

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

DEAR FRIENDS:

AMBASSADORS OF GOD

Recently I had a parent in our Meeting share with me that while they were scrolling through social media with their child by their side, they came to a photo of me. The child became extremely excited and said, "There's God." The parent said, "Who, Pastor Chuck?" The child pointed at me in the picture, and he said, "Yeah, God". The parent said to the child, "His name is Pastor Chuck and he brings the word of God." The child then said, "Well his third name is God."

I am certainly not God; in fact, I often feel like the apostle Paul – the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Regardless, the expression from this young child reminds me of a Scriptural principle that John W. Ritenbaugh writes about: "In God's eyes – and in a small child's – a parent stands in the place of God Himself. In the physical sense, parents are the child's creator, provider, lawgiver, teacher and protector and sometimes even savior. A child's response to this relationship will greatly determine his later response to larger relationships in society. And it is ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN to affect his relationship with God. Thus, since parents represent God, it becomes their obligation to live lives worthy of that honor. Ultimately, the responsibility for keeping this commandment falls on the child, but it begins with the parents through child training and example. If parents neither provide the correct example nor teach the correct way, they can hardly expect their children to honor them (1997).

Adults often forget the impact they have in the life of a child. In our busy, often hectic lives, we fail to recall that children look to us for provision, legislation, teaching, protection and often salvation (from the monster in the closet, or the bathroom drain – genuine fears of childhood which call for a savior – adult). The way we represent God in the lives of children is the method they will recognize God in their lives. As adults, we need to stop and consider that we are ambassadors of The Almighty.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 reminds: (5) *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.* (6) *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.* (7) *Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.* (8) *Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.* (9) *Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates (NIV).*

The godly adult has an incredible ability to incorporate God's Word, God's standards, God's precepts, and God's principles into daily life. Adults can model God successfully in all they do. Fred Rogers once said adults can be ambassadors of goodness without making a big deal of it (1998). Simply put, as we live the standards we know are truth, through daily ritual, these truths will transfer to the next generation. Scripture states to *train children in the way they should go and when they grow old, they will not depart from those ways.* (Proverbs 22:6). The best teaching is 'caught' not 'taught', may we be people who love God so dearly that our expression of love is contagious to the children we encounter.

BLESSINGS, Chuck

- "My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

—Clarence Kelland

PRAYER REQUESTS; World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders and leadership of our meeting, Judy W. Riddick, Patrick Bass, Herbert Williams, Baby Carter, Tony Key, Carlton Rountree, Jason Warren, Lester & Carolyn Baker, Dale Hunter, Tanner Sprague (Billy & Janice Winslow's grandson), Lacy Bunch, Mike Goodwin, 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, Jackie Wiley, Tommy Chappell, Kathy Turner, Reby Stallings, Rowan Lamb (Brock's daughter), Linda Givens, Sydney Pierce, 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 Berry family in the loss of Ray's mother, Lois Berry Conner's husband, McCoy Conner, the families of Stephanie Saunders, Pete Mansfield, Johnny Ayscue, Jessie Mae Williams' sister Millie, L.C. Proctor and Patricia Hunter, 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

10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 Nursery and Junior Church
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01st 6:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Light Meal
 7:30 pm Children's meeting

05th **11:00 am Dr. Magee, Cash's**
Doctor will be with us and a
Love Offering will be taken

06th 7:00 pm Ministry and Counsel
 08th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Light meal
 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting

13th 2:00 pm Elizabeth White Miss. Circle
 15th 6:30 pm Light Meal
 7:30 pm Children meet

15th **LAMPLIGHTER NEWS** is due – thank you
 19th **FATHER'S DAY**
 20th – 24th 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 29th 6:30 pm Light meal
 7:30 pm Children Time

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

01st Ashley W. Jethro, Austin Winslow
 Sean O'Neal, Rachel Sanders
 02nd Lance Winslow
 03rd Diane Mize, Reginald Baker
PHIL & SUSAN HARRIS
 04th Andrew (Drew) Harris
 08th **JUDY & BOB PARSONS**
 Carrie Baker
 10th Andrea Spivey, David Shaw
 Rob Winslow
 12th Shelton Davenport
 Mike Salvatore, Carlton Elliott Baker
 19th **KENT & BRENDA WHITE**
 Hannah Winslow, Charles (Chuck) Pagels
 20th **TIM & CAROL BAKER**
 Tommy Stallings, Jamie Salvatore
 21st Stan Winslow
 22nd Anna Riddick
 25th Daniel Forbes
 26th **MARK & KIM BAKER**
R.P. & DIANNE WHITE
 Sean Thomas McClaren
 30th Phil Harris

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UP RIVER FRIENDS MEETING'S MISSION STATEMENT:

To know Christ and to make Him known.

