



GRACE AND TRUTH BIBLE CHAPEL

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"For we are laborers together with Him" 1 Cor. 3:9

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"The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" Psalm 34:15

A word from Brother Emanuel:

MAINTAINING JOY IN THE FAMILY

Some suggestions for maintaining joy in the family:

Recognize the lack of joy – perhaps because of family conflicts, spiritual drought, dryness, and an unquenchable thirst. If so, go in faith to the Rock, Jesus Christ, drink the water of life and be refreshed. Exodus 17:3-6. Realize that every family needs a firm foundation. God builds, prepares, and protects the home. "Except the Lord build the house/family, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city the watchman wakes in vain." Psalm 127:1. The Lord Jesus is the firm foundation for every family (1 Cor. 3:11) Have you received Him as your Lord and Savior? There is joy in abiding in Him. "These things have I (Jesus) spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Jn. 15:11.

Remember the functions of the family. God indicated that from the beginning, marriage was a necessity both for the consummation of human love, and the birth of human life. It is vital for husband and wife, and the family to read the Bible and pray together daily. Jesus said, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:24. Rest in the fact that your family is divinely favored, and that your children are gifts from God to be treasured, treated with respect and trained up for Him. "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Ps. 127:3. We need to teach our children the Word of God convincingly, conversationally, consistently, creatively, and conspicuously. Deut. 6: 5-9; Prov. 22:6. "Thy words were found and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart..." Jer. 15:16.

Reveal the Spirit life and the fruit of the Spirit in the family. Paul addressing not merely the church, but families, husbands and wives, parents and children, and workers and employees said, "...be filled with the Spirit (being under the control of the Spirit)" Eph. 5:18. When we are filled by the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God is dwelling in us, we shall display the fruit of the Spirit in the family. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control..." Gal. 5:22-23. It is encouraging to know that all true believers in Christ are in the family of God and that in spite of adverse circumstances we can have joy in the fact that the Lord Jesus is with us here. Perhaps, soon we shall be with Him in heaven where there will be no sorrow, but joy eternally. As Peter concluded, "...believing, ye

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rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.” 1 Pet. 1:8. If you would like to know more, please feel free to visit us at Grace and Truth Bible Chapel, 210 Bell Avenue, Brooksville, FL. 34601.

Emanuel V. John

Baptism:

“Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized.” Acts 2:41

Sunday, May 8, 2016 was a special occasion as many gathered at the home of Brother Clive and Sister Julie Griffith after our Breaking of Bread meeting to witness the baptism of Bro. William J. Thompson who desired to be identified with the Lord Jesus in his death, burial and resurrection. There was a short program of singing, prayer, special song selections and reading of the Scriptures. A message relating to baptism was given by Bro. Emanuel V. John after which Bro. Thompson was baptized by Brothers Nicholas Barrett, Sr. and Clive Griffith. Everyone enjoyed a time of food and fellowship afterward. We are grateful to the Lord for Bro. Clive and his wife, Julie for their generosity in allowing us to use their home and pool for the occasion.

And they, continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42.

Jesus said, “This do in remembrance of Me” Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24

We thank the Lord for His grace and blessing as He continues to add to the Assembly. On May 15, 2016, Bro. William (Bill) Thompson who has been consistent at the meetings was received into practical fellowship at the Lord’s table... *Welcome, Bro. Bill!*

Prayer Calendar:

Please pray for-



Our missionaries and persecuted brothers and sisters around the world • God’s comfort for those who have lost loved ones • those who struggle with physical, emotional and financial needs • upcoming Camps and Conferences • wisdom in planning youth activities • protection for those who travel • the peace of Jerusalem.

Special prayer requested for: Bro. Nicholas Barrett, Sr. (pending surgery), Sisters Marjorie Weir, Florencia Wilke, Bro. Roger Benney and his wife, Jan..



1 Kings 18:36-39

A PRAYER FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

by Sister Evadne Charles

Father, release the fire of the Holy Spirit on your Church worldwide, that we may demonstrate the Lordship of Jesus Christ to the world.



In our last report, we mentioned that a kitchen and extra rest room was being built as an addition to our current building. The pictures seen above show the progression of the new kitchen as an extension of the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Brother Clive Griffith who has given advice and oversight for the entire project. We value your prayers however, since furnishing and equipping the new structure will be the next challenge.

