

Lamplighter

Let your light so shine
before others . . .
Matthew 5:16



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WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR -----

DEAR FRIENDS:

SO JESUS CAN SHINE THROUGH:

Throughout Scripture, a constant theme is *how valuable humanity is to The Father*. I believe one of the places this refrain resonates loudly is Psalm 33:13-22. The first three verses read: ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven and sees every person. ¹⁴ From his throne he watches all who live on earth. ¹⁵ He made their hearts and understands everything they do (Psalm 33:13-15, NCV). These verses assure me that God sees you and me individually. This speaks volumes of your value to The Father—He created your heart, He watches over you. God knows you better than you know yourself. He understands why you think like you do, act like you do—He understands, not merely your actions, but the deepest motivation of your heart. He provides you with watchful counsel (Psalm 32:8) and will guide you in paths of righteousness (Psalm 23:3). He has done this, not so we can bring glory to ourselves. No, rather, God has done this so Jesus can shine through—so Jesus can shine through our lives in order that others can be drawn to Him (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Psalm 33 continues: ¹⁶ No king is saved by his great army. No warrior escapes by his great strength. ¹⁷ Horses can't bring victory; they can't save by their strength ¹⁸ But the Lord looks after those who fear him, those who put their hope in his love. ¹⁹ He saves them from death and spares their lives in times of hunger (Psalm 33:16-19, NCV). God has created you for purpose. Not only does God save our physical life, more importantly, He gave His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, so that all who place faith in Christ's atoning work will be saved spiritually. God has made a way for us to enjoy relationship with Him, not just in this existence we call life, but also throughout eternity. You have great purpose. If you did not have great purpose, then why did God go to such epic lengths to save you? Because of your great worth, He has saved you and made a way for you to be in right relationship with Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). He has saved us so Jesus can shine through (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).

Finally, Psalm 33 concludes: ²⁰ so our hope is in the Lord. He is our help, our shield to protect us. ²¹ We rejoice in him, because we trust his holy name. ²² Lord, show your love to us as we put our hope in you (Psalm 33:20-22, NCV). God has shown His Love to You. John 3:16-17 reminds that God so loves you and me, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Jesus should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Jesus might be saved. God sees great value in you and me, He sees great purpose in you and me, and He loves us dearly. It does not matter how young we are, or how old we are, God's love for us is real, the purpose He has given us is eternal, and He values us for always.

We have the awesome responsibility to let Jesus shine through our lives. God does not need us, He can do it all Himself; BUT, because He loves us, He desires to use us in His kingdom work. You are valuable to God, if there is breath in your body, He can, and will use you for His righteous resolve—so Jesus can shine through. He has filled you with His purpose, and regardless of your age, He desires that you use that purpose for Him—so Jesus can shine through. God loves you earnestly, and because of His love He has saved you. When you properly understand His love for you, then by default Jesus will come shining through.

My prayer is that you never doubt His love for you. I pray you never doubt that He values you, and has a purpose for you. When you are firm in your knowledge and understanding of these three things you will always be a conduit so Jesus can shine through.

Pastor Chuck,

UP RIVER FRIENDS MISSION STATEMENT:

To know Christ and to make Him known.

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEEKLY SERVICES:

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Nursery and Junior Church

04th 7:00 pm Mtg. Ministry Counsel
06th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm **CHILI COOK OFF**
7:00 pm Children's Program
10th **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**
(set clocks ahead one hour)
11th 2:00 pm Elizabeth White Miss. Circle
13th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Light Meal
7:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Children's Program
7:30 pm Monthly Meeting
15th **LAMPLIGHTER NEWS IS DUE**
20th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Light Meal
7:00 pm Children's Program
7:00 pm Bible Study
27th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Fellowship Meal
7:00 pm Children's Program

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

02nd **TOM & JENNIFER McCLAREN**
Catherine Winslow
03rd Eliza Grace Jethro, Jessa Spivey Pope
07th Amber Winslow
09th Hudson Jethro
10th Joy Riddick
13th Lee Dail
14th Brenda Lassiter
16th Ashley Russell Winslow
18th Jonathan Winslow
19th Georgia L. Stallings
21st Kelly B. Winslow, Carter Alan Lowe
22nd Charlotte Hayes Sweeney
23rd Nicole B. Barton, Sherree Winslow
24th **ARLAND & HELEN WINSLOW**
Nathan Glenn Williams
Carlie Lynn & Carmine Michael Salvatore
26th Chuck Hartman, Bella Noelle Price
28th Kacie Lee Sanders
29th Angela Renee W. Pope
31st Jesse Rountree, Matt White

FLOWERS:

3rd Faith Dail
17th Kellie Price & Kyllie Priest
31st
10th Brenda Lassiter
24th Tommy & Rose Riddick

To each and everyone who has volunteered to provide flowers for the sanctuary this year -THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. The following dates are still open.

