

Those Who Serve

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Opening Prayer	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Joe Burnsed
Communion	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Joe Holloway	Mike Powell
Assist	Joe Burnsed	Charles Hall
Dismiss Services	Kwesi Garvin	Charles Hall

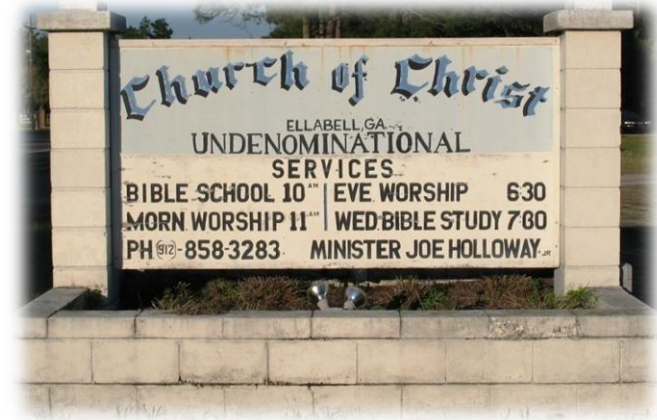


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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent
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Dear family in Christ,

By the time you receive this newsletter I will be in Germany for the Bible camp. Like last year I will be in charge of the kitchen and also will be teaching Bible class on the "Fruits of the Spirit." We should have over 40 kids, coming from Paris, Strasbourg and from Belgium. It will take around 6 hours to get to camp; we will stop on our way in Frankfort for one night because we won't be able to get into the camp until the other campers have left the camp.

Well the last couple months have been busy, preparing for the Bible camp, the Bible bowl, preparing lessons and teaching material. What was supposed to happen, arrived, the departure of

Paul and Eddie Tews. Rose and I will miss them a lot, but also the whole congregation; they were really wonderful good workers for the Lord's Church in Paris!

Sister Enyo has lost 8 members of her family in 3 months time. The last one who died in her family was her 42 year old brother who was bit by a big snake while working in the field, since he did not have money to go to the hospital he died shortly after he was bit! He leaves behind him a wife and two children. Since she was not working and having not seen her family for more than 5 years we helped her and also the church to get a ticket so she could go and visit her family.

In April I took Sister Cirline Pierre's daughter 13 years old and mentally handicapped and her father and brother Giovaly to Belgium to visit an institution specialized in handicap children. The place is very nice and well equipped, and thank goodness she will be able to enter the institution in September. It will be a big relief for the family.

May 13th I immersed into Christ Colette Chao for the remission of her sins. She had been coming to services for several years and even after studying on a weekly bases, she would often say "I will never be baptized a second time, my baptism by immersion in the Coptic Church back in Lebanon is sufficient". But thank God with prayers and many studies she finally decided to obey God. That makes our third baptism so far this year.

Our home Bible studies are going good as every week we study with Franck and Liva, with Giovaly, with Colette Chao and now we started to go to Ilhan and Marguerita's place for study.

For the 3 months we started to prepare food for after the Wednesday evening Bible Class, as this way when people come after work to Bible study they won't be going home hungry. At first I was the only one preparing food, but now everyone takes turns preparing something. We are continuing to study the book of Job.

About 12 people from our assembly went to the annual retreat for the churches which are held in central part of France, an 8 hour drive from Paris.

I finished the book of "Acts" for the Sunday morning adult Bible Class, and after that book, I did a study on "Parents responsibility to their children and parents teenagers problems" and once I finish that class, Brother Stephen will take over my class and do a study of Genesis.

Pamela Mac Adams will be coming to visit us in June and will be going with me to Bible camp to work. We are always happy to see her coming and visit us. She is really a good worker, always willing to help; I wish we had more workers like her.

With inflation and cost of food and everything else going up and up, people are taking less and less vacation, or are taking shorter vacations. And I don't think it will get better.

We are grateful unto God for all of you who make it possible for us to continue to teach people the saving message of the Gospel. May God continue to richly bless you spiritually and physically and we hope that you have a great summer.

Roland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines

Ladies' Meeting-tomorrow night at 7:00 pm

Calendar for July– on back pew

SOCIAL – This Wednesday, the 13th

Social – in two weeks, the 24th

Boundaries

Some years ago, I spray-painted a white stripe across the lower end of my driveway. I was prompted to such action out of concern for my two daughters – Bethany and Katie. I did not want the girls to ride their bicycles too close to the street (where traffic often rushed by), and be injured; thus the boundary.

At first, the girls were a bit confused as to its purpose. I assured them that the stripe was there because of my love for them, in addition to my concern for their physical welfare. In the intervening years, they never crossed over the stripe.

It is interesting to note that when we go to the Bible today, we often find God's "white stripes" (i.e., commandments). The purpose of these commandments is not because God wants to rob us of our liberty, pleasure and our enjoyment, or that He – for some selfish reason – wants to restrict our behavior. Rather, they are in the Bible because God loves and cares for us. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 3:5).

Are you staying within God's "white stripes"? Are you living inside His divine boundaries? He put them there for our benefit!

**Mike Benson
From**

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