



“Fenimorian News from the Pews”

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter

ABBA OUR FATHER!!!



Fenimorian Family,

“And, I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. (2 Corinthians 6:18)

As we spend time during the celebratory months of May and June reflecting on and honoring our mothers and fathers, or others who have shaped many of our yesteryears let’s take the time to celebrate and worship **Abba Our Father** who is Father to us all!!!

As creator, He created all things in love and wisdom and formed us in His image and at precisely the right time sent Jesus our Lord and Savior to deliver us from our sins by dying on the cross. **Abba Our Father’s** love for us is all encompassing, unique in establishing a connection, an intimacy that cannot be duplicated because He has placed His love deep inside of us. This love is such that it enables Him to know and understand us at a greater depth than we

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will ever experience in knowing ourselves. **Abba Our Father** knows our beginning and our end and loves us unconditionally just as we are. In His love He has designed a specific plan “tailor-made” for each of our lives to be productive in His kingdom here on earth.

How can we respond to such a parent?

We can respond to His love and authority as grateful children by expressing our thankfulness through faith, trust and submission to His authority as **Abba Our Spiritual Father**. What a privilege to receive the best gifts as children from **Abba Our Father** such as: a redemptive plan, his Son Jesus Christ and through Him the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of our sins and eternal life everlasting.

This season let our reflection in honoring our earthy mothers and fathers and others whom have shaped and molded us and perhaps led us toward **Abba Our Spiritual Father**, ultimately include sharing, witnessing and encouraging those still seeking to find the Father of us all through Jesus who is the Christ!!

Sis Kim Jackson, Newsletter Ministry

Upcoming Church Events:

Higher Education is requesting the names of graduates for the year 2023. The names must be submitted by May 5, 2023.

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Prayer on Zoom every Tuesday @ 8:00pm.

Bible Study on Zoom, every Wednesday @ 7:00pm.

The United Voices of Praise Choir presents “Praises In The Evening,” Saturday, 6/17/23 @ 4:00pm at the church. Tickets are presently available. Please see one of the choir members for additional info.

Adult Baptism by immersion will be held in June. Details to follow.

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 (5/23/23 and 6/27/23).

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

From the Desk of the Pastor Jackson:



Grace, mercy and peace beloved of God,

As we set aside time in May and June to celebrate the myriad of ways in which mothers and fathers

have loved and cared for the children that has been entrusted to them through the grace of God, scripture provides us with a mother and a father who exemplified loving care for their child, respectively.

In the Gospel according to Matthew we are told that in the fifteenth chapter there was an un-named Canaanite woman who approached Jesus as He was passing by, pleading for help for her un-named demon possessed daughter. Out of loving care for her daughter this mother didn't care what Jesus thought of her, being that she was a pagan. In love and out of care

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for her daughter's well-being she used what Jesus thought of her to get Jesus to do what she needed to be done for her daughter. Motherly love will do whatever needs to be done to meet the needs of her child and/or children.

This manner of loving care was also on display in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke. We are told that a father had two sons, and both needed and received loving care from their father. The son who placed an ungodly demand for his portion of his inheritance, needed and received the loving care of his father upon his return home after squandering all his wealth and defiling himself. The son who remained needed and received the understanding of his father's love and care during his outburst over the celebration that his father was putting together over the return of the son who left. The father reminded the son who stayed that all that he had the son who remained could have used it as he pleased. Loving and caring fathers know how to treat their child and/or children when they return from doing wrong or when they feel unappreciated for always doing the right thing.

I pray that for those whose mother or father did not live into the Godly inspired and biblical model that you have been to forgive. For those who are mothers and fathers and are having difficulty living into the Godly inspired and biblical model it is never too late to start.

“Beloved, I pray above all things that you may prosper and be in good health, even as your soul prospers.” 3 John 3: 2

Pastor Jackson



"You Never Know When You're Making a Memory"

Quote by: Rickie Lee Jones

Two short personal stories of my childhood/teenage years which happened at the Waldensia Baptist Church, which I attended during my formative years.

