in a solution of 1 part white vinegar and 10 parts warm water.

Prevent Mildew: Wipe down surfaces with vinegar to clean and to prevent mildew.

White Vinegar and Stain Removal

Paint Stains: Soak paint stains in hot vinegar to remove them.

When NOT to Use Vinegar

Do not use vinegar on granite or marble countertops

Avoid using vinegar where there is **unsealed** grout.

Do not use vinegar on wood surfaces or hardwood floors (or no-wax vinyl floors).

Never use vinegar on your cell phone or computer screen.”

HAPPY CLEANING!!



*The Old Farmer's 2024 Almanac/The Navigators
Contributed by Sis Kim Jackson*

Words of Wisdom



*“We are saved by the grace of God—
the grace provided by the Father in heaven,
by the Son at His crucifixion, and by the power
of the Holy Spirit here on earth whereby
He convicts us of our need for salvation.”*

*“Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who
was and who is to come.”*

(Revelation 1:4)

The late, great Dr. Charles Stanley

Strictly for Laughs



Spring Anyone

Why can't stores keep trampolines in stock during April? **Because it's spring breaks.**

Why is the florist so happy in the spring? **Because business is blooming!**

What did the baker's son do over spring break? **He loafed around.**

Why did the computer go to the beach during spring break? **To surf the net!**

What do you call an emergency in spring? **May Day.**

What type of flower do you plant in the dark? **A lightbulb.**

What has 18 legs and catches flies? **A baseball team.**

Why is the letter "A" like a flower? **Because a "B" comes after it!**

*Home and Life published 2/16/24
By Josiah Soto & Nitya Rao*

THE ABC'S OF SALVATION

A	ADMIT: Admit that you are a sinner and have made mistakes.
B	BELIEVE: Believe that Jesus is God's only Son and He chose to die on a cross for you.
C	COMMIT: Commit yourself to a life of following Jesus and serving others.



Tips For Parents With Children Diagnosed With Autism

Autistic children can be successful, happy, and lead full lives just like everyone else. They simply require love, acceptance, and support to thrive.

Some common characteristics of Autism in children may include:

- struggling with change
- repetitive words or movements
- language delays
- echoed words or sentences
- differences in social interaction, including limited eye contact.

Eye Contact

Prolonged eye contact can be very uncomfortable, stressful, and even painful for autistic children, and can negatively impact their ability to process spoken language. Instead of requiring eye contact from them, find other ways to check for understanding and engagement such as:

- smiling with them
- speaking or moving their body in response to your words or actions,
- let him/her imitate you.

These will indicate joint attention.

Echolalia

Echolalia is the technical term for repeated or 'echoed' words and sentences. Many autistic children repeat words that someone has just said to them (immediate echolalia) or sentences they recall

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from previous conversations or videos they may have watched on YouTube Kids (delayed echolalia).

Echolalia serves a communicative purpose.

Immediate echolalia is often a way to acknowledge that someone has asked a question that requires a response, although they aren't ready to answer yet or aren't sure how to respond (e.g. You say, "How old are you?" and your child repeats the question back to you).

Autistic children might use delayed echolalia to make connections between a previous experience and the current situation (e.g. saying "It's circle time" to request a song that their teacher sang at circle time that day). Delayed echolalia can also be a way to soothe or entertain oneself, the same way you might sing a song to yourself while you wash dishes.

What should I expect from my autistic child?

Autism is a spectrum, meaning that each autistic child is unique. Some autistic children have intellectual disabilities, while others are very smart. Some have high-support needs, others have low-support needs. Some can communicate verbally, while others use alternative communication methods, or a combination of the two. Many autistic children benefit from the support of a speech-language pathologist.

Does my child need an IEP?

Autistic children may or may not qualify for an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) to support them at school. Some autistic children are placed in general education classrooms, while others may be placed in ICT (Integrated Co-Teaching) classroom. Others may require a special day class (SDC) placement.

How can I help my child?

