

New Zion's Trumpet

Walk in Love

By Sis. Laura Pruitt-Stephens

I know that I am certainly a work in progress. Sometimes, I wonder why God loves me so and continues to work with and through me. Many times when people present a challenge to us we have a tendency to want to give up on them. But, I also know that God places great importance on our ability to love one another.

So, what does it mean to walk in love? The story of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) reminds us of what it means to love your neighbor and also what it means to truly walk in love. For instance, Jesus tells the story of a man who went from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of thieves. After robbing, beating, and leaving him for dead he lay helpless in the gutter. Both a priest and Levite; men of God saw him laying there but passed him by. Neither had compassion or took pity on him but rather continued on their way.

In this day and age, we are accustomed to walking by the majority of people with whom we see without as much as a glance in their direction. They may or may not be laying in the gutter helpless but nonetheless often times we simply ignore the plight of others. We have so much on our own minds that we do not take the time to think of others. This overly busy, overly scheduled, and overly self-consumed condition is not how the Lord would have us to "Walk in Love."

It takes effort and commitment to hope, seek, pray, and love other especially when someone continues to fall short. The word tells us, "For all have sinned come fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). That is, none of us are perfect and none of us are free from the vulnerability to fall short. So what should we do to walk in love?

Jesus asked of the three men which was a neighbor to the one who fell among the thieves. He was answered, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:36-37). We must learn to walk in love and not shelter our eyes from the hurt of the world. Find someone to whom you can be a blessing today. In this, you will become a good neighbor who walks in love.



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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Early Morning Worship
Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

Church School
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Communion
1st Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.



*"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the days of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand."
Joel 2:1 (KJV)*

Church to Host Music Workshop

New Chapel Baptist Church 409 West 21st Street Bryan, TX 77801

In this wonderful year of 2010 New Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a Music Workshop. If you are in need of voice training, technique breathing and other things that will benefit you in your church music ministry.



Come join us and have a blessed time in the Lord, this workshop is where you want to be.

Dr. Christopher McMillan will be hosting a seminar on choir ethics, praise and worship, directing, technique breathing, understanding leadership and other music ministry positions.

Sis. Teresa Rucker will be the Guest Clinician for the week. Teresa lives in Hearne and a member of Independent Baptist

Church. She is also a former singer of Kirk Franklin.

Workshop Dates:

Thursday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.—Seminar & Workshop Rehearsal

Friday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.—Workshop Rehearsal (After Friday night's rehearsal dinner will be served.)

Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.—Final rehearsal

Workshop Concert: Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Trust and Goodness Will Prevail

Any newspaper or newscast contains enough bad news to wreck any Christian's hope for mankind. Wars, murders, brutality, crimes and other inhumane acts we witness daily can make us feel hopeless and wilted.

Yet despite the great horror in this world, we must not despair. Our Lord said: "The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:41, 43, NRSV). God will always have the last word. His truth and goodness will prevail. James Russell Lowell wrote:

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong:
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong;
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above his own.

The Promise of Christ

The 14th chapter of John's gospel contains this promise our Lord gave his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (sometimes translated Comforter), to be with you forever" (John 14:15-16, NRSV).

Jesus added: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live" (John 14:18-19).

What a wonderful promise! Jesus knew he would be dying. He knew the disciples would see his resurrected body. But even after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples wouldn't be alone. The Holy Spirit would come to comfort and embolden them.

"[My] peace I leave with you," Jesus concluded. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27).



How ICE on Your Cell Phone, iPhone or iPod Can Help Save Your Life—and Possibly Someone Else's



(ARA) - It keeps you in touch with friends, family and business contacts. It's a source of entertainment, whether you play games on it or surf the Web. But did you know your cell phone can help save your life or the lives of others in an emergency situation, even if you're in no condition to use it to call for help?

When a debilitating crisis occurs like an accident or illness, emergency teams that respond to the scene will want to have as much information as possible about your health - including contact information for the person who can make decisions on your behalf.

Your cell phone can often speak on your behalf when you're incapacitated. Emergency personnel are trained to look in your phone for phone numbers designated with the acronym "ICE" - which stands for "In Case of Emergency." They'll use that information to get in touch with someone who can make decisions for you.

Some cell phones already come pre-programmed with the ICE function, so all you have to do is punch in the appropriate numbers. If you're among the 50 million Americans who own an iPhone or iPod Touch, you can place all your critical medical information in the hands of emergency personnel by using the free ICE App. To download ICE App for free, log on to the iPhone Apps Store and search "ICE-app" or visit www.ice-app.net.

Created by online legal service LegalZoom.com and Donate Life America, ICE App allows emergency responders to access information about you, including your name, a photograph (to match the phone to you), birth date, height and weight, medical conditions, blood type, allergies, medications, emergency contacts and your organ donation wishes - a feature that could help save the lives of people waiting for organ donations.

Ninety percent of Americans think organ donation is the right thing to do, yet only 28 percent have taken the appropriate steps to register as an organ donor. If you don't have an iPhone, you can register as a donor at donatelife.net.

