

# Times of Victory

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## The God That Is

Wednesday evening the 12<sup>th</sup> of Dec was a special day for many people. As it so happens I was one of those many people and if you had attended Victory Tabernacles service that evening you too would have been one of those many people. Now you might ask what made that service so special. Well I will just tell you what made that evening so special. It was Pastor Troy Taylor preaching the Word of God as the powerful anointing of God flowed through him. His message "The God That Is" came from the Scriptures of Revelation 1:4, 8, 11, and 17-18. This is what I got out of his



Pastor Troy Taylor preaching Wednesday evening message

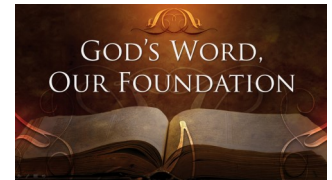
message:

God is a now God for a now world and a now time. Hebrews 13:8 says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever as well as many other verses in the Bible that tells us that He changes not. Therefore, everything that God was He

still is and everything that God is He will always be. God has always been good, He is good right now and He will always be good. God has always been a healer, He still is a healer and He'll always be a healer. Our God is a God that does not change and He is a right now current, real time God for real time situations, struggles, trials and battles. He is an on time very present help in the time of trouble.

There are dozens, if not hundreds, of references in the Scriptures where God tells us what He is and how He is. One of the many ref-

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**Jeremiah 32:27**

***Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?***

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## Calvary or Golgotha

Both words **CALVARY**, derived from Latin, and **GOLGOTHA**, derived from Aramaic (*the skull*) or (*the place of the skull*) refer to the place where Christ was crucified (Matt. 27:33; Lu. 23:33). But whether it was called "the place of the skull" because it was a place of execution, or a place where skulls were found, or because the site resembled a skull, is a matter of conjec-

ture.

The exact location of the site is unknown, because Titus destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D., and for sixty years the city lay in ruins. Few Christians returned to live there, and those who did would have been only children when they fled from the city, and on their return would not have been able to



**Calvary, or Golgotha where Jesus was crucified.**

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**Hebrews 13:7**

**Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.**

## The God That Is *(continued from page 1)*

erences is in Genesis where God tells Abraham to take his son Isaac to that mountain and offer him as a sacrifice and then showing Abraham the ram caught in the thicket to use and that's where get Jehovah Jira which means the God that will provide. So we need to celebrate the fact that our God is whatever we need Him to be and He is always an on-time and very present help. He is not just the God of yesterday He is the God of today and will be the God

of tomorrow.

God is a real current now time God who is anything we need Him to be. If we need a healer, He's a healer. If we need a miracle, He's a miracle God and if we need a way maker, He's a way making God. He is a providing God that provides everything we need.

But there is one thing God is not, He is not a dead God. We sure would be in trouble if we had a dead God because if God was dead our church would also

be dead. That is why we don't preach a dead God but a living, on-time God. We know He is alive because He is inside of us and how we know He is inside of us we can feel Him working in us.

Yes, God still does miracles, signs and wonders and saves lost sinners because Jesus Christ is alive and well! We serve a great and mighty God! Give Him praise and Thanks for being our everything.

## Calvary or Golgotha *(continued from page 1)*



**Skull Hill (Golgotha)**

identify places where devastation had been so complete sixty years before. The Scriptures merely indicate that the grim tragedy occurred outside the city walls, on an eminent place where it could be seen from a distance. It was fairly near a

city gate, and near a roadway which evidently passed through the gate and on by the place of execution (John 19:20; Heb. 13:12; Luke 23:49; Matt. 27:39). John states that the tomb was in a garden nearby (John 19:41).

Various sites have been suggested, but only two of these are seriously considered. One is within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the other is Gordon's Calvary, with its Garden Tomb.

## The Church of the Holy Sepulcher

**The Church of the Holy Sepulcher** came into being in the following manner. In A.D. 312 Constantine had a vision of a cross in the sky and the words, "By this Conquer." He made the cross the standard of his army, after which such phenomenal success attended his efforts that in time he became the master and monarch of Europe and western Asia. Desiring to pay his debt to Christ and Christianity he sent his mother, Helena, to the Holy Land to search for the tomb in which Christ had been buried.

