



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

DEAR FRIENDS:

POWER FOR LIVING:

Some time back the children at church and I were talking about where people turn for power. I had a small LED (Light Emitting Diode) attached to leads, and I held up the LED and leads and questioned, "I would like for this light to emit light, how can I make that happen?" All the children agreed that I needed a power source.

In pursuit of a power source, I first pulled out an old rusty key. I asked, "Do you think this key will give me power to light my light?" All the children agreed that the key would not give power. I replied, "well let's be sure." So, I attached the leads to the key, and sure enough, nothing happened.

I explained to the children that sometimes people when looking for a power source in their life, turn to what's old and familiar. Often these people are disappointed when the old familiar "whatever" doesn't become the powerhouse they were hoping. The key is useful for opening the lock that it was created to unlock, but outside being a lock opener, it didn't have much authority.

Next, I pulled out a seashell, and before I could even question, the children unanimously cried out, "That's not a power source!" I asked, "how do you know? It's beautiful!" They all agreed that it was beautiful, but that it was not an agent of power. Again, I responded, "well let's be sure." So, I attached the leads to the shell, and sure enough, nothing happened.

Then I described how some people will turn to what is beautiful, believing that the beauty of "whatever" will give them the power they are looking for. Many times people are disappointed when the beauty of a thing produces no power. If you hold certain seashells to your ear, you might hear, what sounds like the ocean, but apart from that phenomena, the shell doesn't have influence to provide current.

Ensuing, I pulled out an empty cardboard tube. Immediately, laughter broke out! "No, Pastor Chuck, you cannot possibly get power from a cardboard tube!" the children exclaimed. My response was, "But this is whimsical and unusual, are you sure you cannot get power from this tube?" The children granted that I could not find power in a cardboard tube. Once more I responded, "well let's be sure." So, I attached the leads to the tube, and sure enough, nothing happened.

I expounded to the children that sometimes people, when looking for a power source in their life, turn to what's whimsical and unusual; because it's different. In that one's mind what is different has to be a source to bring power. When the whimsical and unusual fail, these people are disappointed because it did not provide to be their powerhouse.

Consequent, I took out two potatoes and asked, "Can these potatoes provide power?" The children were on the fence. Some thought surely a potato could provide power; others thought it had to be cooked to provide power while others thought the potato would prove to be as useless as the key, shell, and cardboard tube. Yet again I responded, "well let's be sure." So, I attached the leads to the two potatoes, but this time, something amazing happened, the potatoes provided current to power the LED. The LED performed the task for which it was created; it illuminated.

The apostle Peter said it best when he stated: "Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 NIV Real power, life changing, life, saving power is only found in Christ Jesus. Jesus Himself said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10b The power to overcome in this life is found only in Jesus. I have watched people place faith in so many things, only to witness those things fail—traditional things, beautiful things, and different things. True power for living, true life flowing current doesn't come from things, no, true power for living comes from Christ Jesus. Christ's power is available to all who place their faith in Him.

How about you, are you looking for an endless flow of current to power your life? If you are, I challenge

you to look to Christ Jesus. Romans 10:9 (NIV) states: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Jesus is true Power for living.

Blessings, Chuck

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PRAYER REQUESTS; World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders and leadership of our meeting, the victims of the tornados including Kevin and Kristie Stallings Harris' family, Carlton Rountree, Jason Warren, Lester & Carolyn Baker, Connie Baker, Tabatha Baker, Dale Hunter, Brandon Price, Tanner Sprague (Billy & Janice Winslow's grandson), Brandon & Julane Belcher, Cecil & Ann Brown (friends of Jacque in Kernersville), Tommy & Shelley Layden, Melody L. White, Cameron, Stormy and Baby Presley Claire Butts, Riki McGee, Garland Anderson, Lela Bundy, Iona Baker, Ralph Hartley, Peggy Wilcox (Richard's mother), Kathy Stallings, Tommy Chappell, Jackie Wiley, Kathy Turner, Jenna, Ryan and Baby Cash Caldwell, Cody, Lauren Lamb and baby, Reby Stallings, Rowan Lamb (Brock's daughter), Linda Givens, Judy Phthisic, Sydney Pierce, Pete Mansfield, Tommy Stallings, Jean Pressley (Sonya's mother), Leah Jonson, Conna Gessler, Alan Corprew, Aubrey Burgess, Sid Stallings, Robert Hall (cousin of Rose Riddick), Kay Boyce, Talynn Gurganus, Lois Faye, Paul White and family, Mary Frances Twiddy, Chad Winslow, Quincy Riddick, Lewis Stallings, Karen & Freddie Boblit, Beulah Phthisic, Faye Lassiter, Anna Wrae Smith, C. F. Stallings, Virginia Ripperger, Abby Baker, Anna Spivey, Carey Guyer and her best friend Erica, Bill Jones, the families of Jeff Stallings (grandson of Clyde and Margie), Emily Harrell, Dolan Winslow, Denise H. Dail, Dianne Divers White, Shirley Spaeth (Dr. Spaeth's widow and Doug Spaeth's mother), Etheleen B. Reid, our care-givers, youth, and missionaries. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Chuck or Catherine. Thank you.

