

His Place focus



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"You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter." Psalm 74:17

His Place Yard Sale

The best things in life are free



Exodus 36 describes how the children of Israel brought so many contributions toward the building of the sanctuary that Moses cut off the offerings. In the same spirit, God's children of His Place have been conveying dishes, toys, clothes, and other items to the church for the "name your price" yard sale June 3.

Shoppers will contribute whatever they consider an item worth or whatever they can afford – even if they cannot afford anything. And "every dime raised is going to go to Freedom Life Ministries," asserts Pastor Paul.

Per the Freedom Life Ministries website at freedomlifeministries.org, the organization helps

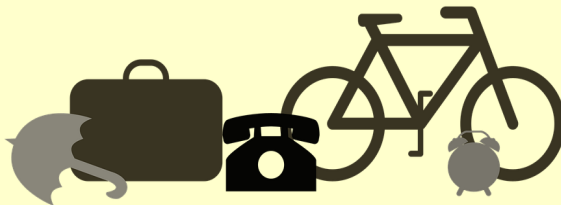
meet the physical and spiritual needs "of current and former offenders."

Paul said that Praise Team members will begin setting up tables in the church building after Wednesday's practice. "I would like the

people to come inside" and shop to the strains of worship music by the

Praise Team. Paul also plans to offer prayer to those who request it.

Consequently, "we're going to need some helpers." And volunteers don't have to worry about tiring themselves out. They can replenish themselves at the church's seventh anniversary potluck after church on the day after the yard sale.



CHURCH EVENTS

- Come and break bread with us at our seventh anniversary worship service and pot luck Sunday, June 4. Prepare to be filled physically and spiritually.
- Shop at our "name your price" yard sale at the church, Saturday, June 4, from 8 am until.... All contributions will go to Freedom Ministries in Marion.
- Free car wash from 9-3 June 17 at Auto Zone, 599 North Main Street in Marion. Any contributions will go to McDowell County's Project Challenge.
- The Holy Spirit is scheduled to appear each Sunday during our 10:30 am worship services. We also study the Bible together each Sunday at 9:30 am, and have classes for children and adults.
- Join us the last Saturday of each month for "Saturday Night Alive," from 6:30-9:30 pm.



CELEBRATING

The Hickory Aglow's "Celebrate His Goodness" fundraiser on May 11 raised over \$2,000 towards the organization's ministries. His Place members were on hand to help our own Pat James, Hickory Lighthouse president, carry out the evening of worship, music, food, and sharing. The praise team from His Place performed worship music for the event. Tommy James and Tony McKinney helped dish out the barbeque, slaw, and mashed potatoes. Pastor Paul Boyd auctioned off Carolina Panthers tickets for the cause, and Jim Jackson delivered the closing prayer. About 12 persons from Him Place were among the 86 who attended.

GOD'S GOODNESS



Free and transformed – one with my savior

By Mira McLaughlin

What it means to be free

Fly like an eagle soar in the wind
Take refuge in the most high and be free
No care, no feelings of fear
Completely free

Finding rest in the shelter of the most high
Being taken care of
He knows best, His rest carries me.
No care no stress, only light as a feather flying in His wings.

The storm that used to be a part of my inner being is no longer a part of me.
Self control and peace have become my new nature.
Being able to keep my emotions under control becomes more and more a part of me.

No longer slave, no longer prisoner to myself and the system but able to rule - for God has made us rulers. Rulers over every emotion, feeling, self-pity, sadness, anger, you name it. Trade those in for feelings of completion, joy, and freedom. For every fruit of the Holy Spirit.
For where the spirit of the Lord is there is freedom.
free and loved, taken care of.
No longer in chains but each day breaking more free.
Each step I take becomes more liberty.

Free of anger, free of fear
The Lover of my soul embraces me.
His presence and His love surround my inmost being.
I can feel Him, He is so near and a part of me.

He is my strength, he is my shield
His step is my step
His breath is mine.
He is my lover and we are One!