March 31st; June 9th, 30th August 18th; October 20th;
May 26th July 7th, 21st; September 29th; November 17th.

If you can provide flowers one of these dates, please contact Catherine. Thank you.

Thoughts on prayer

- "You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you have already begun."

-St. Josemaría Escrivá

Up River Meeting Youth and Children's Ministry

**YOUTH SKI RETREAT, FEB. 2019
WINTERPLACE SKI RESORT WV**



IDENTITY REDEEMED YOUTH CONFERENCE

March 15-17, 2019

**@ The Old School
500 1st Street
Creswell, NC 27928**

More than the number of likes on your selfie.
More than your #couplegoals
More than the style you wear, the car you drive, or the
amount of money your parents make.
There is more to you than what the world says you are.

UNCOVER IT. REDEEM IT.

Registration is \$15.00 (includes t-shirt, lunch, and materials)
The Old School, 500 1st Street, Creswell, NC 27928
Phone: 813-291-1111 | Website: www.theoldschool.org

**Easter
Eggstravaganza
Sat. April 13th
11:30-1pm
Lunch provided**

**Our Children will be
presenting an Easter
Musical titled "Because
He Lives" on Easter
Sunday April 21st. The
children will be
practicing for the
musical on 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays at 7pm.
Please join us!**

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PRAYER REQUESTS: World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, youth and leadership of our meeting; Karen Boblit; Lynda Givens; Flora Hurdle; Shirley Sawyer – Sonya Winslow’s mother; Ronni Sweeney; Barbara Saunders; Holly Boyce; Jon Herring; Jackie Etheridge; Denise Chappell; Angela S. Armstrong; Mason Roberts; Joe Meads; and Lorraine Casper.

HOMEBOUND AND/OR CONVALESCING: Lona & Tommy Stallings; Cheryl White; Jesse Rountree; Bob Parsons; Clyde Stallings; Joe Liner; Janet Riddick; Jovan and Wesley Ward; Tommy Riddick; Wiley Shore; Archie Creed; Eura Hall; Dale Hunter; Leah Robertson; Forrest White (great grandson of Judy Parsons); Lester Baker; Tommy Chappell; Carlton Rountree; Sonya Hartman’s mother Jean Presley; sister Wanda; and aunt Sue Hall; Christine Chappell; Barbara and Perry Robbins; Eloise and Lyndon White; Affie Spivey; Jeff Sweeney; James Parks; Dawn Alexander (Dena Richardson’s sister); Renee Marshburn (Robin Winslow’s sister); Herbert Williams; Pat & Mary Frances Twiddy; Sid Stallings; Ann Brown (friends of Jacque); Garland Anderson; Kathy Turner; Robert Hall (cousin of Rose Riddick); Lois Faye, Paul White and family; Quincy Riddick; Abby Baker; Anna Spivey; Carey Guyer; the families of Vivian S. Winslow; Preston Morgan; Alvis P. Winslow; Elihu Winslow; our care-givers, and missionaries. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Chuck or Catherine. Thank you.

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PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

Jennifer-Beth Sawyer is leading midweek Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHILLI COOK OFF:

The 6th annual Up River Friends *Chili Cook Off* will be held **Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm.** There are three categories – **Classic, Exotic and Heat.**

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ELIZABETH WHITE MISSIONARY CIRCLE:

The Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, February 11th for our regular meeting at 2:00 pm. Jacque Pagels brought a very interesting program on *God’s Faithfulness* centered around her trip to Ramallah to the 6 members present.

Contributions were forwarded to NCUSFW for Quaker Institute of Peace in Cuba; Right Sharing of World Resources; East Africa’s Friends Church Peace Team; Belize’s Director of Friends Center and FEMAP.

For quite some time we have been awarding members a *Life Membership in North Carolina’s USFW.* All of our members hold a *Life Membership* and it was our pleasure to present Robin Winslow a *Life Membership* also.

Lois Faye White will present our next program *Broken-winged Angels* at our next meeting on Monday, March 11th at 2 o’clock in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome new members.

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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 252-297-2485, new e-mail address - candlcwjr@gmail.com. Also, if you have a loved one or a friend whom you think would like to receive our newsletter – or if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, please let me know. Thank you very much. Catherine G. Winslow*

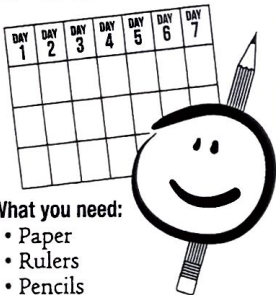
Meetinghouse: 252-297-2442

QUERIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Do you think of God often during the day and try to understand what His spirit says to you?

DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1-2:3 for reference)

What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

PUZZLE

Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

Day 1 (light) ____ Day 2 (waters) ____ Day 3 (land and plants) ____ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) ____
 Day 5 (birds and water animals) ____ Day 6 (land animals and people) ____ Day 7 (God rested) ____



Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2
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 Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called KID0319B_A on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.