With the aid of Eusebius, bishop of Caesarea, and Marcarius, bishop of Jerusalem, the debris from a mound was removed and a nearby tomb uncovered. Here were found three crosses, and other evidence which led them to designate the place as Calvary, and the tomb was the one in which Christ had lain.

Helena spread the news, the Catholic world rejoiced, and Emperor Constantine erected a magnificent group of buildings over the "miraculously discovered"

site. These were completed and dedicated in A.D. 335, and called the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. In A.D. 333, when the church was yet incomplete, the Bordeaux Pilgrim described it as "a church of wonderful beauty."

This building stood until A.D. 614, when Chosroes II demolished and burned it. By popular subscription it was rebuilt, and stood until destroyed by the so-called Mad Caliph Hakem in 1010. Within thirty-eight years it



**The Church of the Holy Sepulcher—Jerusalem**

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## What We Were Made For

Do you know what you were made (created) for? I mean really made for. If you think that you were made to be someone that is very great in this world or maybe to make that someone special in your life to be the most happiest person in the world, well you are absolutely WRONG! Now if you had attended services at Victory Tabernacle on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December you would have found out exactly what you were made for. For you see Pastor Troy Taylor, using Exodus 19:1-6 as his Scripture reading, preached on “This is What We Are Made For.”

Using Pharaoh in Exodus chapter 18 as an example Pastor Taylor show us how God raised up the king of the most powerful nation in the whole world at that time and put him in the very place just for the specific reason to use him to show His Power and Glory and that His name will be proclaimed in all the earth.

Likewise, we’re here today, just like Pharaoh was in that day, to show the Glory of God in our lives, magnify the Lord and let God’s name be praise through our lives.

God has us where He’s got us for a reason. It’s not just an accident nor a mistake that we are in the position we are in. Because God has raise us up and put us in a place that will be for His Glory, Name, and honor. That is exactly what we were made for. We were made by God and for God and created in His image so we can give God Glory, show His praises, love Jesus, Love people, serve the Kingdom and be a blessing to others. Now that’s what we were made for! You know the people with the most peace in all the earth are the people that know why they’re where they are. They know their purpose, reason, calling, where they come from, what they’re all about, and they know what’s it’s all about. Just as Pharaoh

was raised up for one purpose we too have been raised up for one purpose and that is to be the servants of the most-high God.

The world makes no apologies for what it does, especially to the church, and they’re not embarrassed or ashamed about it. So as the people of God we owe this world no apologies because God put us here. We were in darkness but now we’re in light, we were bound but now we are free.

The Pastor said something in his closing minutes that stuck with me and I hope it will stick with you. He said “the world didn’t apologize and neither do I apologize, I love to praise Jesus.” And the revelation we should be getting out of this message is - I’m not here because I chose to be here, I’m here because God put me here. We didn’t choose Him, He chose us!



**Pastor Troy Taylor preaching Sunday Mornings message**

### Exodus 19:5

**Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.**

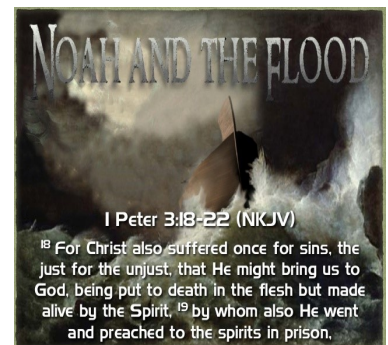
## The Spirits in Prison

1 Peter 3:18-20 refers to the “spirits in prison” that Jesus preached to by the Spirit God. This is one of the truly controversial passages in the Bible and, as such, has generated several interpretations. Before considering the different interpretations, let us first carefully read 1 Peter 3:18-20. “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to

death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”

Some use this passage to teach that those who perished in the Flood had an-

other chance after death to repent of sin. Of course, if these souls had another chance after death to be saved, others should be entitled to a second chance as well. Others think while Jesus was in the grave, He preached to the spirits in prison and proclaimed His victory and their doom. Nevertheless, there is no solid scriptural support for these interpretations.