"Having emergency contact and medical history information immediately available in your cell or smart phone can help emergency responders make quicker decisions during those precious first minutes, a time that could mean the difference between life and death," says Brian Liu, cofounder and chairman of LegalZoom.

Once you've downloaded the app to your iPhone, follow the on-screen prompts to complete the contact and medical information. Once you're done, place the ICE App icon in the top right corner of your touch screen, where first responders will see it right away when they check your phone. All information is stored on your phone, and not on the Web, ensuring your private information stays in your possession and that first responders can access it, even when the phone has a weak or no cellular signal.

Courtesy of ARAcontent

Sunday School Lessons

Teachings of Jesus

April 4 Lesson: The Community Faces Pain and Joy (John 16: 16—24; 20: 11—16)

April 11 Lesson: Love Within the Community (1 John 2: 7—17)

April 18 Lesson: Connecting in Community (Matthew 5:17—20; 22: 34—40)

April 25 Lesson: Inclusion in Community (Luke 14: 15—24;)

Ministry News

Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching

All New Zion graduating high school seniors must have scholarship applications submitted to a Scholarship Ministry member no later than **April 18, 2010**. Please submit your completed application on or before the due date. NO late applications will be accepted. Also, please turn in your graduate profile with your application.

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Just a reminder that 5th Six-Weeks report cards are due on April 18, 2010 to a member of the Scholarship Ministry. Please submit your report card to a member of the Scholarship Ministry so that you may be considered for an incentive reward.

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The Greater Friendship District Association (GFDA) Youth Department is preparing for its "200 Youth in Red" program which will be held on Saturday, May 8. T-shirts are being sold for that Program. New Zion's Youth Ministry will have t-shirt order forms to distribute. The deadline to order t-shirts is Monday, April 19.



Save The Date!

The Scholarship Ministry is in the process of planning for its Annual Scholarship Banquet, which is scheduled for May 22, 2010 at 5:00 PM. Please visit with a member of the Scholarship Ministry to get your tickets.

Run the Race

"The Christian life is a race along a course that is set out before us," said William Barclay. Hebrews 12:1 encourages Christians to run our particular race with perseverance.

Interestingly, the Greek word for race is agon, which means aching or agony. Like marathon runners, we may be tempted to give up long before the finish line.

But the Hebrews passage also offers hope for how we can continue on: "[look] to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart" (Hebrews 12:2-3, NRSV).

Birthdays

- 02—Ashlee Collins
- 02—Tina Person
- 04—Mary Mitchell
- 07—Donna Alexander
- 10—Bradlee Robinson
- 11—Min. L.A. Love
- 12—Inez Green
- 12—Tiffany Thompson
- 18—Stacie Collins
- 19—Kirsten Campbell
- 21—Leonard Green
- 25—Ryan Campbell
- 27—Mary Lawson
- 30—Tiffany Love

Anniversaries

- 20—L.A. & Tiffany Love



Good Friday?

At first glance, Good Friday appears to be a misnomer. It seems inconsistent that the day of Christ's crucifixion should in any way be described as "good." But that seeming inconsistency vanishes when we understand that the ancient meaning of good was "holy." The word holy is entirely consistent with the suffering and cross that Christ endured for us. Hence, Good Friday is also known as Holy Friday.

"Remind us that it's you, Lord God, who made Good Friday good by turning history's darkest day into the greatest blessing possible: Easter Sunday."



Special Prayer Requests

New Zion Church Family

IN COLLEGE

Kirsten Campbell DeeAnn Mason

Ryan Campbell Derrick Mason

Cha'Mario Chopp Ilesha Mason

Ashlee Collins Stacie Collins

Brooke Cooks Eunice McCain

Danielle Cooks Branden Price

Dustin Cooks

Korey Davis

Michelle Edwards

Timothy Green

Brittney Hall

Sodium: A Good Thing...in Moderation

We may malign the salt shaker, but sodium plays an important role in maintaining the body's fluid balance. It's essential for muscles and nerves to function properly. But most of us consume too much of it. FDA guidelines call for less than 2,400 mg of sodium per day -- about 1 teaspoon of table salt. Surprisingly, most of our salt intake doesn't come from the salt shaker; it's hidden in many of the foods we buy at the grocery store.

Frozen Dinners: They're quick. They're easy. And they're loaded with sodium. A 5-oz. frozen turkey and gravy dinner packs 787 mg. of sodium. **Tip:** A "lighter" version may have less salt, but it's no guarantee. Read the labels to be sure. It's possible that "lighter" refers to fat only.

Ready-to-Eat Cereals: They seem safe enough, right? Look closer. **Tip:** Puffed rice and puffed wheat are sodium free. Mix half of your favorite cereal with half of a sodium-free choice. Or look for companies that make low-sodium cereals.

Vegetable Juices: Veggie drinks are a healthy way to get your 5-a-day, but they're not always a smart choice if you're watching your sodium. One cup of vegetable juice cocktail contains 653 mg of sodium. **Tip:** Many brands make a low-sodium version of vegetable juice.