In a Sunday School play I was asked to play one of the five foolish virgins. I did not want to play any foolish virgin and grumbled but in those days, you do as you are told and to refuse was out of the question along with chastisement from your parents. So, I played the part. My friend laughed at me as she got to play one of the wise virgins.

Today each time, the parable of the 10 virgins is preached, I remember my part in the play, not fondly, though.



The second was in the forms of a rebuke and an English lesson. There was a monthly magazine called "Caribbean Challenge (something similar to our current newsletter) which contains religious news around the Caribbean. Each family got a copy. In this magazine there was a serial story titled "All That Glitters Is Not Gold" a very interesting story and I got the magazine to take home this particular Sunday.

In those days all children would sit in the front center pews of the church. After the usual formalities, it was sermon time. I could not wait to catch up on the story, so I started to read. After a while, I realized there was silence. I was not hearing the pastor and looked up only to see him staring at me, He asked what did he say, I could not tell him because I was not listening. Right there and then, he reprimanded me and gave me a lesson on the difference between listening and hearing.



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You see I was hearing him while reading the story but not listening to his message, therefore I could not tell him what he said.

Contributed by: Sis. Pauline Thomas

The Power To Make A Difference Just For Today

Just for Today- *I will live through the next 12 hours and not try to tackle all of life's problems at once.*

Just for Today- *I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful .I will read something that requires thought and concentration.*

Just for Today- *I will be agreeable. I will look for the best, speak in a well- modulated voice, be courteous and considerate.*

Just for Today- *I will not find fault with a friend, relative or colleague. I will not try to change or improve anyone but myself.*

Just for Today- *I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.*

Just for Today- *I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two enemies-Hurry and Indecision.*

Just for Today- *I will do two things, I don't want to do, just because I need the discipline.*

Just for Today- *I will believe in myself. I will give my best to the world and feel confident, that the world will give its best to me.*

Author Unknown.

Contributed by Sis. Cynthia Grant



WE WANT TO STAY CONNECTED

Fenimorians please **UPDATE** all changes in your home address, home & cell #s including your email address that occurred within the last **3 years** by contacting Sis Angela Als, Doreen Thomas or Cecille “Peggy” White **ASAP**. Thank you for your cooperation.



Beyond Our Shores Willing to Pay the Price: Christian Parents In Communist China

PETER

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“Crucified upside down by the Romans.”

PATRICK HAMILTON

1527

“Burned at the stake, the fire was set low so that he suffered for six hours.”