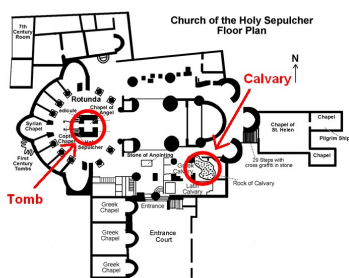


**1 Peter 3:18-22 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison.

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## Floor Plan of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

**John 19:41**  
Now the place where  
he was crucified there  
was a garden; and in  
the garden a new  
sepulchre, wherein  
was never a man yet  
laid.



## Site of Gordon's Calvary

## The Church of the Holy Sepulcher

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was rebuilt, and later taken over by the Crusaders when they entered Jerusalem in 1099. At once they set about the task of enlarging and beautifying the structure. This building stood until it was burned in the great fire in September of 1808. Three million dollars in subscriptions were received, and within two years another church arose over the site. It was not so beautiful nor so substantial as the former ones, yet it stands today—the pride and glory of Eastern Christians. It is a duplex structure, covering both the place of crucifixion and the tomb in which Christ was supposed to be buried. Here the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Gregorian Armenian, Copts,

and Jacobites have their separate chapels partitioned from each other. The Holy Sepulcher itself is situated in a large rotunda at the western end of the nave, where each of the Christian groups takes its turn worshiping on special occasions. A few yards away, on an elevation fifteen feet above the level of the tomb, is the so-called True Cross, studded with some seven to eight million dollars worth of gems and precious jewels. Nearby is a rent in the rock which is pointed out as having been made by the earthquake which shook the earth when Christ was crucified. No place in the Christian world has been regarded with such awe and treated with such reverence as that occupied

by the building known as The Church of the Holy Sepulcher. No place has been fought for and longed for as has this one. For more than sixteen centuries the faces of European and Oriental Christians have been turned devoutly toward this traditional tomb. It has been estimated that two-thirds of all Christendom love this place above all others because they believe the hill-ock to be Golgotha, and the sepulcher to be the one wherein their crucified Lord lay. However, the place is **inside** the walls of present-day Jerusalem, and many wonder if it were not also **inside** the walls of Herod's city.

## Gordon's Calvary

**Gordon's Calvary**, and the **Garden Tomb**. On a lone gray hill north of Jerusalem, a stone's throw from the ancient wall, and some seven hundred feet outside the Damascus Gate, is a prominent site which covers three acres and can be seen plainly from every direction. As a hill it rises forty to fifty feet above the surrounding terrain, and the side of the hill which is turned toward the city is rounded at the top and bears "a certain fantastic likeness" to the human skull. There are caverns for the eyes, a protruding rock for the nose, a long slit for the mouth, and a lower ledge for the chin—"quite as strong as is to be found in most of the nature resemblances which are commonly noticed in

different parts of the world."

In 1842 Otto Thenius of Dresden studied this hill rather carefully and proposed that it was Golgotha. He pointed out that traditionally it was the Jewish place of stoning, that it lay outside the city, and that it showed the form of a skull. Then, on a day in 1885, a famous Christian and British military man by the name of General Charles G. Gordon was out walking on the northern wall of Jerusalem, when he observed and studied this skull-like rock formation. On returning to his hotel he said, "Today I have found just the place for Calvary." General Gordon wrote to his sister, and others about his possibility, then went on his way, and

was martyred three years later at Khartoum, Africa. Lew Wallace, Captain Conder, and others were inclined to agree with General Gordon's views. After a time, therefore, a portion of the land west of the skull hill was purchased. During excavations an ancient garden was found, and in it a tomb which had once been sealed by a rolling stone. Nearby excavations revealed other early Christian graves.

A company of English Protestants purchased the place, enclosed the area, and placed a guard at the tomb. After a time the Protestant people decided that the guard was not needed and he was removed. Today, the place is well-known as Gor-

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## Gordon's Calvary *(continued from page 4)*

don's Calvary and the Garden Tomb. The Tomb is without ornamentation or ostentation, and for all that is the more impressive. No one worships the place, and we trust they never shall; but many notable Easter services have been conducted here. Moody and Talmage have preached here, and hundreds of thousands have reverently gathered here from the four quarters of the earth, and have, in a

small measure, felt the force and simplicity of the angel's words: "Come see the place where the Lord lay."

