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WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

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The other day, someone at church asked my wife a rather serious question. They asked her if I was using drugs. While I never have been and never will be a drug user, the question seems to be quite understandable given my current situation. Let me explain why.

I suffer from bouts of serious depression and tend to wear my emotions on my sleeve. When I am not in the right state of mind emotionally, people tend to be able to see it. At the time I am writing this, I am in one of those valley experiences that I have come to know fairly well. To the outsider looking in, I must look pretty haggard and worn down. Fortunately, that concerned church member has prompted me to remember a biblical principle I realize I need to be using right now.

Isaiah 61:1-3 reads "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me...to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of Joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness..."(NKJV)

In times of heaviness and depression, we have to remember to wear praise like a designer jacket or a good pair of jeans. Christ's job description in Isaiah tells us that heaviness, depression and times of emotional negativity are spirits that weigh us down. But praise for His infinite blessings and awesome nature is what God wants us to exchange all of these things for, because praise wipes out negativity.

I have had to use this concept in the past and see the need for it now. I've let my present dark days block my view of God's greatness. On days when life's trials made me not want to get out of the bed, I often had to physically "put on" my praise by forcing myself to remember His goodness, the ways He helped me to overcome in the past and the assurance that He would do the same in the future. I had to remember that He is both the strength of my life and my strength in times of trouble (**Psalms 27:1 and 37:39**).

But being an imperfect individual, it is not always easy to do this. Even now, it's hard to do, because until I actually put on the garment of praise, that spirit of heaviness does its job of weighing me down. It often feels as if I am fighting for my life; fighting to pull off that heaviness that wants to cling to my shoulders. That's why it's good to realize that in God's eyes, the process is an exchange. If I would get past the sadness and the tears, if I would just let it go, if I could pull off the heaviness in order to trade it for something better, giving it completely over to God, He will supply a garment that was designed to for life abundantly.

So as a person learning to dress myself in the goodness of God, to any depressed or hurting person I would say this: the joy of the Lord is your strength (**Nehemiah 8:10**). In God's presence, joy is at its fullness (**Psalms 16:11**). When the darkness around us gets to be too much, we have to remind ourselves of all the light that is God. Wrap yourself in the garment of praise. If we don't, we'll walk around defeated for the rest of our lives and the good Lord knows that would be a major waste. I thank Him that He is such a concerned parent, not wanting us to freeze out in the cold, but wanting us to zip up and put on our praise.



Coming Events

Prayer Concerns

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) has stabilized for now.

Peggy Hollback recuperating at home from transplant.

Margaret Ann Reed recuperating from a sprained shoulder, will have knee surgery soon.

Garnet Lindeman stable for now. Living at Nancy's house.

Alan Graff starting new chemo regimen in a few weeks.

Henry Mason now at home, current treatments taking a toll on him

Morgan Castle (Valley Schools), bad car accident, life-flighted to St Mary's in Huntington. Still in critical condition.

Praise Report: Gus Spears (Shaun and Aaron McCray's 5 month old nephew in Cincinnati) released from Cincinnati Children's this week. Doing much better. PTL!

David Bradshaw doing inhouse rehab at Advanced 360 in Portsmouth.

Praise Report: Phyllis White (Kaye Hammond's sister) numbers show her kidney condition has passed. PTL!

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Bob Ankrom (brother in law to Anne Gamp, uncle to Tim and Sarah) who passed away Friday evening as a result of an auto accident. All services/arrangements are private. Prayers requested. Cards can be addressed to Linda and Jacob Ankrom at 3941 Tick Ridge Rd, Wheelersburg 45694.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

10/4	Baby Bottle Deadline
10/5	October Sweet Monday
10/4-25	Sunday PM Home Groups
10/11-14	Jack Hall in Meeting w Grant & Summit
10/23-24	Sunshine Men's Retreat at Fort Hill
11/13-14	Ladies Retreat at Scioto Hills

Singing Tonight

This evening at 6 pm all are invited to come and enjoy a time of singing before our evening Bible study. See Nick Davis for details.

October Sweet Monday

Meeting in the Annex at 7 pm Monday, October 5. Please make plans to be there.