(Unless we know their needs or you make us aware of their needs, after 30 days the name will rotate off).

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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEEKLY SERVICES

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 Nursery and Junior Church
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 02nd 7:00 pm Ministry and Counsel
 04th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Light meal
 7:30 pm Children's Time
 08th **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
 09th 2:00 pm Elizabeth White Miss. Circle
 11th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Light Meal
 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting
 15th **LAMPLIGHTER NEWS** is due – thank you
 18th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Light meal
 7:30 pm Children Time
 22nd Graduation/Scholarship/Promotion/New Member
 Sunday – Lunch to follow
 25th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Light meal
 7:30 pm Children Time

02nd **MARK & JUNE WAMPOLE**
 Dena Richardson
 04th Faye Lassiter, Charles Baker
 Nathan Riddick
 05th **SCOTT & SHERREE WINSLOW**
 CARL & DONNA SHOCKLEY
 Janet Riddick, Adam Winslow
 07th Richard Wilcox, Randy Lassiter
 08th Virgil Winslow
 10th Aaron Riddick, Brittani Rountree
 Lucas Julian Barton
 11th **JOEY & CRYSTAL COLSON**
 Adam Sanders
 13th Jessica Shaw
 16th Timothy Glenn Baker
 19th Brandee Dail Phelps
 20th Owen Christopher Dail
 21st Cash Caldwell
 26th **ADAM & ASHLEY R. WINSLOW**
 Jo White
 28th Phyllis Watts, Audrey Riddick
 29th Evan Savaria

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GRADUATION/SCHOLARSHIP/PROMOTION/NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – MAY 22nd:

We will recognize graduates, scholarship recipients, children and youth moving from one class to another, and new members on Sunday, May 22 during worship hour followed with a catered meal. (more on that closer to the date!)

Please let me know of any graduates in our Up River family, whether from high school, college, graduate degrees, etc. as soon as you can. We will need a photograph, also, for a slide show.

Also, we are trying to make sure we have all students moving from kindergarten to first grade during the 2016-2017 school year.

In addition, if you are not currently a member of Up River, but are interested in membership, please see Pastor Chuck, Monthly Meeting Clerk Stan Winslow, or any of our elders (Jesse Rountree, Adam Lassiter, Scott Winslow, Mark Baker, Austin Winslow, Jason Sweeney, Susan Harris).

In His Love, Susan

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VAN/MINI-BUS/SEARCH:

At the March Monthly Meeting , it was approved to begin searching for a van/Mini bus. At the April Monthly Meeting the committee of three asked for guidelines to begin their search. The Meeting approved \$15,000 for a down payment when a used vehicle is found that will fit the needs of our youth and aging members. Russell Lassiter, Mike White, and Jacque Pagels have begun the search. They will welcome comments and input from our congregation. Please be in prayer for God’s Guiding Hand to lead this committee in their search. Blessings & Peace to all.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED FOR – JUNE 20th -24th:

VBS will be held at Up River Friends from June 20th - 24th. We will have classes for Pre-K/Kindergarten, 1st/2nd, 3rd- 5th grades, and Youth. Dinner will start at 5:30 and pickup time is 8:00. Our annual VBS Program will be held on Friday, June 24th at 6:00 pm. Food, Fun, and Games! Please email Hillary at _____ with name, address, and age of child attending so we can better prepare.

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ALBEMARLE CHORALE CONCERT:

The Albemarle Chorale, under the direction of Lynwood Winslow, will present its spring concert at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 1st at First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth City. The program, entitled “Sacred Spring”, will feature music celebrating God’s creation, as well as selections from the Saint Matthew Passion by J. S Bach, and the Easter portion of G. F. Handel’s Messiah. Admission to the concerts is free, however, donations are greatly appreciated.