Many excavations have been carried out, and efforts made to trace the course which the north wall must have taken during Christ's time. Herodian masonry underneath Damascus gate indicates the presence of the wall in that area during Christ's time, but the exact

course of the wall from Jaffa Gate to Damascus Gate must be traced before it can be decided if the site now occupied by the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was within or without the city wall. Until then, no final word may be given as to the exact site of Calvary or Golgotha.



**Gordon's Garden Tomb**

**Remembering our Creator can  
be our personal anthem.**

## The Spirits in Prison *(continued from page 3)*

We should not that Peter said Jesus was put to death in the flesh and raised from the dead by the Spirit. Moreover, through the Spirit, He preached to the spirits in prison. The most scriptural interpretation, then, is that while Noah built the ark, the Spirit of Christ preached, through Noah, to the unbelievers of his day. ( See 1 Peter 1:11.) These unbelievers are now in hades waiting for the final judgment.

Furthermore, the Scripture reveals how many were saved when the "spirits in prison" heard Noah's preaching: eight souls were saved from the Flood in the ark, not by a second chance after death.

1 Peter 4:6 also describes the gospel being preached to the dead: "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged

according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." Here Peter referred to those who "were dead in trespasses and sin" (Ephesians 2:1), not to those who were physically dead.

Furthermore, John 5:25 refers to the "dead" who respond to the preaching of the gospel: "The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." (See also John 11:25-26.) Those who disobey the gospel and live in pleasure are dead while they live (1 Timothy 5:6). Moreover, Satan captures these prisoners, for 2 Timothy 2:26 refers to those caught in "the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

Finally, Isaiah 61:1 says, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the

Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek . . . to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." After Jesus read this verse in the synagogue, He said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Lude 4:17-21). From this statement we see that Jesus came to preach to those imprisoned on the earth, not to those imprisoned in the grave.

**God is Closer than  
you think**

**Sometimes as I walk  
through my day I  
will pause and say  
a prayer with my  
palms facing up, as  
a way of expressing  
to God my openness  
to his presence and  
direction in this mo-  
ment.**



## Sis. Sherry's Column

### WHO's COMPANY ARE YOU ENJOYING?

**ENJOY-** like, love, be fond of, take pleasure in, delight in, be entertained by, be keen on, appreciate, relish, adore, savor.

To enjoy something or someone means we have to spend time doing that something or around that someone! Coming in to the new year I long to spend more time with JESUS, more time in PRAYER, FASTING and ENJOYING GOD's PRESENCE IN MY LIFE! We are starting a new year to do more and be more than we did or were in the past year. We have new goals to set and new and better walk with God than before. The company we keep and enjoy being around is pretty much going to be the kind of year we will have. Surround yourself with good thoughts, good people and most of all JESUS! In Philippians 4:8 the bible says: "Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever

things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." So be mindful of where your thoughts go. Everything we do starts with a thought process. Our mind is a powerful tool that can work for us or against us. So please use it wisely in the new year 2019. Think on things above and not on things of this world.

Don't get caught up with wrong thoughts, being around the wrong people. Be around people that are going to be uplifting, encouraging to you. And when you find yourself around people that are not like that, then YOU BE THE ENCOURAGER, YOU BE THE UPLIFTER! IF YOU DON'T SURROUND YOUR SELF WITH THESE KIND OF PEOPLE, THEN YOU NEED TO BE THAT KIND OF PERSON AROUND THEM.

WHO's COMPANY ARE YOU ENJOYING? To make a difference in enjoying life and those around us is to enjoy ourselves. If your not a happy camper yourself, then you are sure not gonna make others around you happy. Thought process folks. Remember in the verse above says "THINK ON THESE THINGS" which means GOOD THINGS! It's all about CHOICES! THINGS THAT WE THINK AND DWELL ON IN OUR MINDS ARE THE EXACT THINGS THAT WILL DETERMINE OUR OUTCOME IN LIFE! In Proverbs 17:22 says, "A

MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE MEDICINE: BUT A BROKEN SPIRIT DRIETH THE BONES." Psalm 126:2 says, "THEN WAS OUR MOUTH FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, and OUR TONGUE WITH SINGING: then said they among the heathen, THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS FOR THEM".

