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

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Love from Jesus

This Christian Valentine message sends you love I got from Jesus, love I learned from the gospels, found in His words, His actions, His example. This Christian Valentine saying conveys love I didn't have before I was saved, couldn't relate to or understand before I gave my life to the Lord. On Valentine's Day, know that I love you and want to lift you up, encourage, and serve you. Happy Valentine's Day!

~ Joanna Fuchs

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Birthdays & Anniversaries for March

- 2nd **TOM & JENNIFER McCLAREN**
- 3rd Eliza Grace Jethro, Jessa Spivey Pope,
PHILL & LUANN RIDDICK
- 7th Amber W. Mitra
- 8th Julie Chana Mitra
- 9th Hudson Jethro
- 10th Joy Riddick, Reagan Lamb
- 13th Lee Dail
- 14th Brenda Lassiter
- 16th Ashley Russell Winslow, Kaeli Alice Price
- 18th Jonathan Winslow
- 19th Georgia L. Stallings, Sarah Nelapety
- 21st Kelly B. Winslow, Carter Alan Lowe
- 23rd Nicole B. Barton, Sherree Winslow
- 24th **ARLAND & HELEN WINSLOW,**
Nathan Glenn Williams, Carlie Lynn Salvatore
Carmine Michael Salvatore
- 26th Chuck Hartman, Bella Noelle Price
- 28th Kacie Lee Sanders
- 29th Angela Renee W. Pope
- 30th Ashley D. Winslow
- 31st Matt White

Please let us know if you do not
see your birthday or anniversary.
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God's Unfailing Love

by Chuck Hartman *Pastor*


The psalmist records to let the morning bring word of God's unfailing love because we have put our trust in God. Show us the way we should go, for to God we entrust our life (Psalm 143:8). The psalmist paints a beautiful portrait of God's love for humanity.

The psalmist begins by saying, let the morning bring word of God's unfailing love. The truth about the born-again child of God: no matter how badly you have messed up in the past, God's love and mercies are new every morning. For the Christian, who goes to bed and wakes up, it is like God's love is new and fresh every day. For God, it's merely a continuation of His constant, unchanging character.

This psalmist goes on and stresses, let the morning bring word of God's unfailing love because we have put our trust in Him. This statement is vital to understand God's love properly. I am convinced that God loves all humanity, but to experience His love you must put your trust in Christ. I believe He loves the people who never trust Him, but they can never know the boundlessness of His great love in the way that Christians know His love.

Show us the way we should go the psalmist records next. God will never lead the believer down the wrong path. When we diligently seek God's direction, He will guide us (Psalm 23:3). Guidance is a very loving act on the part of God. For the born-again believer, God has given His Spirit to live inside you and guide you (Romans 8:14). We are not lost in this life if we choose God; quite the opposite, we are empowered, nurtured, and loved.

The psalmist closes by stating, 'for to God we entrust our life.' Again, the condition of placing trust in God is reiterated and amplified. The psalmist first says he will trust God; now, he states that he will entrust his life to God. This final action gives everything to God. For the New Testament believer, we give ourselves to God by believing in Jesus' atoning work at Calvary. Jesus did for us what we could not do for ourselves. When we give ourselves completely and wholly to Him, we can experience His love in ways we never thought or dreamed (Ephesians 3:20).

If you have never given your life to Jesus, I encourage you to do so today. When you do, like the psalmist, you will say: I have entrusted my life to Christ Jesus. 

February 2023 Meeting of Elizabeth White Missionary Circle


Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met in the home of Lois Faye and Paul White on February 13, 2023, at 2:00. Those present were Ron Rountree, Lois Faye White, Paul White, Etta Florence Winslow, and Jacque Pagels. After a brief visit, Etta Florence led us in prayer. Jacque Pagels led the program "Christ Needs Us At Christmas" by Joshus Brown. With the speed of preparing for Christmas, we make time to celebrate with family, our neighbors, and our church family. But Christ needs us to go beyond these celebrations to reach out into our community and neighboring communities to help the poor and most needy by being the Hands and Feet of Christ. Why do this only at Christmas? Every day, week, or month is an opportunity to serve the needs of those less fortunate, as Jesus did. We can follow in the Footsteps of Jesus, keeping our eyes and heart focused on Him. Answering His Call every day, not only in the big things but in the small things also. Find someone each day to bless with a smile, a greeting of hello, or in whatever way the Holy Spirit nudges you; it will warm your heart.

Today's collection was \$375 plus a balance forward of \$677.20 equals a balance of \$1052.20. Our Circle sent out 15 Valentines to shut-ins and Friends.

Our donations to projects are as follows:

- \$300 to Open Door Construction Project
- \$200 to Faith Fund for Robert Wafula
- \$125 to FEMAP
- \$ 75 to The Advocate

With no other business, we adjourned to fellowship with a cup of hot tea, red velvet cupcakes and vanilla cupcakes, salted pecans, and a small box of conversation hearts to take home.

God Willing, we will join together March 13, 2023, 2:00 at the home of Lois Faye and Paul White. We welcome everyone. 