Outreach

Sister Julie writes:

On June 24, 2016, Sister Evadne and I presented 21 baby bottles of money collected by the members of Grace and Truth Bible Chapel to A NEW GENERATION located across the street from our Church. This collection will help them in providing one-on-one confidential life coaching on pregnancy, family and parenting, healthy life choices and fatherhood among others.

We thank God for these ladies and for their vision of reaching out to our local community.



Sister Julie Griffith with the owner



21 Baby bottles filled with money



Sis. Evadne Charles - part of it all.

Reflections from Scripture by M.S.

WHY JESUS CAME

Far away in the city of Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago, Jesus was born. His birth was foretold by Old Testament prophets and many rejoiced at His birth. But why did Jesus come? He came to die. For whom? one may ask; for every human being on earth because the Bible says that all have sinned, and the penalty for sin is "death" (Romans 3:23, 6:23). So Jesus came to die on a cross for our sins.

*"Only begotten Son of God! He left the courts on high
To tread the weary paths of earth; He came to die!"*

In this brief reflection a few of the reasons why Jesus came are mentioned here. Christ Jesus came into the world to "save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15); He came to seek and to save the lost and to call sinners to repentance, to give His life a ransom for many, to bear witness to the truth and to do His Father's will. Jesus is the Light of the world and whosoever believeth on Him should not abide in darkness. He said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). It is God's love for us that caused Him to give His only begotten Son to die in our place. John in his epistle states "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10). Do we truly love Him – and are we enjoying abundant life?

(References: Luke 19:10, Mark 2:17, Matt. 20:28, John 18:37, John 6:38)

Did you know?

...that the well-known hymn, "What a Friend we have in Jesus" has been translated into many languages and recorded by numerous artistes? The author, Joseph M. Scriven was born in Ireland and graduated from Trinity College at Dublin in 1842. Tragedy struck Joseph on the day before his wedding when his bride accidentally drowned. Distraught, he packed his belongings and sailed for Canada. He was about 25 years old. In Canada he taught school in Woodstock, Brantford and served as tutor to the family of Lieutenant Pengelley.



Some years later in 1855, he received word that his mother was facing a crisis. Joseph wrote the poem "What a Friend we have in Jesus" and sent it to her. Mrs. Scriven evidently gave a copy to a friend who had it published anonymously, and it quickly became a popular hymn. Later, when it was discovered that he was the composer of the hymn, he simply explained, "The Lord and I did it between us." Meanwhile, Joseph fell in love again, but tragedy struck a second time when his bride, Eliza Roche became ill and died in 1860 before their wedding could take place. Joseph quit teaching and as a member of the Plymouth Brethren poured himself into ministry, devoting most of his time to preaching, cutting firewood for widows, doing menial work for the aged, giving away his clothes and money, accepting no payment in return. On October 10, 1896, Joseph became critically ill. In his delirium, he rose from his bed and staggered outdoors where he fell into a small creek and drowned at age 66.

Source: One Hundred and one famous hymns

We offer our congratulations to Roger and Jan Benney who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on April 24, 2016. We wish them the blessings of good health and the joy of the Lord.

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Congratulations also to a special couple – Bro. Burley and Sis. Ivy Fields who celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on June 12.

May the Lord continue to enrich your lives by His grace even as you have blessed others.

Birthdays

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jean Burrowes 04/20
Pamela John 04/24

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Christine Ansted 05/15



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!

Chris Ansted celebrated her birthday in May. On behalf of our G & T family, we wish her many more and God's blessing.

Chris and her husband, Bob have worked tirelessly among the young for many years and are active in many other areas. They are much appreciated.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Eddie Burrowes 06/12
Abigail Chhetri 06/21

YOUTH MEETINGS CONTINUE:

Movie Night: 3rd Friday of each month – 6:30 PM

Youth Activities: 1st Saturday of each month

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THE SISTERS' ACTS BIBLE STUDY

The Sisters meet on the third Tuesday of each month
at 10:30 AM.

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Several from our company travelled during this period;
we thank God for their safe return. Please continue to pray for
the protection of those who travel often.



The John - Chhetri Families

In Memoriam:

May 12, 2016 Henry Hoyd Jempierre, Panama: Brother of Sister Evadne Charles; uncle of Anthony Charles.

May 16, 2016 Peter Adolphus Sobers, Jamaica: Brother of Sister Pamela John and Peggy Sobers (Barbados).

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11:2

On behalf of Grace and Truth Bible Chapel, we offer our condolences to the above families.

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