

Seeking Out

The Old Paths

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Ready To Go

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, this month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye

are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus, Chapter 12.

The deliverance of Israel out of the land of Egypt is one of the greatest stories in the Bible. It is here we see the great power of God, as He uses His hand against Pharaoh to free His people. After reading The "Exodus," we should never doubt that God can move for His people.

As you read in the preceding scriptures, the Israelites were told to slay a lamb, take the blood and apply it to the two side posts, and the upper door post of the house. They were to also, *eat it, with their loins girded, their shoes on their feet, and their staff in hand.* They were to be ready to go when the Lord said it was time to leave Egypt.

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Sad To Glad

Statistics show that at least a half a million people are affected every year from a condition known as SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). It usually affects more people in the months of December, January, and February, due to the lack of light following the shortening of daylight hours during those months. The most effective treatment of SAD has proven to be the light therapy, which consists of exposure to a very bright light (at least ten times the intensity of an ordinary domestic light) approximately four hours a day. There is a growing demand for manufacturers to produce and sell lights that will now accommodate this treatment.

However ironic it may be, it seems that even some Christians are also suffering from SAD. Nonetheless, the Bible teaches us that God is light and there is no darkness in Him. No amount of manufactured light

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"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Numbers 10:29

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School - 10 A.M.

Morning Worship - 11 A.M.

Evangelistic Service - 6 P.M.

TUESDAY

Youth Service - 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 10 A.M.

THURSDAY

Family Service - 7:30 P.M.

**“Where A Warm
Welcome Awaits You...
In This Church We
Teach Holiness Too...”**

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Frank Lindsey

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Around Home

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in our church who need a touch from the Lord.

Patsy Roberts, Lucy Minton, Edna Pelfrey, Demia Abner, Bessie Richmond, Kenny & Okie Edwards, Jean Sheldon, Murrill Jean Parrett, Flodie Baldwin, Mattie Hasty, Joe Bill & Evelyn Houston, Donna Maggard, Gertrude Scott, Rebecca Lakes, Mary Hasty, Carl & Mabel Wells, Wilidean Curtis, Elizabeth Combs, Opal Houston, Ruby Gullette, Steve Phillips, Ray Driscoll and Kelin Hasty.

Announcing the engagement of Hannah Meyers & Dylan Johnson. Hannah is the daughter of Kim & Laura Meyers. Dylan is the son of Jeff & Jan Wright. Wedding date is to be announced.

“I thank God for all that He has done for us. He has blessed us both greatly and I hope He continues to do so. We don’t know what the future holds, so just pray for us that we will do God’s will.”

Hannah Meyers

Birthday’s

Edward Metcalf	1
Shannon Phillips	2
Cary Tussey	4
Christin Hasty.....	7
Timothy Brooks	7
Brooklyn Coffman.....	8
Rhonda Spencer.....	8
Kim Abner	13
Lee Abner	13
Shamineka Pearson.....	14
Patricia Rice.....	14
Brandon Tussey	19
Amanda Mills	20
Dorothy Taylor	20
Natalie Dotson.....	23
Loretta Carter.....	23
Autumn Griffitts.....	25
Darryl Dotson	25
Caleb Blevins	26
Chuck Stiver.....	29
Pam DuHamel	31
Tonya Hibbitts	31
Carl Wells	31

Anniversaries

Steve & Shannon Phillips.....11

Thank you for your contribution of gifts for the children of the church. Your gift brought smiles to faces of children who may not receive much this time of the year.

Brother Gary Scott

Worker or Shriker
Which are you?

We are living in a day when we see the Bible being fulfilled everyday. The middle East is like a time bomb waiting to go off. Things are not much better in America. Just the other day in the local newspaper there was an article about children in school, one of whom pushed a pregnant teacher, and one who tried to stab another child. No, this was not high school, or junior high, but it was kindergarten! Our schools are so bad the authorities don't know what to do. Our cities are not safe. Murder and crime are on the rise. All of this in a nation that has rejected God. Every scripture in the Bible is coming to pass, and will come to pass. The Lord will return!