**Calendar of Events
March 2023**

- 1st Preschool
- 2nd Men's Prayer Breakfast | 5:00am | Guest Speaker:
Wallace Nelson
- Preschool
- 5th Sunday School 10:00 am
- Worship 11:00 am
- Please let Pastor Chuck know by today if you feel
leading toward the mission trip to South Africa in 2024**
- Youth 5:00 pm
- Choral Evensong Presented by Schola Cantorum |
5:00 pm | Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- 6th Ministry & Counsel 7:00 pm
- 7th Preschool
- Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 8th Preschool
- Monthly Meeting
- 9th Preschool
- 12th **Daylight Saving Time (Spring Forward before bed
Saturday night)**
- Praise & Worship 10:00 am
- Worship 11:00 am
- Youth 5:00 pm
- 13th Elizabeth White Missionary Circle
at the home of Lois Faye 2:00 pm
- 14th Preschool
- Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 15th Preschool
- 16th Preschool
- Kindergarten Registration | 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm |
Perquimans Central School
- 19th Sunday School 10:00 am
- Worship 11:00 am
- Bridal Shower in honor of Conley Winslow | 2:30 pm-
4:00pm | Family Life Center | *Registered at Target,
Amazon, and Byrum's Hardware*
- Youth 5:00 pm
- 20th Kindergarten Registration | 8:00 am until 4:00 pm |
Perquimans Central School
- 21st Preschool
- Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 22nd Preschool
- 23rd Preschool
- 26th Praise & Worship 10:00 am
- Worship 11:00 am
- Youth 5:00 pm
- NC FDS | Rebuilding trip to New Bern
- 27th NC FDS | Rebuilding trip to New Bern
- 28th Preschool
- Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
- NC FDS | Rebuilding trip to New Bern
- 29th Preschool
- NC FDS | Rebuilding trip to New Bern
- 30th Preschool
- NC FDS | Rebuilding trip to New Bern
- 31st NC FDS | Rebuilding trip to New Bern
- Homeless Feeding | Elizabeth City | 5:00 pm

**TÜRKIYE
EARTHQUAKE
DISASTER
RELIEF**



On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 earthquake struck southern and central Türkiye and northern and western Syria. The main-shock was the strongest earthquake in Türkiye since 1939 (of the same magnitude). The earthquake had a maximum Mercalli intensity of XI (Extreme), followed by a 7.7 earthquake nine hours later. There was widespread damage and tens of thousands of fatalities.

We thank everyone who donated to help with the relief efforts in Türkiye and Syria. Up River sent roughly 136 lbs. of blankets, sleeping bags, Winter clothing, and a few miscellaneous bedding and clothing items. 🏠

We need volunteers to help deliver meals for Meals On Wheels. If you are interested in this avenue of personal ministry, contact **Jackie Twombly: (252) 619-3533**. Meals are picked up at the church Monday through Friday, and the delivery should take no longer than one hour to complete. 🏠



We wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue. Please get in touch with us if you want to share in an upcoming Lamplighter. Additionally, do not hesitate to contact us if you know someone who would like this publication or if you no longer wish to receive the Lamplighter: urfmeeting@gmail.com.
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Preschool News



As you know enrollment is already underway for our 2023-2024 school year. Our 2 year old class is full and has a waiting list. We have one open spot in our 3 year old class and two open spots in our 4 year old class. Class age is based on the child's age on August 31st. Please share these vacancies and direct anyone with questions to me.

We will also have some open positions with our preschool staff for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in children's ministry with our preschool, please reach out to me.

Blessings,
Kelli Lassiter Price
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bridal shower

IN HONOR OF

CONLEY WINSLOW

Sunday, March 19, 2023 | 2:30-4:00 PM

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registered at
Target + Amazon + Byrum's Hardware



Scripture Memory for March 2023

Preschool

Let my teaching fall on you like rain...like gentle showers on young plants. Deuteronomy 32:2

K-5

Let my teaching fall on you like rain; let my speech settle like dew.

Let my words fall like rain on tender grass, like gentle showers on young plants. Deuteronomy 32:2

Prayer Requests

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 1 John 5:14

PRAYER REQUESTS: World Leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, youth, and leadership of our meeting; Right Share World Resources Samson Ababu Support; Mesquakie Friends Center; Kenya: Samburu Ministry; Belize School Feeding Program; Pradeep, Rebecca, Shifa, & Saachi Manchala; Lindi Friends School; Marianne Coetzee; Michael Tyhali; Ukhanyo Primary School; Gary & Amy Wixtrom; Kurt & Cynthia Zimmerman; Our missionaries; Lynda Givens; Kaeli Price; Betty Bundy; Viola Britt; McKay and Judy Riddick; Cash Caldwell; Toni Bundy; Marsha Beatly; URF preschool; Jenny Underwood; Ukraine; Kim Winfrey; Connie Baker; Horace Bundy; Wayne Harold; Shirley Sawyer; Brenda White; Amber Trueblood; Todd Barton; Ella Lassiter; Patty Priest; Bernice Langley; Michael Mainello; David & Bonnie Smith; Ann White Felton; Gilbert Backus; Lynette Baker; Tim Tyler & Family; Douglas Layden; Carolyn Trueblood; Rebecca Rosenheim; Lynn Lassiter; Jan Grills; Jenna Caldwell; David Jethro; Sam Terranova; Jan Terranova; Nancy Baker; Shelley Winslow's mom, Ann; Chicago Eure; Darlene Riddick; Joshua Harrell.

HOMEBOUND AND/OR CONVALESCING: Tommy & Lona Stallings; Lorraine Casper; Red Chappell; Eloise and Lyndon White; Renee Marshburn; Herbert Williams; Lois Faye & Paul White; Carey Guyer; Virginia Texine Stallings Williams; Micah Brooks; Linda Hall; Ashley Winslow (Zak, Finn, & Oliver); Wilford Forbes (Eula Mae); Our Caregivers.

Family of: Tony Key

If you have a prayer need, please get in touch with us: urfmeeting@gmail.com, <https://www.upriverfriends.org/prayer>, or



***Unless notified, the prayer list will be cleared every thirty days.**

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