Each time I surrender more to him and give him myself, He draws closer and holds me so tied.

It is true, you can walk on clouds.
It is true, you can soar with wings in the wind.
It is true you are suppose to live in perfect peace and harmony while on earth and be the ruler of your soul and mind by submitting them completely to God.
Saying no to things that don't please God, but walking in His care.

He will carry you,
He will guide you,
You will soar like an eagle and be above all the pain and suffering. All the tiring moments of life seem so little all of the sudden and the ugliness of the world has no hold of you anymore.

Total surrender,
He will increase and you will decrease.
Others become important and you forget yourself more and more by seeing others needs.
Love grows and your eyes will be enlightened with truth and the love of God.

Let the light in, shine like a star in the sky. You were created to be light and free.
You were created to feel joy and no sadness. You are not meant to walk around without the complete union with the Holy God of Israel, Jesus the son and the Holy Spirit.

During worship May 28, Mira shared the blessings God had given during her recent trip to Germany to visit her family. God gave her a spirit of peace during a "non-stop" schedule, and in interactions with her family. An "angel" in human form even guided her through customs without any wait in lines. And on the flight to Germany, Mira shared, "I felt like I was in the clouds, and the problems below me just couldn't touch me." This poem blossomed from Mira's experiences on the flight.



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Darkness has no hold of you any more.

Let the light in than let it out by shining brighter than the sun.

For Jesus said He is the light of the world, which means that when he lives in us, the light is in us and when light comes darkness has to flee.

You will be ruling and not your desires.

Give Jesus yourself and make Him ruler of your heart soul and mind.

You will be surprised how He becomes one with you and takes care of you by carrying you through!

Nothing can touch you, just let yourself fall into His care! It is like climbing a huge mountain. At the bottom of the mountain things can still touch you that are on the ground. Problems seem big, you look up and see this huge mountain that is in front of you. It limits your vision for you can not see what is beyond the mountain. Your vision is blocked and you only see what is in front of you. That is problems, limitations, negativity, seeing the world in darkness. You are hindered from seeing beauty and beyond the things you know.

Once you start climbing you have to deal with all your weakness and you get out of breath. Things start to bother you because it is so hard to climb. You are brought out of your comfort zone. Dying to self, practicing self control.

It's hard to not quit climbing but you want to reach the top.

Then you realize,

You can not do it on your own.

You need the strength of the masters hand.

You want to overcome and climb the mountain and see beyond.

Now you let go while climbing,

You release all the stress and things that keep you from liberty.

You let go and God takes control.

You make Him the center of your being and become one with Him in Spirit and in mind. He will start to release His beautiful presence into you and around you.

Now all of the sudden your feet feel free and light.

You start feeling like a feather in the wind because all of the sudden all those heavy burdens become lighter and lighter.

Once you've reached the top, all burdens are gone and you feel free.

You see beauty around you, you can see unlimited. You see the north, east, south and west and nothing is in your way. Now your mind is open and you are able to receive. All the junk that kept you from seeing and believing has been lifted off your mind.

Being on top of a mountain is liberating. It is breath taking beautiful.

That is what it means when the Bible says "come up higher, come let's go up to the mountain, heaven is above. Set your mind on things above and not on earthly things. Meditate on heavenly things.

You become what you meditate on. If you meditate on negativity and problems, you become captive to those things and they will rule you. If you meditate on God and all His beauty and goodness, the light comes and you become free and beautiful. You will start to find your satisfaction in Him and nothing else matters. Only He satisfies.

Once you rule your mind because you made Jesus the master over it, you actually live above the worlds burdens. You live above and nothing can touch you.

His presence is tangible and strong once we are up on the mountain.

I am a witness to it, I am walking in His presence each day and experience these things that I write of, more and more.

He has become my care taker and lives in me and brought peace into the storm.

He is the light in me that shines and drives the dark out! He turns my mourning into dancing and makes me fly in His wind.

By His grace I am strong and can find rest.

Light and beauty instead of ugliness and darkness. Hope and a Future instead of hopelessness and depression.