No, we don't know when the Lord will return, but we need to have *our loins girded, our shoes on our feet, and our staff in our hands*. We need to be ready to go when He calls.

Have you had the blood applied to the *two side posts, and the upper door post* of your heart? We have no way of knowing what 2003 will hold for us. Will this be the year that God says, "It is enough, go and get my bride." Don't be fooled into thinking that things are going to get better, there will be no peace until Heaven.

Our main objective in 2003 should be to be ready when the Lord returns.

The Editor

A soap manufacturer and a pastor were walking together down a street in a large city. The soap manufacturer casually said, "The gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just observe. There is still a lot of wickedness in the world, and a lot of wicked people, too!" The pastor made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the pastor said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world; for there is much dirt, and many dirty people around." The soap manufacturer replied, "Oh, well, soap is only useful when it is applied." And the pastor said, "Exactly, so it is with the gospel."

Checking some questionnaires that had just been filled in, a census clerk was amazed to note that one of them contained figures 121 and 125 in the spaces for "Age of Mother, If Living" and "Age of Father, If Living".

"Surely your parents can't be as old as this?" asked the incredulous clerk.

"Well, no," was the answer, "but they would be, if living."

can come close to the real light emanating from the love and warmth of God. It is when we fail to come to this light by our unfaithfulness to the House of God, that depression can overtake us. If we allow the dark things of this world to creep into our lives, only the light of the glorious gospel can dispell Satan's gloom. Jesus is the only Light therapy needed for those who are suffering from SAD.

The Bible also teaches us that Christians are to be the light of the world. When the light of a Christian is dim, those around us grope in the darkness searching for someone to be a beacon of light. How many people that crossed our paths could have had their spirits changed from SADness to GLADness if we as true Christians would have been the bright and shining light the Lord wanted us to be. The Spirit and Love of God must shine through us so that our friends and neighbors are attracted to the Light. God is depending on us to let our lights so shine before lost men and women so that those who are SAD can be filled with joy once again.

Sister Rebecca Schuler

It takes two to speak the truth--one to speak and another to hear.

Well, it's that time of year again when we make those well meaning new years resolutions. Lets see now what shall it be? Will we try lose weight? Will we try to stop that annoying habit? Will we try to visit those in nursing homes and hospitals more often? Will we send that Get Well or Thinking of You card we've been planning on sending for quite some time? Will we try to witness more? What shall we do?

Friend, I've been taking a personal inventory lately and found I really don't do much for my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. When I consider all He's done for me, I am ashamed of the little I've done for Him. Yes, I attend nearly every service at our church.. I pay my tithes. I try to write poetry which is Christ centered. I send Get Well cards and Birthday cards to my Brothers and Sisters on occasion. But, I must admit, it's been a long time since I visited anyone in a nursing home. I also took personal inventory of my attitude and found my attitude toward the things of the Lord has changed over the years. Are you surprised? Has your attitude changed? Please read the next few paragraphs and see!

I REMEMBER

I remember when I couldn't hardly wait to get to church. I remember when I felt the Holy Ghost as I walked in the door. And I remember when it didn't matter what time church was dismissed. I remember when I felt the Holy Ghost so real while I was driving home from church. I remember when we shouted even before prayer requests were taken. I remember when the young people gathered in the prayer rooms and prayed the glory down. Then they came up stairs after the service had started and we all shouted together. I remember having church even after the service was dismissed. I remember shouting, sitting down, standing up, and even on my knees. I remember fasting and praying and feeling such unworthiness and humility. I remember feeling so tenderhearted that tears would run down my face so easily. I remember praying around the altar with folks who were seeking the Holy Ghost. And I remember the joy I felt when they received Him. I remember the heavy anointing when I read a poem God gave me. I remember being so sensitive to the Holy Ghost that I would readily move with the flow of the Spirit. Has God changed? No, no, a thousand times no. It is I who have changed. Have you?

"THE REASON FOR THE SEASON?"