Autistic children tend to struggle with surprises and unexpected changes. Maintaining consistent routines at home, and providing lots of warning when changes happen, will decrease their anxiety and frustration. Using a visual schedule at home can be a helpful way to make the day's events clear.

Autistic children also tend to have different sensory

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systems. Bright lights and loud noises can be uncomfortable, distracting, or painful to them. Notice your child's sensory preferences, and make sure they have a space where they can unwind without unpleasant sensory input.

Where can I get more information?

The Autism Self-Advocacy Network (<https://autisticadvocacy.org/>) has a helpful guide for parents of autistic children available for free online (<https://autisticadvocacy.org/book/start-here/>).

PS. Coming in the next issues, "The Need for A Parent Support Group". "Playdate for Autistic Children within our Church Community" and "Dietary Needs of Autistic Children".



Compiled and contributed by Joycelyn King (Retired Elementary School Educator)

HOLD THE DATE!!



More Words of



TIME

In the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have and only you can determine how to spend it. Be careful. Do not let others spend it for you.

Take time to work, it is the price of success.

Take time to think. It is the source of power.

Take time to play, it is the secret of youth.

Take time to read, it is the road to discovery.

Take time to pray, it is the key to eternity.

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream, it is the highway to the stars.

Take time to love and be loved, it is your way to show the nature of God.

Don't spend precious time worrying what will happen. Yesterday is a cancelled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is cash in hand. Don't brag about what you are going to do tomorrow. Somebody might ask you what you did today.

Taken from LSF Magazine

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to gather what you have planted. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to keep silent, and a time to speak."

Contributed by Sis. Cynthia Grant



FENIMORIANS TAKE THE TITHING

CHALLENGE



April & May Fenimorians

“In the following exercise that teach God’s wisdom in money affairs takes the words under each Scripture passage and put them in the appropriate blanks.” This exercise will help remind us what “God desires us to know about money.” Scripture was taken from the NIV.

1. Leviticus 27:30

A _____ of everything from the _____, whether _____ from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD it is holy to the _____

[land grain LORD tithe]

2. Chronicles 31:5

As soon as the _____ went out, the _____ generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new _____, olive oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a _____ amount, a _____ of everything.

[great tithe order Israelities wine]

3. Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the _____ with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your _____ will be filled to _____, and your vats will brim over with new _____.

[overflowing LORD wine barns]

4. Malachi 3:8

Will a mere mortal _____ God? Yet you _____ me. “But you ask, “How are we robbing _____?” “In _____ and _____.

[you tithes rob offerings rob]

5. Hebrews 7:4-5a

Just think how great he was: Even the _____ _____ gave a _____ of the _____! Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the _____.

[plunder patriarch people Abraham tenth]

*Answers on pg. 14

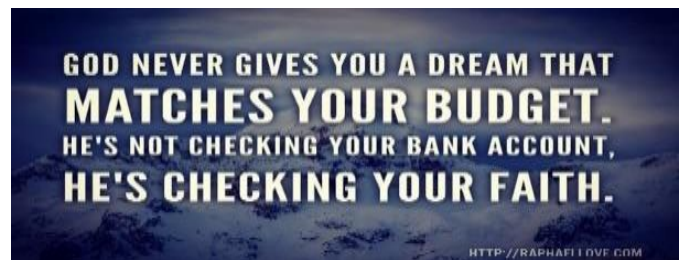
Ultimate Bible Trivia By Timothy E. Parker
Contributed by Sis Kim Jackson

Fenimorian's Initial	Birthdate
LM	4/1
MF	4/2
N B-L	4/28
JMM	5/9
JL	5/12
LM	5/12
J “J” G-C	5/16
CM	5/16
NE	5/17
B L M	5/21
S A-E	5/24
FJ	5/24
JH	5/26
ES	5/26
GA	5/27
KJ	5/28

May the Lord continue to hold you in the palm of His hand and bless you with His joy, favor and immeasurable love.



Newsletter Ministry





United
Women
in Faith

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Anniversary Luncheon, three members/former members were honored.