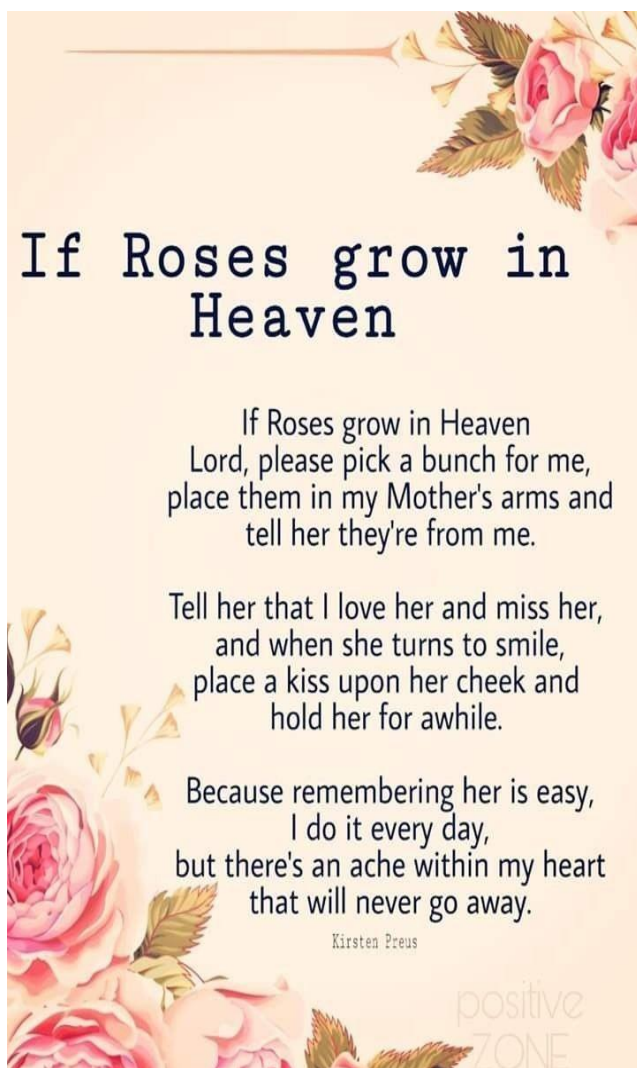
A NIGERIAN WOMAN

2006

“Police did not even get her name before the Muslim mob beat her to death for sharing Christ with Muslims.”

Today as in yesteryear those Christians residing in hostile or restricted nations, willing to pay the price of obedience in response to the word of God, believe that the personal cost of such obedience is a total commitment that will shape their daily experiences potentially consuming everything even possibly their very life. Yet, they have determined through faith that whatever the end result will be it will be well worth it. The Apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 3:8 that “What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing knowledge of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”

Obedience frees Christians to receive what God gives and has planned for their lives. Many Christian parents around the world in obedience believe that they should refer to biblical principles as guidance in raising and nurturing their children. Facing increased pressure from the Chinese



Author Kirsten Preus

Contributed by Deborah Jackson, Admin. Asst.

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government against teaching children about Christ by educating them using scripture, Pastor Pan Yongguang of the Shenzhen Holy Reformed Church and his preschool faced potential closure. As harassment against Pastor Pan grew, he along with twenty-eight adults with thirty-two children from the church voted and made the extraordinary decision to leave Communist China and head for South Korea.

Following is an excerpt taken from the *Voice of the Martyrs* Sept. 2022 magazine entitled “A Church In Exile.” The article in part tells of the leading up to the decision to leave China and the subsequent hardships encountered by the congregation once they relocated.

Church Under Pressure

“Pastor Pan had been under intense government pressure since 2014. Twice a week, authorities called him in for interrogation, pressuring him and his unregistered, illegal church to join the government controlled Three-Self Patriotic Movement. But Pan refused to join, unwilling to compromise biblical teaching and submit to the Communist government’s oversight. Also, the school was illegal as Chinese law prohibits teaching religion to minors under 18. The police even repeatedly pressured landlords, forcing Pastor Pan and his family to move four times. Pan and the congregation began to discuss the ramifications of leaving. “how would it affect their elderly parents, other relatives, their jobs and their homes.”

Leaving China

“After deciding to resettle on South Korea’s Jeju Island, a vacation destination for many Chinese families, Pan believed they would be in Korea for one or two years They had always hoped that they could go back to China.”

“Life in South Korea was not what they had expected. Fearing pressure from China , the South Korean government would not grant the Christians asylum. In addition, since none of them spoke

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Korean, their job options were limited to menial labor, to which the Chinese professionals were unaccustomed. Many people would cry after coming home when they first did this kind of work. Their bodies were hurting so much. The future of the Shenzhen church is uncertain, as South Korea has denied further asylum appeals. Overall, Pan said that everyone in the church has grown closer to the Lord since coming to Jeju.” “We have learned how to obey God’s Word and how to pray due to the difficult experiences in Korea.”

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A CONTINUATION.....



To gain a clearer understanding of what Christian parents encounter regarding educating their children in Christian theology, I have included the following article from *Voice of the Martyrs* Sept. 2022 magazine entitled “*Further Crackdowns on Educating Children*”

“Teaching religion to children under 18 years old has been illegal since the adoption of China’s constitution in 1982.

Chinese lawmakers have passed additional policies to bolster governmental control over homeschooling and private education. A law passed in June 2021 empowers the government to revoke the parental rights of those who do not send their children to public schools. And more recently, China enacted a family education law in January 2022 that gives the government authority over what is taught inside the

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home. In some cities, school officials have lined children up and asked them one by one if they attend church or if their parents teach them religious beliefs. Officials then called the parents of children who answered in the affirmative, threatening to expel their children from school. In many cases, officials have required parents to sign documents stating that they would not teach religious ideology to their children.”