Hustle, bustle.....busy, busy... ..stress, stress! We all know of things that take place during the Christmas season that really have nothing to do with the true meaning of Christmas. We've probably all noticed, too, that some peoples' attitudes are certainly not in keeping with the "Peace and Goodwill" of the season! (I personally watched two ladies arguing and banging their shopping carts together— not caring that anyone was watching!)

Our play was written to capture and portray a sampling of some of these things, and we hope you enjoyed it! We had a very large cast this year; and when the cast is large it is more difficult to pull it all together. However, we had a lot of fun and some good laughs!

TO THE ENTIRE CAST—
thank you very much! Because of the size of the cast, I will not list every name here; but I appreciate the work that you put into memorizing your lines and coming to the many practices! Without you, we could not have done it. A story can be written, but it takes the cast to perform it!

Thanks to... Richie Sutherland for your help in reviewing and critiquing the script, your recommendations, and your assistance in directing the play. You're a lot of help and a great person to work with!

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KIDS KORNER

Find the hidden words in the puzzle

David and Goliath

C T W V O K A G D F N Z D A C Q C L I L
D R E H P E H S I G H E A R D D H J B X
J D O G I J V V Q A O V E M E M T O R X
U J P U I T E P Q O N N H O S W O R D S
D R L U A S D M D V W T E U B D U K O L
A S G R T T I Y B G N M R R T H G I F I
H I G O V Z V N M E E Y O U T H Z U R N
D E N Z L T A B Z R T S F I W P Y X A G
T E V L C R D L H G A H R C Q Z M E H N
S T P C V K S T I A M P L E S E V A T S
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BETHLEHEMITE
BRASS
BROOK
BROTHERS
DAVID
DOG
ELIAB
FIGHT
FIVESTONES
FOREHEAD
GATH
GIANT
HELMET

ISRAEL
JESSE
JUDAH
LORD
PHILISTINES
SAUL
SHEEP
SHEPHERD
SHIELD
SLING
SMOTE
STAVES
SWORD
TARGET
VALLEY
YOUTH

The Reason from page 4

...Shannon Phillips (and Jacqueline Coffman) for your much needed assistance in setting up the props! You were a great help!

...Darius Templeton and Mike Whitley for your work in getting our back drop set up and stabilized.

...Bethany Hoskins for providing music; to Bethany and Phil Hoskins for working with the Junior Choir, and to all the children for your work and cooperation.

...Renaee Coffman, Laura Meyers, Holly Boggs, Jamie Isaacs, Holly Ward, Stephanie Joseph, Jeff Roberts, Bob Rice, Ken and Donna Maggard, Larina Rank, and Amanda Hasty for your assistance.

...Bro. Sutherland for allowing us to present the play. We create a lot of noise and disturbance when we are practicing and we appreciate his putting up with us!

...everyone who helped to clear the platform after Thursday night service, and everyone who helped to break down the play set and get the church back in order for worship!

Sister Lana Rank

When a dove begins to associate with crows, its feathers remain white but its heart grows black.

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The New Life For The New Year

Life is a journey...

I will live it trustingly.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow... I will fear no evil, Thou art with me."

Psalm 23:4

Life is a task...

I will live it obediently.

"We keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

1 John 3:22

Life is a mission...

I will live it helpfully.

"Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another."

Ephesians 4:32

Life is a contest...

I will live it earnestly.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the

faith, quit ye like men, be strong."

1 Corinthians 16:13

Life is a battle...

I will live it courageously.

"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid; for the lord thy God is with thee."

Joshua 1:9

Frank Ellsworth Bigelow

Did you know -- In 1842 the first bathtub was denounced as a "luxurious and democratic vanity". Boston made it unlawful to bathe, except on doctor's prescription. In 1843 Philadelphia made bathing illegal between November 1 and March 15.

How tragic most Christians have adopted a similar schedule

of spiritual cleansing. We would rather put up with the stench of our unconfessed sins than come clean before God!

Christ alone knows the coming year. He holds the key. There are many things He could tell us about it, but we cannot bear them now. He will lead us into it step by step. That is better than seeing the distant scene.

"I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise;
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies."

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