SO WHO's COMPANY ARE YOU ENJOYING! Are you thinking and speaking GOOD and ENJOYABLE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE, ARE YOU AROUND ENJOYABLE PEOPLE? In Psalm 37:4 says "TAKE DELIGHT IN THE LORD? AND HE WILL GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART".

Psalm 16:11 "THOU WILL SHEW ME THE PATH OF LIFE: IN THY PRESENCE IS FULLNESS OF JOY; AT THY RIGHT HAND THERE ARE PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE."

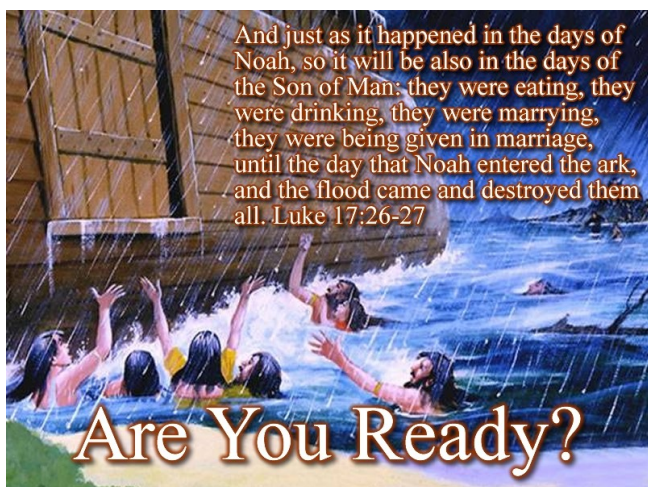
AS WE START OUR NEW YEAR 2019, LET IT BE GOD's COMPANY YOU ENJOY AND ENTERTAIN, IF YOU START EACH DAY OUT WITH GOD, IN PRAYER AND MEDITATING ON GOD, THEN THE COMPANY YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH WILL BE ABLE TO FEEL THAT JOY AND BE A PART OF THAT JOY!



Every man is enthusiastic at times. One man has enthusiasm for thirty minutes, another has it for thirty days—but it is the man who has it for thirty years who makes a success in life.

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1 NIV





## 2018 Christmas Program

Victory Tabernacle's Christmas Program "What Child Is This" directed by Sis. Angela Sims and performed by the children of Children's Church was present on December 16, 2018 in the Victory Tabernacle Sanctuary located at 2620 Blue Spring Road in Huntsville, Alabama.

To start things off, Anna, Cenae, Bella and Thaddeus welcomed everyone to Victory Tabernacle's Christmas program and was followed by the reading of John 3:16. Ciara Seals and Nathan Day read it in English first and Prince-John Offei-Dua and his brother read it in their native language of Trie.

The first musical selection, "God Provides" was performed by Bella, Cenae and Anna with Willow Wilson and Braxton Lewis as Mary and Joseph and was followed by Cassidy and Lemarcus reading the poem "Don't Forget About Jesus."

The next musical selection "Mary Did You Know" was performed by Billy Jean and Faith Wilson and that was followed with Jovana Dozier reading the poem "Dedicated to the Military."

The third musical selection performed by Townley Hayes on the piano was "Silent Night" which was followed by Cash Flores

reading Luke 2:13-14. The fourth musical selection was "Jingle Bells" sung by all the children which was followed with the reading of Isaiah 9:6-7 by Zion Toney.

Next came the Praise Dancers Jamiah Toney, Asia Grays, Jovana, and Deasia Dozier performing to the musical selection of "What Child Is This" and "Carol of the Bells". The last musical selection sung by all the children was "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and was followed by Rev. Troy Taylor giving the closing remarks.