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THE QUERIES: The following comes from the Faith and Practice (Book of Discipline) of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends under the heading THE QUERIES. *Please take time to consider these thoughts and hopefully our meeting will grow both spiritually and numerically.*

YOUTH AND THE CHURCH: Do you seek the conversion and spiritual development of your young people? Do you endeavor to instruct them in the principles and practices of Friends? Do you strive to create a community life that will promote their mental and physical well-being?

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*To each of you who contributed to this newsletter, **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.** If you would like to share in upcoming newsletters, please feel free to do so – just give me a call at 297-2485 or e-mail me at _____ . Also if you have a loved one or a friend whom you think would like to receive our newsletter – please let me know; or if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, let me know. Thank you very much. Catherine G. Winslow*

Sunday, May 22nd
Day of Recognition, Celebration & Fellowship Meal

Sunday, May 22nd will be a day of recognition for high school and college graduates, scholarship recipients, children and youth moving from one class to another, and new members of Up River Friends Meeting.

First, the Christian Education Committee will recognize our high school and college graduates and our children and youth moving from one class to another. In addition, the Committee will recognize those students moving from kindergarten to first grade during the 2016-17 school year with a Bible.

Please let Susan Harris know of any graduates in the Up River Friends family, whether from high school, college, graduate degrees, etc. as soon as you can. She will also need a photograph for the slide show. Also, let her know if your child is moving into first grade during the 2016-17 school year.

Brenda Lassiter, Stan Winslow and Rose Riddick (Scholarship Committee) are currently reviewing scholarship applications (non-members) and will announce the 2016 Up River Friends Helping Friends Out-Reach Scholarship on this same Sunday.

Finally, Pastor Chuck will be recognizing and celebrating with new members that have answered the call to join our Meeting. If you are not currently a member of Up River, but are interested in membership, please see Pastor Chuck, Monthly Meeting Clerk Stan Winslow, or any of the elders – Jesse Rountree, Adam Lassiter, Scott Winslow, Mark Baker, Austin Winslow, Jason Sweeney or Susan Harris.

Following the recognitions and worship, a catered meal by Top Side Restaurant will be served for the entire congregation. **Ladies of the Meeting are asked to bring desserts.**

A psalm -- For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. **2** Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. **3** Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. **4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. **5** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

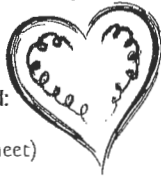
QUERIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

(Prepared by New England Junior Yearly Meeting)

Are you encouraging fair and honest games? Are you reading worthwhile books and getting acquainted with good music? When you go to entertainments, do you try to choose the good and avoid the bad?

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.

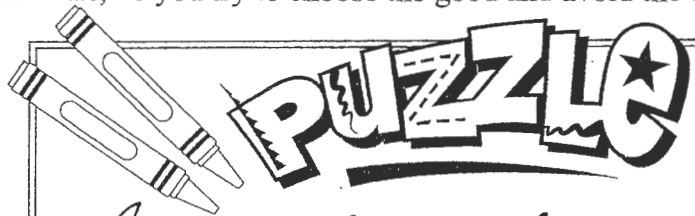


What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

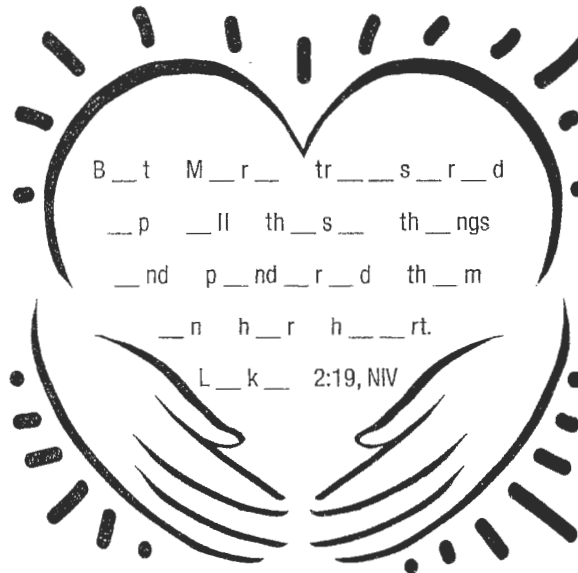


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

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Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

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