Give him the glory and honor for He is worth it all.

Children's Ministry

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. Psalm 127:3-5

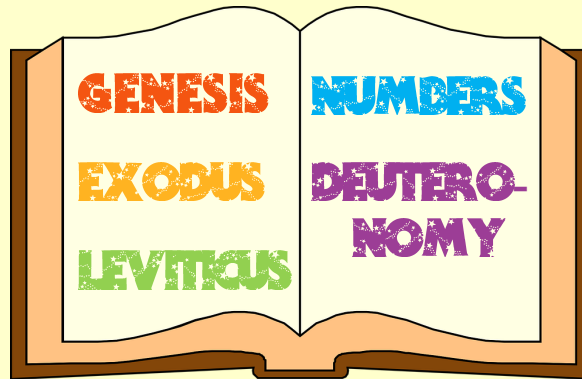
STUDINGS AND TEACHERS WALK THROUGH THE WORD TOGETHER



"I am so proud of these young people who know the word. They're teaching me," Marian Boyd shared with the church May 28. Marian and Pat

Epley are taking turns leading the children through the Bible each Sunday morning.

In May, the kids learned that the first five books of the Bible are called the Torah, or "teaching." They competed for stickers by answering questions about the Bible. These questions included the number of books in the Old and New Testaments, the names of the first and last



books of the Bible, and the author of the Torah.

The children reviewed God's creation of our perfect world in six days, and His day of rest on the seventh day. They also learned about the "very sad day" when Adam and Eve made a choice that brought sickness and sorrow to



our world. We, too, bring sorrow into our lives by our bad choices.

But the children were also assured of God's promise to send someone to earth to crush Satan's power over people. This promise was fulfilled in our Lord Jesus the Christ.



On Mother's Day Sunday, May 14, the kids learned what the Bible says about honoring your mother. They learned that while mothers and fathers are imperfect sinners like us all, parents are gifts from God to kids and deserve to be loved.

In this spirit, the children wielded markers, card stock, and glue to create Mother's Day cards for their mothers.

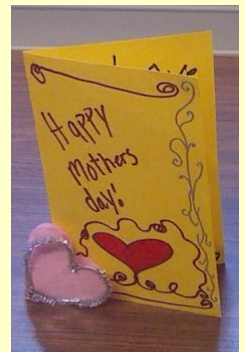
My son, hear the instruction of your father,

And do not forsake the law of your mother;

For they will be a graceful ornament on your head,

And chains about your neck. –

Proverbs 1:8-9



From The Pastor's Desk

Thoughts from Pastors Paul and Marion

We thank God for caring for two of our church family's children in their sicknesses. Sadie Peck was in the emergency room May 12 with severe headaches. Praise God that the MRI hospital personnel gave her was clear. Also, while in Germany with her mother Mira, Linah McLaughlin was hospitalized with an allergic reaction to hazelnuts. Thank God for her healing!

We need servants for our "name your price" yard sale June 3 and our free car wash June 17. Proceeds from the yard sale will go to Freedom Ministries to help former prisoners make the transition into society. The ministry also helps

those who are currently incarcerated.

Any donations made during the car wash will go to Project Challenge, to help McDowell's young persons. Youths from Project Challenge will work side-by-side with us as we scrub cars. Let's take pains to be mentors to these youths.

Finally, thanks to God for the safe return of those who have been traveling: Mira and Linah from Germany, Susan and Heather from Emerald Isle Beach in North Carolina, Dave from Florida, Deana from Wyoming, and Mariah from the North Carolina coast. Pat



and Tommy James are in Florida, and Scott Randolph is driving to California to bring his son back and attend his daughter's graduation. Ann is in Chicago, but will be back on Sunday.

Pastors Paul & Marian

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Happy anniversary
Jim and Mary Jo Jackson



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BIRTHDAYS

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*From birth I have
relied on you; you
brought me forth from
my mother's womb. I
will ever praise you.*

Psalm 71:6