Baby Bottle Collection

Representatives from Elizabeth's Hope visited us last Sunday evening to give us an update on their ministry to women with unplanned pregnancies. The baby bottles were handed out and we have October 4 as the deadline to get them back full of change or folding money. You can bring them back to any service on or before October 4. Please hand your baby bottle to one of the deacons. They will keep them in a safe place until all have been collected. **Deadline is next Sunday.**

Sunday PM Home Hosts and Leaders

On the table in the foyer are the materials needed to run our Sun PM Home Groups. HOSTS: If you are a host, pick up the info sheet and a packet of the communion bread. LEADERS: If you are a leader of one of the groups, pick up a copy of the info sheet and the copy of the DVD with the name of the host whose group you are leading. Deacons/Elders/Ministers, you are the designated leaders. Find a group which needs a leader and sign up for that group. Circle your name as leader. Make sure every group is covered. Deacons/Elders/Ministers, you do not have to personally lead each session. If you want to use other men to lead the group that is fine.

Home Group Sign Up Now

Today the pads are laid out on the table in the foyer for home group sign up. Hosts, if there are restrictions please write them on your sign up pad. People, some of the groups need to be limited number wise. Please be aware of the size of the group and any restrictions the host writes before signing up. Home groups begin next Sunday evening.



Gospel Meeting

The Grant and Summit church in Portsmouth has a gospel meeting scheduled with **Jack Hall** from Richmond, KY, Oct 11-14. Details posted.

Companion Quilt

If anyone has a block to go in the companion quilt to the centennial quilt or needs a block to do, see Teresa Hayward ASAP. Work on the companion quilt will happen soon.

Details on the Men's Retreat

The men's retreat this year is at Fort Hill, starting Friday, October 23, with supper being served at 6:30 pm. As already mentioned Ben Merold is the guest speaker on the theme of Fundamentals for Kingdom Growth. Cost for meals is \$22.50/person (three meals: supper, breakfast, lunch) and another \$7.50 if you stay overnight. That's an even \$30.00. We should be done around 2 pm Saturday afternoon. Pay all fees on Friday evening at camp. Ben will be making a couple presentations at camp and will be leading a Q and A session after lunch on Saturday. Ben is going to be talking about the things his churches did to move from 175 and 350 in attendance to 3000. Every male Christian in the congregation needs to be there to help us develop a strategy for growth. Ben will also be bringing the morning lesson on Sunday for the congregation. Sign Up starts today for the men's retreat. We need a count for food preparation.

"Be Our Guest" - Ladies Retreat

This year's retreat will be at Scioto Hills camp on November 13-14. Cost for the weekend is \$40. Please sign up as soon as possible. And bring a friend!



Call Em All Update

It's time to update our Call Em All list. On the window in the foyer you will see a list of current numbers that are used for our calling list. Please look at this list and update any information that needs updated. If you would like to be added to the calling list you can add your information on the empty sheet. If you would like to be included in our Emergency Prayer Team calls, please "check" the appropriate box and your number will be added to that list. When all of your information is complete please place an "X" before your name. Any questions please see Aaron McCray.

Haiti Joy Boxes

Sharon Hallom's class is putting together Joy Boxes for Haiti and each child needs a sponsor to cover the cost of mailing/shipping the box. Please sign your name beside the student you wish to sponsor and give your \$15 to Shaun McCray or Nick Davis. The list is located on the window in the foyer.

Acappella Concert Big Hit

About 500 people were present yesterday at the Waverly High School for the Acappella Concert. The music was great as well as uplifting and encouraging in every way. Thanks to Spike and Jean and all the members of the Piketon/Elm Grove Youth group for having the vision to bring them here to our area.



Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. —Rom 6:4

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun. Morning	9/27/2015	10/4/2015
Welcome	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell
Reading	Jim Jacobs	David Bradshaw
Midservice Prayer	Aaron Kallner	Mark Risner
Communion	Shaun McCray	Eugene Risner
Sermon	Jamie Riley	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Jared McCray	Price Gammon
Sun. Evening	9/27/2015	10/4/2015
Song Leader	Jacob Miller	HOME GROUPS
Reading	Mark Villinger	
Communion	Gabe Coriell	
Assist	Jason Henthorn	
Prayer	Shawn Gragg	
Wed. Evening	9/30/2015	10/7/2015
Song Leader	Caleb Miller	Matthew Hoskins
Prayer	Rich Book	Gabe Coriell

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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A verse from Romans 6 has been scrambled vertically. Drop each letter in the top columns in to it's correct position in the grid below to reveal the scripture. One letter in each column has already been done for you.

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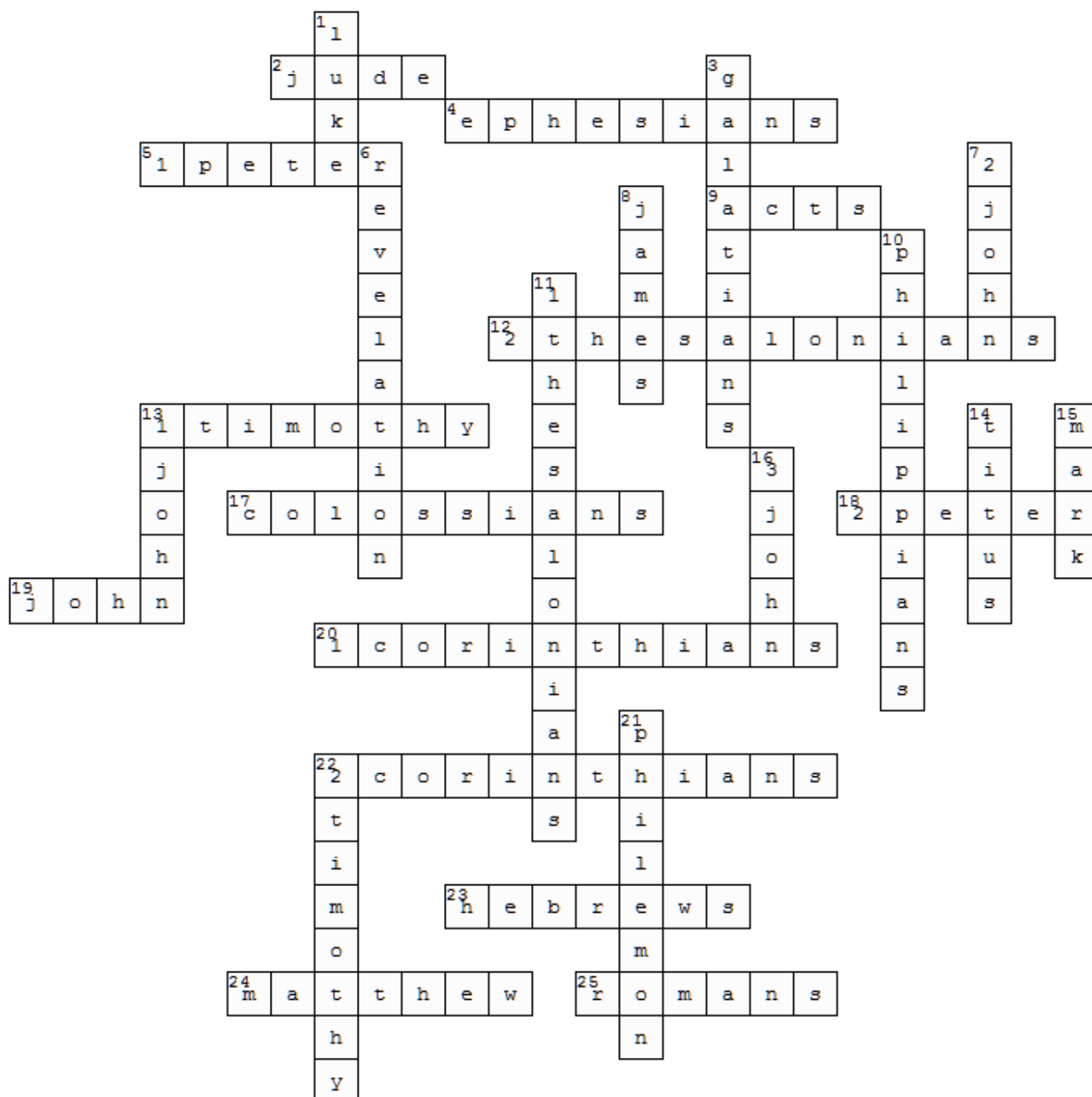
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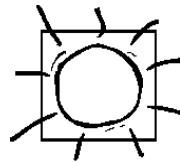
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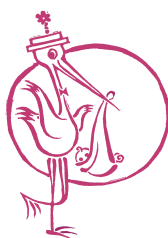
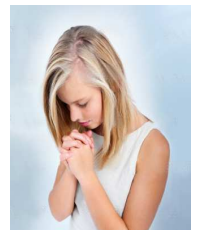
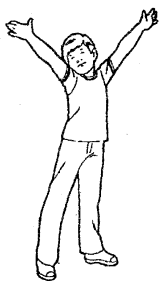
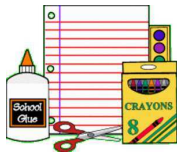