GRADUATION, PROMOTION, SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:

Up River observed its annual Graduation, Promotion and Scholarship Sunday on May 22 with a special service and fellowship meal. Members who have come into the meeting since Pastor Chuck arrived were also recognized and welcomed.

Those recognized for receiving advanced degrees were the late Clifford Winslow, upon whom an honorary Doctor of Ministry degree was bestowed by Carolina Graduate School of Divinity; Clark Baker, who earned a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Lincoln Memorial University Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine; and Josh Lassiter, who earned a Masters of Business Administration from North Carolina State University.

High school graduates recognized were Johnathan Beales – Northeastern High School, Nikki Boblit – Perquimans County High School, Trevor Lee – home schooled, and Tyler Lee, Pasquotank County High School.

Billy Boblit and Kinley Harris were promoted to the beginner class and received Bibles from the meeting, as is tradition.

Promoted to the youth Sunday School class and youth program were Carissa Baker and David Berry.

The Scholarship Committee presented Friends Helping Friends Scholarships to two students at Perquimans County High School, Taylor Chappell and Kayla Parks, both of whom rank in the top five of their class. Taylor is the daughter of James and Dorothy Chappell and will attend East Carolina University where she will double major in accounting and finance. Her goal is to earn an MSA in accounting. Kayla will attend Southern Wesleyan University to pursue a degree in biology education. She hopes to earn a master's degree and perhaps teach at the college level.

Welcomed into the membership were Julane and Brandon Belcher, Kevin Alexander, Amanda Winslow, Audrey Riddick, and Drew and Kim Harris. Those members who had formerly joined also recognized were Jovan Ward, Wesley Ward, Robin Winslow, Tommy & Lona Stallings, and Chuck and Sonya Hartman.

After a meaningful service during which it was obvious the Spirit was moving among His people “up the river” that featured an original poem set to music by Carlie Salvatore, a wonderful time of food and fellowship was enjoyed.

Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee, Christian Education Committee and Hospitality Committee for their work on this day of recognition and celebration.

THE LATE CLIFFORD S. WINSLOW HONORED BY CAROLINA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DIVINITY:

On Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Carolina Graduate School of Divinity's graduation service in Greensboro, N.C., the trustees and faculty conferred upon Clifford Winslow, **THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY**. CGSD was recognizing his many years of service and ministry among Friends in North Carolina Yearly Meeting and Friends United Meeting and also his contribution to public education in North Carolina. It was noted that he served on the board of trustees of CGSD for many years.

Etta Florence Winslow accepted the diploma on behalf of her late husband and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Other family members present for the presentation were his daughter Claudia Rawlings, granddaughters Marie Dagger and Amber Winslow, brother-in-law Delbert Wrenn and Cousin Jacque Pagels.

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150th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING PLANNED:

Up River will hold a special day of praise and thanksgiving in observance of 150 years of worship and ministry “up the river” on Sunday, August 7. A 10:30 a.m. worship service, lunch and an afternoon program of music is tentatively planned. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we thank God for the opportunities to worship and serve He has provided in the past, and seek the leading of the Spirit in moving forward.

Cash's Journey *Perspective from Mom & Dad*

We cannot be shaken in our belief that cleft lip and palate surgeries are Dr. Magee's calling ... **his gift!** His talent and abilities and the skill of his team seem to far exceed global standards. When you have a child born with a cleft lip and/or palate, you read every post and article ever written. In fact, we went as far as Australia. After much research, we wholeheartedly and willingly trusted the care of our son to Dr. Magee. Our family, church, town, friends and neighbors have prayed so diligently for Cash since his birth on May 21, 2015 that we wanted to continue to tell our story and keep you posted.

Dr. Magee and his team of doctors have been phenomenal. Dr. Magee has stressed and proven that functionality (from the surgeries) is key to Cash's success. We have HIGH hopes that Cash will have no swallowing, hearing, eating, speech or developmental delays. With that being said every conversation we have with Dr. Magee, he reminds us to continue to tell our story #cleftawareness – Dr. Magee is passionate about changing children's lives, their family's lives and communities. So again, we highlight the success of Dr. Magee and his team in hopes of raising awareness and funds -- *not for our family* --- **for the thousands of children throughout the world who can benefit from Operation Smile.**

We can't imagine living in a country where this surgery would not have been available for our son! We can't imagine how families feel when they can't afford the operation. Here is what we do know: Operation Smile's Dr. Magee is here to (continue) to change the world. After meeting Dr. Magee we were relieved. His confidence and knowledge exceeded all of our expectations. His gift of cleft surgeries is second to none. After much research we are confident that HE is the best! We have full confidence that after children have these surgeries under Dr. Magee's leadership that they look great and functionality is intact.