Contributed by: Sis. Kim Jackson



A **Dad** asked his barber “When would be the best time to bring in my two-year-old son?” Without hesitation the barber answered “When he’s four!!”

By the time I knew my **Dad** was right, I had a son who knew I was wrong.

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.

What did the **Mommy** spider say to the baby spider? “You spend too much time on the web.”

People always ask me how I know so many **Dad** jokes, well it’s because I put them in a Dad-a-base.

What is the difference between a \$20.00 steak and a \$55 steak” **Mother’s Day**.

*For Father’s Day 2022 & Mother’s Day Week 2016
Devotional Humor & Inspiring Stories
by Robbie Dilmore*

Being The Hands and Feet of Jesus



The Family Life Committee on Saturday, March 25th, celebrated the annual Easter Party in the fellowship hall with some of our less fortunate families in the borough of Brooklyn.

In keeping with our Core values, we are committed to loving God, each other and those whom we come into contact with. These less fortunate families have kept us grounded in our core values. They have been our focus since the inception of the program in 1995. Because we are committed to the word of God and prayer we have been able to sustain the program through the generous contributions from our devoted congregation, external community supporters and alumni community.

The celebrations began at 11am with the arrival of the buses. The children were greeted at the door as they entered into a brightly decorated Easter scenery. There were hanging murals with Easter eggs and bunnies. Several table settings of fruits and most of all the dazzling Easter baskets with all the goodies of candy, easter eggs, games, cotton candy and much more.

In attendance for the festivities were: Queens Family Residence, Salvation Army Springfield Family Center and Urban Strategies of Fannie Barnes. Would you believe that we have had these

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groups year after year since 1995. They told us that our program is one of the best. They feel so much love, warmth from everybody and that keeps them coming back. Yes! "we are loving God and loving people." They were treated to a scrumptious meal of hotdogs, chicken wings, corn on the cob, mac & cheese, ham and cake and ice cream.

The entertainment for the day was highlighted with a special guest performance by the Chinese American Culture of New York compliment of Simon Chik. Then our Pastor Rev. Roger Jackson and our beloved first lady Sis. Kim continued the celebrations. We, the members of the committee, want them to know how much we appreciate their participation. They have surpassed us with their fun-filled energy. They played musical chairs, toss the ring, tag board, egg and spoon. Sis. Kim made welcome necklaces for the kids and she provided prizes for the winners in the games. We were also entertained by some of the attendees who debuted their singing talent.

What a day of rejoicing it was with all God's children celebrating the joy of the "Risen Savior". **It was indeed a Blast!!!! Special thanks to Sis. Angela Als and Sis. Gloria Saldano who took the time and prepared those beautiful Easter baskets. We distributed baskets to all the children in attendance at the party, we distributed baskets to our very own Sunday School children and on Easter Sunday we had extra baskets which we gave to the children of our visitors and returning church members' children.** Special thanks to each and every one of you who contributed or participated in your own special way. Without your giving and support this event would not be the success it is today.

Continue to "Walk in Love"

*Contributed by Marlene Ferguson
Chair/Minerva. Beaton. co-chair.*

PICTORIAL OF OUR ANNUAL EASTER PARTY FOR OUR SPECIAL FAMILIES



Family Life Ministry Committee with Chair Marlene Ferguson (front row) kneeling and Rev. Roger Jackson (back row center)



THERE WERE



PRIZES, GIFTS



AND BASKETS



FOR EVERYONE



MORE PICTURES



*OUR GUEST FAMILIES ENJOYING THEMSELVES
(children received temporary Easter tattoos when they arrived)*



Family Life Ministry Chair Marlene Ferguson (far left) with Sis Kim and Rev. Roger Jackson (center) and Ministry Supporter Mr. Simon Chik (far right). The Chinese American Culture of New York are also pictured.