Guest Pastor, Rev. Wendy Paul Paige flanked by Sis Angela Als on left and Sis Marlene Ferguson on right. President Benita Lynn Malloy stands behind them and Pastor Jackson is in back row. *Photo provided by Angela Als*



The Women's Day Choir.
Photo by Nelson A. King

They were:

Dr. Marguerite Casanave Thompson, “a treasured member of the Fenimore Street United Methodist Women in Faith”; Dr. Andrea Patricia Smith, currently serving as pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church, in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and the Rev. Heidi Nurene Thomas, pastor at Bethel United Methodist Church and Bushwick Parish United Methodist Church – both also in Brooklyn.

FSUMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CELEBRATE 65TH ANNIVERSARY

By Nelson A. King Caribbean Life posted 3/14/24*

The United Women of Faith (UWF) over the weekend commemorated its 65th Anniversary with a gala banquet on Saturday and a Special Worship Service on Sunday.

The gala banquet took place at Glen Terrace on Avenue N in Brooklyn, and the Special Worship Service was held in lieu of the regular 11:00 a.m. Worship Service at FSUMC, corner of Rogers Avenue and Fenimore Street.

The celebrations were held under the theme, “United Women in Faith with a Purpose: Celebrating 65 Years and Counting!”

During the gala banquet, which served as the

“As we celebrate our sapphire birthday, we thank Dr. Maguerite C. Thompson, Muriel Johnson (deceased) and our founding mothers for creating, planting and passing the mantle to all our leaders and members,” said Marlene Ferguson, the chair of the Anniversary Committee, in the souvenir journal.

“Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed; and, today, we are the largest local unit in the New York Conference, with 29 years of Five Star Pledging and Gold Mission,” she added.

UWF President, Benita Lynn Malloy, said she admired and respected FSUMC’s UWF for “carrying out” the organization’s purpose.

“Over the years, your tireless efforts to service children, youth and women in various capacities have not gone unnoticed,” she said in the journal.

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“You are an inspiration to our church community and the community-at-large.”



Rev. Roger Jackson, addresses the congregation. Photo by Nelson A. King

Rev. Roger Jackson, congratulated the UWF, stating that they have “exemplified first and foremost Christ-like characteristics through the various interactions with each other and the

community-at-large through the church’s outreach ministries.

“In your work for the Kingdom of God, you have proven to seek to connect and nurture one another through Christian spiritual formation,” he also said in the souvenir journal.

“I commend you for being united to Christ and women of faith in Christ, working and living for the Kingdom of God here on earth,” Pastor Jackson added.



Rev. Wendy Paul Paige, Pastor of Kings Highway UMC’ Photo by Nelson A. King

During the near-three-hour-long Special Worship Service on Sunday, the Rev. Wendy Paul Paige, pastor of Kings Highway United Methodist Church in

Brooklyn, urged UWF members and other women

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to “stand together”.

“God is calling us to unite as a body,” preached Rev. Paul Paige, who earned a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University in New Jersey in 2014.

“Unite because God says unite.

“I’m so overwhelmed that God shows us [that] when women are uniting, something impossible becomes possible,” she added, preaching on the topic, “She’s Right”. “So, women, let’s rally; let’s recognize that we’ve been spoon-fed some garbage. “Think of all the greatness that God can manifest,” Pastor Paul Paige continued. “We are called to create, because that’s what we are.”



Harriet Gooding reads UWF Mission Moment. Photo by Nelson A. King

In reading the UWF Mission Moment, Harriet Gooding said the group “Throughout the year, have spread our giving through scholarship funds to

graduating students, hosting a Christmas celebration for children/youth, honoring special women, among other things.”



Displaying citation and proclamation from Mayor Eric Adams and State Assemblyman Brian Cunningham: From left, Shanae Als; Benita Lynn Malloy; Syndney Renwick, Cunningham’s chief-of-staff; and Marlene Ferguson. Pastor Roger Jackson is at back. Photo by Nelson A. King

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UWF received a proclamation from Mayor Eric Adams, declaring Sunday, March 10, 2024 as “Fenimore Street United Women in Faith Day.”