KIDS CORNER



And, ye fathers, provoke not
your children to wrath; but
bring them up in the nurture
and admonition of the Lord.







Ah, Lord GOD! Behold,
You have made the
heavens and the earth
by Your great power and
outstretched arm.
There is nothing
too hard for You.
Jeremiah 32:17

Let the heavens rejoice,
let the earth be glad; let
them say among the nations,
"The LORD reigns!"
1 Ch 16:31



GOD is
so GOOD!



Scriptogram

I am with you
ALWAYS
even to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:20



But for the
Grace of God

YOU HAVE BEEN
BOUGHT WITH
A PRICE. THEREFORE
GLORIFY GOD
IN YOUR BODY
1 Cor 6:20



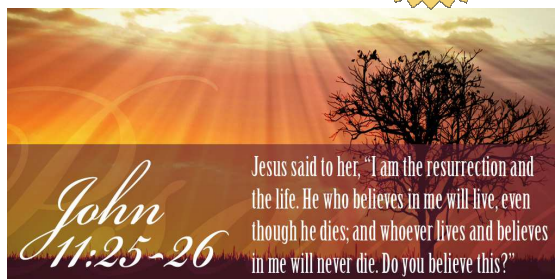
Let the little children be, and
do not hinder them from
coming to me, for of such is
the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 19:14

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Song Scramble



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FOR KIDS



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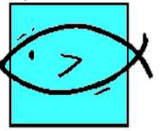
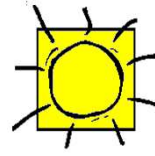


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Teach us to number
our days, that we may
apply our hearts unto
wisdom.

Psalms 90:12

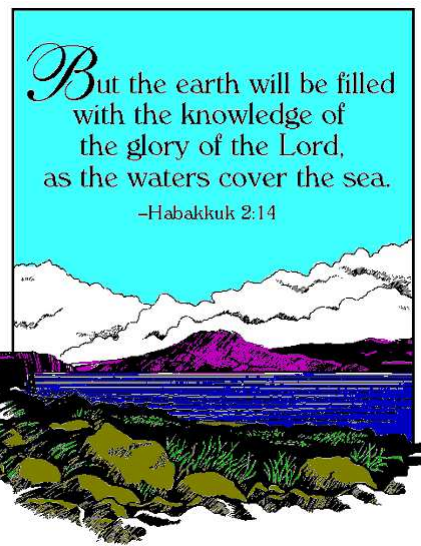




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The world with its lust
passes away, but he who does
the will of God remains forever.
1 John 2:17



But the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of
the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.
—Habakkuk 2:14

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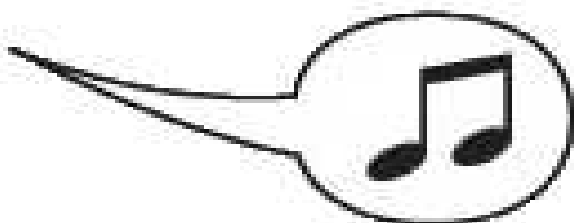
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