Compliments of Simon Chik, the Chinese American Culture of New York in full attire performed two memorable dance numbers that all enjoyed.



Nurses Month , May 2023

Thank You!

**Taken From: AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION
(ANA) ENTERPRISE NEWS**

“Nurses Month is an opportunity to recognize and honor America’s 4.4 million registered nurses and their contributions to the health of their patients, communities, and the world. ANA expanded National Nurses Week in 2020 to a full month of celebration for the nation’s most trusted profession and the largest segment of the healthcare workforce”

NURSES YOU CARRY THE LIGHT

LIGHT – Your services are a bright LIGHT in a dark place. You carry the light.

LIFE – Your service preserves LIFE. You carry the light.

LAUGHTER – Your merry attitudes bring LAUGHTER. You carry the light.

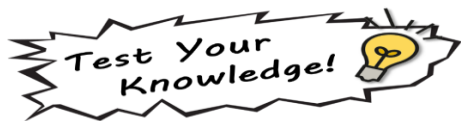
LIVING – You are living up to your purpose in LIFE. You carry the life.

LOVE – Your services are true acts of LOVE! You carry the life.

Let us never consider ourselves finished nurses... we must be learning all of our lives.

Nurses can download the toolkit and logo from nursing-world.org/ana-enterprise/nurses-month/ to promote Nurses Month in local communities, media and find other useful information. Also check the weekly themes schedule which starts with Self-Care **Week: May 1-7**

Contributed by Sis Marlene Ferguson



**NAMES OF MOTHERS & FATHERS
IN THE BIBLE**

- 1 Mother of John the Baptist _____
- 2 Father who placed his children on the ark _____
- 3 Mother of The Prophet Samuel _____
- 4 Father of the 12 tribes of Israel _____
- 5 The Hebrew Mother of Moses _____
6. Father of Obed and grandfather of Jesse _____
7. Mother of King Solomon _____
8. He and his household served the Lord _____
9. Mother & Grandmother of Timothy _____
10. Father after God's own heart _____



May & June Fenimorians



Your Birth Verse
Your month & date is matched with a chapter and verse in the bible.

Example: if you were born on 1/30 your birth verse is 1 Corinthians 1:30 which reads "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption."

Look for your birthdate below:

Matthew 5:9	Matthew 5:12	Matthew 5:16
2 Corinthians 5:17	2 Corinthians 5:21	John 5:24
Luke 5:26	John 5:27	1 Thessalonians 5:28
Galatians 6:2	Ephesians 6:3	1 Timothy 6:12
Romans 6:14	Ephesians 6:16	1 Corinthians 6:17
2 Corinthians 6:18	John 6:30	

QUOTATIONS – TO PONDER

"If doubt overtakes you, stop for a faith lift."

"Faith is belief with legs on it."

"Do something. Either lead, follow or get out of the way."

"Hat's off to the past; sleeves up for the future."

"The lazier a man is, the more he plans to do tomorrow."

*Anonymous
Contributed by Sis. Marlene Ferguson*

EASTER CELEBRATION

Church School/Sunday School Superintendent Gail Murray and her talented staff hosted on Saturday, April 8, 2023 an Easter Party. Fenimore teens were instrumental in the success of the party working closely with the children in making crafts and playing games and were assisted by volunteers on hand. Other highlights enjoyed were ring toss and musical chairs overseen by Debra Hull. A delicious lunch was also served for all to enjoy.

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THE HUNT IS ON!!! Fenimore teens took the time to plant Easter eggs in parts of the Sanctuary. Prizes were given for golden eggs and highest eggs collected.



Children making bunny masks and enjoying other arts and crafts with the assistance of Fenimore teens, young adults and volunteers



Some of the "Big Kids" got in on action. Pastor made an edible treat.



There was an egg station similar to picture

Contributed by Sis. Kim Jackson

Test Your Bible Knowledge Answer Key



1. Elizabeth
- 2.Noah
3. Hannah
4. Jacob
5. Jochebed
6. Boaz
7. Bathsheba
8. Joshua
9. Eunice & Lois
- 10.King David



AND



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