The group also received a proclamation honoring its “commitment to invaluable service” from New York State Assemblyman Brian Cunningham, the representative for the 43rd District that encompasses the church. Sydney Renwick, Cunningham’s chief-of-staff, presented the award on his behalf.

“We want to thank the United Women in Faith,” said Pastor Jackson at service’s end. “You know, if you want anything done, find some women who are busy. I love you.”

Contributed by Dr. Nelson A. King

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 4, 2024
11:00-2:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Learn About



SUCCESSFUL STEWARDSHIP

TAKING GOOD CARE OF GOD'S MONEY

Offering

giving back to God

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

**Hosted by the Frontier Foundation
of the Annual Conference**

Refreshments will be served

"I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS"

sung by Southport Christian Church

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Beyond Our Shores Willing to Pay the Price:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (No Turning Back)

Many of us love the hymn **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** found on page 2129 in *The Faith We Sing*, but may know very little about the true story behind the hymn which originated in India. The hymn is based on the last words of a man named Nokseng from Assam, India. Following is an excerpt taken from the **Renewal Journal** 11/29/17 which outlines this persecuted martyr’s final day.

“About 150 years ago, there was a great revival in Wales, and many missionaries came to north-east India (Assam) to spread the Gospel. In this hostile and aggressive community, they were not welcomed. One missionary succeeded in converting a man, his wife and two children. This man’s faith proved contagious and many villagers began to accept Christianity.

Angry, the village chief summoned all the villagers. He then called the family who had first converted to renounce their faith in public or face execution. Moved by the Holy Spirit, the man said:

“I have decided to follow Jesus.”

Engaged at the refusal, the chief ordered his archers to arrow down the two children. As both boys lay dying, the chief asked, “Will you deny your faith?” You have lost both your children. You will lose your wife too.” But the man replied:

“Though no one joins me, still I will follow.”

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The chief was besides himself with fury and ordered that the wife be arrowed down. The man was given one final opportunity to deny his faith and live. In the face of death the man said the final memorable lines:

“The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back.”

But with their deaths a miracle took place. The chief who had ordered the killings was moved by the faith of the man. He wondered, “Why should this man, his wife and two children die for a Man who lived far away some 2,000 years ago? There must be some remarkable power behind the family’s faith, and I too want to taste that faith.”

In a spontaneous confession of faith, he declared, “I too belong to Jesus Christ.” When the crowd heard this from the mouth of their chief, the whole village accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The formation of these words into a hymn is attributed to the Indian missionary Sadhu Sundar Singh. The melody is also Indian and “Assam” is the region where the text originated.”

The name Assam indeed is indicated in *The Faith We Sing*. What a remarkable story, what a remarkable man who was ready to die and who boldly declared “no turning back” and inadvertently and whose subsequent actions led a village to Christ. Wouldn’t you agree?



Sis Kim Jackson, Newsletter Ministry



REFLECTIONS OF A MOTHER

*I gave you life, but cannot live it for you.
I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.*

*I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you.
I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.
I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.*

*I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.
I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.
I can give you love, but I cannot force it on you.
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.*

*I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.
I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you.
I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.
I can tell you the facts of life, but I can't build your reputation.
I can tell you about drink, but I cannot say no for you.
I can warn you about drugs, but I can't prevent you from using them.
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I can't achieve them for you.
I can teach you about kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious.
I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make you moral.*

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*I can love you as a child, but I cannot place you in
God's family.*

*I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you
eternal life.*

*I can love you with unconditional love all my life...
and I will.*

Author- Unknown

Contributed by: Sis Cynthia Grant



Strictly for Laughs

Six-year old Ned's mother was looking through an old family bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."

The child comes home from his first day at school. Mother asks, "What did you learn today?" The kid replies, "Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow."

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

What is the difference between a \$20.00 steak and a \$55 steak? Mother's Day.

What's the best flower for a boy to give on Mother's Day? A son-flower.