**Luke 11:3**  
**Give us day by day our**  
**daily bread**

## Daily Scripture Reading

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Jan 1	Gn	1-3	Jan 11	Gn	30-31	Jan 21	Ex	8-9	Jan 31	Ex	36-37
Jan 2	Gn	4-6	Jan 12	Gn	32-34	Jan 22	Ex	10-12	Feb 1	Ex	38-39
Jan 3	Gn	7-10	Jan 13	Gn	35-37	Jan 23	Ex	13-15	Feb 2	Ex	40
Jan 4	Gn	11-13	Jan 14	Gn	38-40	Jan 24	Ex	16-19		Lv	1-3
Jan 5	Gn	14-17	Jan 15	Gn	41-42	Jan 25	Ex	20-21	Feb 3	Lv	4-6
Jan 6	Gn	18-20	Jan 16	Gn	43-44	Jan 26	Ex	22-24	Feb 4	Lv	7-9
Jan 7	Gn	21-23	Jan 17	Gn	45-47	Jan 27	Ex	25-27	Feb 5	Lv	10-12
Jan 8	Gn	24-25	Jan 18	Gn	48-50	Jan 28	Ex	28-29	Feb 6	Lv	13-14
Jan 9	Gn	26-27	Jan 19	Ex	1-3	Jan 29	Ex	30-32	Feb 7	Lv	15-16
Jan 10	Gn	28-29	Jan 20	Ex	4-7	Jan 30	Ex	33-35	Feb 8	Lv	17-19

**Note:** Birthday and Anniversary dates are taken from the latest Victory Tabernacle Church Directory.

If any information in this article is wrong please notify Bro. Bob with corrections and/or additions.

**THANK YOU**

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries



01/02 - JoAnne Taylor  
 - Zion Toney  
 01/03 - Christian Grays  
 01/05 - Emma Taylor  
 01/06 - Corey Lewis  
 01/10 - Cash Flores  
 01/20 - Jamiah Toney  
 01/22 - Melvin Johnson  
 01/27 - Ella Mae Holloway



01/10 - Robert & Darene Pollard  
 01/28 - Travis & Ella Mae Holloway

## December 2018 Messages



Sun 12/02 - Bro. Joe Hayes after reading from Eph 3:1-8 preached on 'the dispensation of Grace.'

Wed 12/5 - Pastor Dale Taylor preached on "The Golden Calf." Scripture: Exo 19:1-6.

Sun 12/9 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "This Is What We Are Made For."

Scripture: Exo 9:13-15.

Wed 12/12 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The God That Is." Scripture Rev 1:4, 8, 11, 17-18.

Sun 12/16 - Christmas Program.

Wed 12/19 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "There's No Better Time Than Now To Do The Lord's Work."

Scripture: Eccl 11:4-6


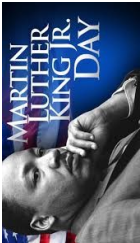
Sun 12/23 - Bro Justin Metcalf preached on "Armourbearers of Praise." Scripture: 1 Sam 13:18-22.

Wed 12 26 - No Service

Sun 12/30 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The Endgame." Scripture: Eccl 7:8.



# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 New Year's Day	2 Evening Service 7 PM	3	4	5 Outreach 9:30 AM
6 Sunday Service 10 AM	7	8	9 Evening Service 7 PM	10	11	12 Outreach 9:30 AM
13 Sunday Service 10 AM	14	15	16 Evening Service 7 PM	17	18	19 Outreach 9:30 AM
20 Sunday Service 10 AM	21  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	22	23 Evening Service 7 PM	24	25	26 Outreach 9:30 AM
27 Sunday Service 10 AM	28	29	30 Evening Service 7 PM	31 Belly Laugh Day		

## Chef's Corner

### Classic Southern Tomato Pie



#### Ingredients

3 medium-size tomatoes, sliced  
¼ inch thick (about 18 slices)  
Kosher salt  
2 slices bacon, cooked crisp,  
crumbled, divided (save  
drippings)  
1 small Vidalia onion, quartered  
and sliced thin  
3 cups shredded mozzarella,  
divided  
1 (10-inch) deep-dish pie crust,  
partially baked, cooled  
Pinch of sugar (optional)  
Black pepper to taste  
Garlic powder to taste  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil  
1 cup regular mayonnaise (do not  
substitute low-fat or fat-free)  
½ teaspoon hot sauce  
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