Canned Vegetables: While a handy substitute for fresh, canned veggies are typically laden with preservatives or sauces and seasonings that add extra sodium. A cup of canned cream-style corn contains 730 mg of sodium. **Tips:** Rinse vegetables thoroughly, or buy canned ones labeled "no salt added."

Packaged Deli Meats: One look at the sodium content in packaged meats should stop you in your tracks. Beef or pork salami (2 slices) can pack 604 mg of sodium.

Tip: Be a label reader. There's no way around it -- different brands and different meats have differing amounts of sodium. And beware: a "healthier" packaged meat may actually have more sodium than its higher-fat counterpart. Some brands have meats with 50% less sodium.

Watch the Serving Size: Don't fool yourself by thinking that the sodium content listed on a nutritional label is for the entire package. Before you blow your entire day's worth of sodium, determine exactly what one serving equals. (WebMD®)

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  April Fool's Day	2	3 Deacons Meeting 9 AM City-Wide Revival Brazos Valley Youth Choir Rehearsal
4 Easter Sunrise Service  Resurrection SUNDAY	5 Hospitality Ministry 6 PM	6 Mission & Brotherhood Ministry & Praise Dance Ministry 6:30 PM	7 Youth Ministry 6 PM & Bible Study 7 PM	8	9	10 City-Wide Revival Brazos Valley Youth Choir Rehearsal
11 New Zion at Assemblage of Praise Church 4:00 PM	12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17
City- Wide Revival						
18 Men & Women Day 3 PM & Scholarship Application Deadline	19 Usher Ministry 6 PM	20 Scholarship Ministry 6 PM & Brotherhood Ministry 6:30 PM	21 Youth Ministry 6 PM & Bible Study 7 PM  Administrative Professionals Day	22	23	24 New Zion Youth Choir Rehearsal
25	25	27	28 Youth Ministry 6 PM & Bible Study 7 PM	29 Mass Choir Rehearsal	30	

NEWS & Notes

04/03—Sunrise Service will begin promptly at 6:30 AM.

04/03 & 4/10—City-wide Revival Brazos Valley Youth Choir Rehearsal will be held at New Testament Missionary Baptist Church at 1 PM. The choir will be performing during the revival during the week of April 11. If you have any questions please contact Monique Lopez at 979-268-2546.

04/08—04/ 10—New Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Music Workshop. For more information call 979-422-4813.

04/11—Pastor Smith & New Zion will be the quests at the Assemblage of Praise Church's Family and Friends Day at 4:00 PM. The church is located at 1406 Ursuline Ave in Bryan.

04/11—4/17—The City-wide Revival will take place at New Testament Baptist Church nightly at 6:30 PM. Noon-day Services will be held at New Zion on 04/12—04/16.

04/18—Scholarship Applications Due.

04/18—Men & Women Day will begin promptly at 3:00 PM at New Zion. Guests are Pastor Van Roberson and Shiloh Baptist Church, Bryan, TX.

04/21—GFDA Spring Board will convene at Macedonia Baptist Church in Millican, TX.

For up-to-date information regarding news, events & announcements, please visit our website at <http://www.newziononline.org>

A colorful CROSS



Create a beautiful decoration for your window this Easter. It will remind you that Jesus rose from the dead to save you from your sins.

What you need:

- 8½" x 11" sheet of paper
- Pencil
- Clear transparency sheet (or clear report cover)
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colored tissue paper
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Scotch tape

What you do:

1. Draw a large cross that takes up most of the paper.
2. Put the transparency over the paper and trace the cross onto it with a permanent marker.
3. Cut the colored tissue paper into 1" x 1" squares.
4. Using a paintbrush, spread glue onto the tissue paper squares and then place them on the cross. (Add a few drops of water to the white glue to make it more spreadable.)
5. After the glue is dry, cut out the cross. Then tape it in a window and enjoy the beautiful colors.

SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us – and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

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Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.

Bible Quiz

When John was exiled to the island of Patmos, he wrote the book of Revelation. In the first chapter, verse 10, John says he was in the spirit on the Lord's day (Sunday) and had a vision of someone he called the Son of Man (meaning Christ). Christ was dressed in a long robe with something draped across his chest. What was it?

- A. A golden sash
- B. A towel
- C. A ribbon with a cross sewn on it
- D. A palm leaf



Answer: A

(See Revelation 1:13.)

We believe in missions based upon Matthew 28:19-20. Every Christian, in every legitimate way, all the time, everywhere, according to his ability, ought to seek to spread the knowledge of Jesus and the way of Salvation.

No one can be a true believer who has not repented of sin, trusted Jesus, and Him alone, for life and salvation, and seeks to know and do the will of his divine Lord.

Christian Symbols

Paschal Candle



This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.

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We would be blessed to hear from you and to have your views and ideas become a part of the ***New Zion’s Trumpet.***

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter by writing an article, a poem, or to tell of upcoming events with your church ministry or family, please submit your news and articles to the newsletter staff by **April 18, 2010.**

If you prefer, you may email the staff at info@newziononline.org. News and articles received after this date are subject to be published at a later date.

Thank you for your cooperation.