Mother's Day Week 2016
Devotional Humor & Inspiring Stories
by Robbie Dilmore

ANSWER KEY: TITHING CHALLENGE



1 tithe, land, grain, LORD

2 order, Israelities, wine, great, tithe

3 LORD, barns, overflowing, wine

4 rob, rob, you, tithes, offerings

5 patriarch, Abraham, tenth, plunder, people

Family Life Ministry



Jeremiah 1:5 *⁵ "Before I formed you in the
womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;*

On Saturday March 16, 2024, **Family Life Ministry** hosted our annual Easter party for unhoused children and their chaperones. It was a day filled with food, fun, laughter and joy. There was a total of 55 guests, including 9 babies. Our guests shared their gratitude for the invitation and the warm welcome they experienced here at Fenimore. Our guests came from Good Samaritan - La Quinta, Hospitality House (Staten Island) and Hotel at Times Square.

Fenimore showed up and showed out. Pastor and First Lady Kim had those kids on their feet with all sorts of fun games and prizes. Everyone joined in, even the adults.

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The guests were surprised with the variety of food, snacks, drink, cake and ice cream. The children were beyond themselves with excitement, especially the boys who seem to have the most fun. There were even clothing and shoes for those who needed. At the end, each adult, child and baby received an Easter basket loaded with toiletries, personal items, nick-nacks and toys. Sincere thanks and blessings to all the Saints who came out starting on Friday to prepare and to welcome our guests and to share with them the Love of Christ. Thanks to everyone who participated and worked together to the Glory of God.

Mark 10:14. *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

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Family Life Ministry members put the final touches on the many clothing, shoes and Easter baskets to be distributed.

Photo by Sis Kim Jackson



Sis Vincy Patrice “rolls up her sleeves” and has the Easter tattoo station ready to go.

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Children getting acquainted

Photo by Sis Joycelyn King





Pastor calling children for one of the many games that they played.

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New friends were made.

Sis Marlene Ferguson and Sis Pauline Thomas are busy with our other guest in background

Photo by Pastor Jackson

Tug-A- War



Ring Toss



bean bags



Sticky board



All children and adults received an Easter basket with tasty treats and gifts



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Sis Doreen Thomas (far right) serves food as Sis Angela Als looks on (back to camera)



Photo by Pastor Jackson



Super AWESOME
Happy Fun Time



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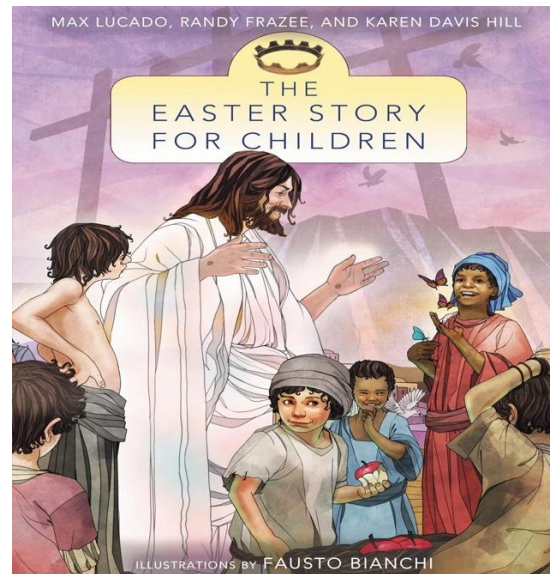
During the Season of Lent, our Sunday School children have been reading the book **“The Easter Story for Children** written by **Max Lucado, Randy Frazer and Karen Davis Hill**. The story focuses on Jesus’ disciples and their role in the days leading up to Jesus’ Crucifixion and Resurrection. The Focus is on the disciples, so we took time to learn the names and characteristics of the 12 disciples. Here is a short quiz on the book as a review:

1. What do we call the day Jesus was crucified? _____
2. Who did Jesus first appear to after he had risen? _____
3. What was the name of the garden where Jesus was praying before the soldiers came to get him? _____
4. Who betrayed Jesus? _____
5. Who denied Jesus? _____
How many times? _____
6. What did Jesus ride triumphantly into Jerusalem on? _____
7. Who was the Roman King at the time Jesus was crucified? _____
8. On what day after Jesus was crucified did he rise? _____
9. Jesus had _____ disciples.