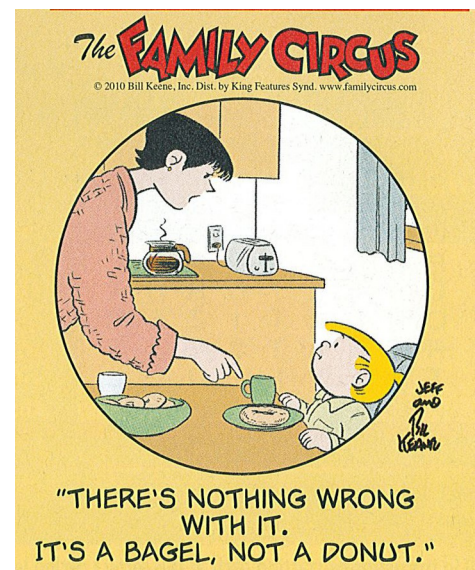
#### Directions

- 1) Preheat oven to 350°. Place tomatoes on paper towels. Salt, then cover with paper towels. Let rest 30 minutes.
- 2) Sauté onion in bacon drippings until soft, not brown.
- 3) Put ½ cup mozzarella into pie crust. Top with ½ tomatoes. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, if using, then season with pepper and garlic powder. Add ½ basil, top with ½ onions, and ½ bacon. Repeat layers.
- 4) Mix mayonnaise, hot sauce, parsley, and remaining 2 cups mozzarella; spread over top. Bake 40–45 minutes until light brown on top. Shield edges of pie crust with foil, if browning too quickly.
- 5) Cool pie before slicing. Serve warm or cold. Refrigerate leftovers.

## On The Lighter Side

God is in the small  
things as well as the  
great.

New Seatbelt Design  
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## Rabbit on a Bike

Rabbit is having such a good time on his bicycle that he doesn't notice the hidden objects around him. Can you find the hanger, turtle, duck, fish, hourglass, scissors, toothbrush, horse, and snail?



"What Do You Think They are Looking At?"

"I Don't Know?"



God's

Tree

by Margie Broyles

Today God dropped a little seed,  
Its growth I do not doubt,  
Abound with prayer so that no weed  
Could crush its tender sprout.

With awe and wonder in my heart  
I longed for it to grow.  
I prayed and prayed that it would start  
Through frozen earth to show.

"How long, O dear God, must I wait?"  
Cries this impatient me.  
"How long does it take to create  
A miracle to see?"

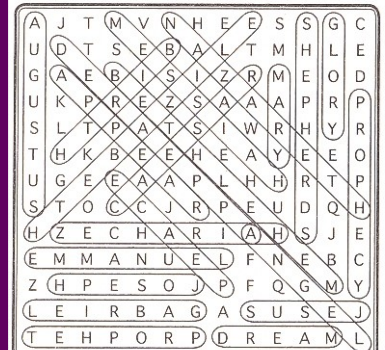
"Just long enough, my child, for you  
To grow in Faith and Trust.  
My Promises to you renew,  
Lift up your eyes from dust.

When soil is tended dutiful,  
The seed will sprout like gold;  
The tree will be more beautiful  
And perfect to behold."

Hope of the seed is in the soil,  
God promised that to me.  
With loving hands, I now do toil  
A mighty oak to be.

## Answer to last month's Word Search Puzzle

Joseph and Mary





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## The Motivational Power of Grace

**Read: Romans 6:1-4**

Some Christians have a hard time with the doctrine of grace because they think it's a license to sin. It just seems too easy to believe in Jesus and then do as you please. Shouldn't believers still be required to live a certain way in order to please the Lord? The problem with this reasoning is that it mixes legalism with grace by saying, "Sure, we are saved by grace, but after salvation, you'd better follow the rules to *stay* in God's favor." Such thinking cuts the heart out of grace and poisons the message

of hope.

What we need to realize is that grace is a greater motivator than law. When you have to perform in order to please the Lord, guilt is your constant companion because you can never be good enough. Every time you fail to live up to your own expectations, you may question whether He loves you—or maybe even whether you're really saved. God doesn't want us to live in bondage to performance. We've already received His acceptance, and there is nothing more we can add to it.

Grace not only sets us

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free from guilt but also motivates us to obey and serve the Lord out of love and gratitude for everything He has done for us. Instead of feeling burnt out in our service, we will have a burning passion for Him.

Are you working harder and harder to please God? If so, you're probably worn out. When you truly learn to understand and live in His grace, you'll be energized because obedience and service will be a natural result of His overflowing love. Instead of guilt, you'll have joy and gratitude.

### **Romans 6:1-4**

**1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?**

**2. God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**

**3. Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**

**4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**