We hate to think that one child or family would have to experience the long struggles of a child not having their cleft lip or palate repaired. **For that reason, we have asked Dr. Magee to be our guest at Up River Friends on June 5th at 11 a.m. This is the Sunday we plan to dedicate our son (Cash) to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Following the dedication, Dr. Magee will share a little about his mission work and a love offering will be received to help other children around the world receive this life-changing surgery.**



Ryan, Jenna & Pierce Caldwell



Operation Smile was founded in 1982 when Dr. William (Bill) P. Magee, Jr., a plastic surgeon, and his wife, Kathleen (Kathy), a nurse and clinical social worker, traveled to the Philippines with a group of medical volunteers to repair children's cleft lips and cleft palates.

What they found was overwhelming. "People pushed their babies at us. They tugged at our sleeves with tears in their eyes and begged us to help their children." In Naga City, approximately 300 families arrived hoping their children would receive surgery, but the team could only treat 40 children. As they prepared to leave, the Magees made a promise they would return to help more children. **And so they have for the past three decades.**

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.

THE QUERIES: *Please take time to consider these thoughts and hopefully our meeting will grow both spiritually and numerically.*

STANDARDS OF LIFE: Do you observe simplicity and moderation in your manner of living?

Do you give proper attention to the rules of health? Are you careful to avoid all the places of amusement that are inconsistent with Christian character? Do you practice total abstinence from tobacco, narcotics, and alcoholic beverages?

*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 icwjr@inteliport.com. 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*

Like father, like child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!

Slow down

Walk a little slower, Daddy, said a little child so small.
I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.
Sometimes your steps are very fast; sometimes they're
hard to see.

So walk a little slower, Daddy, for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, you're what I want
to be.

Then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me.
And I would want to lead just right, and know that I
was true;

So walk a little slower, Daddy, for I must follow you.

—Author unknown

The importance of failure

"Our society is so caught up in winning," said Carlton Young, "we forget that most of the great men and women in history have, at one time or another, failed at something. Often repeatedly and discouragingly. But each failure is nothing more than a brick in the wall that forms the foundation of our success."

In *The Upper Room*, Bob La Forge writes, "Failure does not mean that God is against us or that we are hopelessly inept. Failure may be exactly what God can use."

Moses and David, two giants of faith, also knew failure — and not just the average variety that comes from everyday mistakes. Their huge moral missteps resulted in severe consequences. But failure wasn't the end of their stories. These men repented and moved forward, and God used them mightily.

And so it can be for any of us who fails or falls short.

Quiet space

"Rest is not idleness," said John Lubbock, "and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time."

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.



QUERIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

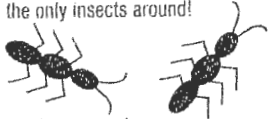
(Prepared by New England Junior Yearly Meeting)

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?



ANTS ON A HILL

Make this fun snack for a summer picnic — and hope these ants are the only insects around!



What you need:

- one box instant chocolate pudding mix
- milk
- graham crackers
- zippered baggies
- rolling pin
- clear plastic cup
- chocolate chips, raisins or dried cranberries



What you do:

1. Make the pudding according to directions on the box.
2. Put one whole graham cracker (four rectangles) into a zippered baggie. Seal and crush the crackers with a rolling pin.
3. Fill half the plastic cup with spoonfuls of chocolate pudding (dirt).
4. Add the crushed graham crackers (sand hill).
5. On the hill, place chocolate chips, raisins or dried cranberries (climbing ants). Enjoy!

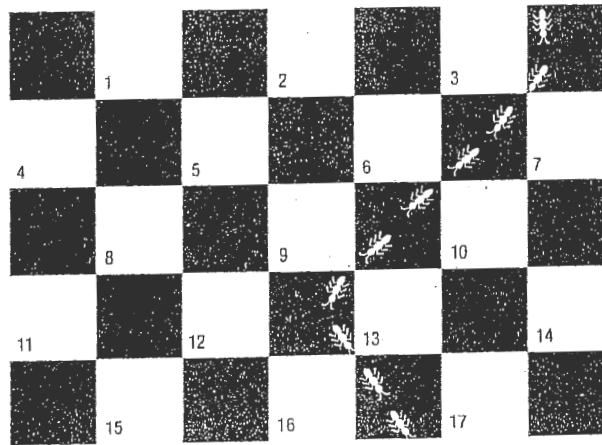


The ants go marching...

God created amazing insects and says we can learn lessons from their hard work.

Directions: Use the word bank below to fill in the tablecloth grid for ant-based wisdom from Proverbs 30:25, NIV.

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| 4. of | 6. strength | 15. summer | 12. food | 9. store | 2. are |
| 8. they | 3. creatures | 5. little | 7. yet | 10. up | 14. the |
| 1. Ants | 16. Proverbs | 17. 30:25 | 13. in | 11. their | |



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer." Proverbs 30:25, NIV

Thanks to Our Sunday School Teachers!



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