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10. When did Jesus tell His disciples that this would be their last meal? _____



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THE POWER OF PERSONAL



Do you have a Personal Testimony of how the Power of God’s love has transformed a situation in your life?
When we share our personal testimonies, we help others understand what makes our relationship to Jesus central to our lives. We help them to understand that here at Fenimore, we are growing in our Faith and in our relationship to Jesus and we are trying to live out this relationship in meaningful ways.

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May these Testimonies help you in your Faith walk:

Transition

Many years ago, I was at a place in my life when I lost trust in my fellow humans. I was really hurting so I just moved leaving everything behind, moving on Faith.

I called a friend and we talked about my next move. The same evening of my arrival I stood beside the kitchen sink and prayed: Jehovah you are a provider. All my life I have earned my own living with your help only. Thank you for the job in my area of expertise.

My friend came from work that evening with a copy of Amsterdam's News and said, here is the job for you!

In the morning, I called the number. The interview was done on the telephone and I was offered the job to report the next morning.

I stayed in the job for four years.

I know for a fact that God answers prayers.

Guardian Angels

This happened during Covid in 2020. I was walking to the store when a gentleman approached me asking for directions. A few seconds later, another man came along and started making suggestions. He suggested that he would take the other guy to some place, and that I should go along with them in his car.

Believe me when I say that it had to be the strong right hand of God that immediately snatched me out of that situation. I know it was the guardian angel that surrounded me and protected me. I know it was the blood.

I still get shaky when I see on News 12, people who go missing. That could have been me but for the grace of God and my guardian angel.

Christian friends, never leave your house without asking God to walk alongside you. Ask God to send his angels to surround you and protect you, your children, your family and friends. He did it for me. He will do it for you.

I Can't Stop Praising my Lord!

O how wonderful and Awesome my God is. He has never failed me. He has made me whole again that's why I shall forever serve Him whilst giving him all the glory, praise and honor that is due Him. I thank him for doctors, but my God is indeed a healer. When I was at my lowest He wrapped his loving arms around me, when fear started to creep in my God reminded me of his promises in that he would give me no more than I am able to bear. People of God be reassured that Almighty God sits on his throne ready and willing to answer our prayers if we only call out to Him. He sees and knows all of our needs. My God is able to do all that He says He will do making us warriors, survivors but most of all conquerors. Trust in Him for he is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the Alpha and the Omega. I have proven Him for who he is. He is a Healer. Serve Him and only Him for He is a jealous God. Call upon Him for He will answer. Prove Him for he is Holy. The power of Gods transforming love for me has brought me back from a world of darkness and despair. My God is indeed and Awesome God. I love Him for He sought to love me first. I will praise him with the scripture Psalm 91. "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will dwell in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say if the Lord He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.

Lovingly submitted.

An Awesome God!!

When you are stressed out, depressed, don't know what to do or who to turn to after you have tried everything, all you have to do is pray and leave it all to the Almighty God.

I remember when I was living in Jamaica and wasn't earning enough to support my sick mother (God bless her soul), a teenage daughter, and a teenage niece, both were in High School. There was a particular weekend when I had no food in the

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refrigerator, no money and no gas in my car. On that Friday night, I could not sleep. I waited until everyone was asleep and I started to pray. I prayed, and I prayed relentlessly that night. And Oh My God!! The following morning, I heard a knock on my door. It was my neighbor, a police officer. He said that his grandmother was gravely ill and that she was living in the country area. He was asking to rent my car for the weekend at a cost. I gave him my price and he paid me immediately. On that Sunday night, my neighbor returned with a full tank of gas in my car and with some ground provisions from the countryside. In addition to that, I was left with enough money for the entire week. Isn't God AWESOME? Oh Yes He Is! Why worry when you have an option to pray!

A Believer, DeeBee.

Can't wait to read/hear your testimony! Write a paragraph or two, telling of the goodness of God in your life or a Praise Report. You do not have to include your name. (Please see Sis. King)

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