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# “Jesus on The Main Line”

## *June 2015*

### *Spirit and Truth*

*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24 NIV)*

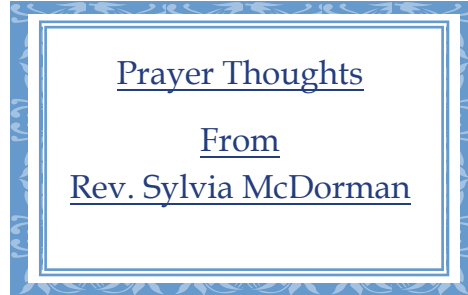
“Worship does God’s Story.” We finished a series on authentic worship and just celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Now what? We see Christ; tell us that the true followers will worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth. To do this there are a few things we need to do in preparation for a spirit filled worship.

1). Know the Word – As Christians we believe that the bible is our Rule of Faith. But interestingly, about 76% of church members do not know what the bible says, does not understand it, and/or has not read through it. This is troubling, because how can a believer grow, disciple, and reach out if they do not know the Word. We should always have the passion and the desire to go deeper into the Word. Luckily, with our partnership with RightNow Media, it is convenient to dive deeper.

2). Obey the Spirit – When the Spirit comes, unpredictable things happen. However, the spirit will not pour itself out if we are not prepared for it. When one is prompted by the spirit, how do we know it is actually from the spirit? We should ask these questions: Has this happened in the Scriptures? What has God, Jesus, and/or Apostles say about this particular prompting you are having? Is it Good? Is there any chance it can be bad? However the only way to know the way of the Spirit, is to know the Word.

3). Discipleship – Jesus told us to “Go and make disciples.” However, discipleship is almost no existence in churches today. Why? An older woman at a church in Michigan was telling me how when she started to attend a particular church, she was told that she needed to take a discipleship class. She was greatly offended because she grew up in church most of her life. She thought that she did not need discipleship because she was a “season veteran” in the Christian circles. However she took the classes and realized that she need to be in this class, because she learned more about what it means to be a follower of Christ, most about the Word of God, and how she can Go and make disciples. So I ask this question? Have you been disciplined? To answer this question you need to ask some others, “How often are you in the Word? Do you talk about Jesus to unbelievers? Have you experience spiritual growth? IF you are convicted by these three questions then you need to go through some discipleship.

These three things we need to strive for and keep close to our heart. As proverbs 3:1 says, “My son (and daughter), do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. (Pro 3:1-2 NIV) Let us be prosperous in spirit and in worship.



Ever stopped and thought about the faces of grace? "What's its appearance, what does it look like? Grace is sometimes defined as **"God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. Grace was the outcome for us from a horrific passage of Jesus to the cross. We know that sweet, amazing grace that pours over us as we are pardoned for our sins. We know that amazing grace when we receive or give forgiveness involving another person.

What about other pictures of grace? What about the times our situation does not look "graceful", or the outcome of our prayer is not what we hoped for or desired? What does grace look like then?

Grace may come as determination to persevere, grace may come as a faith exercise that builds strength, grace may come with a spirit of boldness that gives courage or, grace may swim through a sea of tears as God throws you a life preserver and you reach and hold tightly to it.

Grace has many faces, many expressions. We can see Jesus receiving grace from His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane after Jesus prayed three times. Jesus submitted himself to the will of God but through prayer he received the strength and courage for what was ahead (Matthew 26:36-42). Paul prayed three times for God to take away the thorn in his flesh but Paul was reminded in 2 Corinthians 12:9: *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"*.

Our Lord designs many faces of grace. He makes them uniquely and perfectly for each of us. Sometimes the face of grace may look unrecognizable; that's when we should draw closer to him for clarity. He will supply that amazing grace which is abundant and sufficient!!



*A Note from the Elder Board*

Meeting

June 9, 2015

6:00 PM

The Elder Board,  
Jamie Hendricks, Chair  
Debbie Brown, Secretary  
Terry Morris  
Wanda Saufley  
Nathan Simmons  
Bernie Wolcott



...Her Special  
Missions  
Rev. Debbie Brown



## Operation Christmas Child

Last year we surprise **81** children somewhere in the world with a special shoebox filled with toys, school supplies, candy, tooth brushes , toothpaste, soap and wash clothes.

Now **81** is good but I think we can do a lot better. Our goal is **100**. Make it a priority this year to give a gift of love to a poor child somewhere in the world. We have so much, they have so little. Make Christmas special !!!!

Create your own shoe boxes and bring a little extra that we can create a few more. A box will be in the narthex to collect the extra things you bring!

### *Monthly Target Items*

*July - Candy (no chocolate) lollipops, gum, smarties, sweet tarts, etc*

*Sept. - school supplies pencils, crayons, coloring books, paper etc.*

*(They are on sale late August into Sept !!!!)*

*Oct. - Tooth brushes , tooth paste*

*Nov. - It's party time ! Come pack an extra shoe box !!!!!*

*Questions? See Debbie Brown*



*HAVE A HEART*

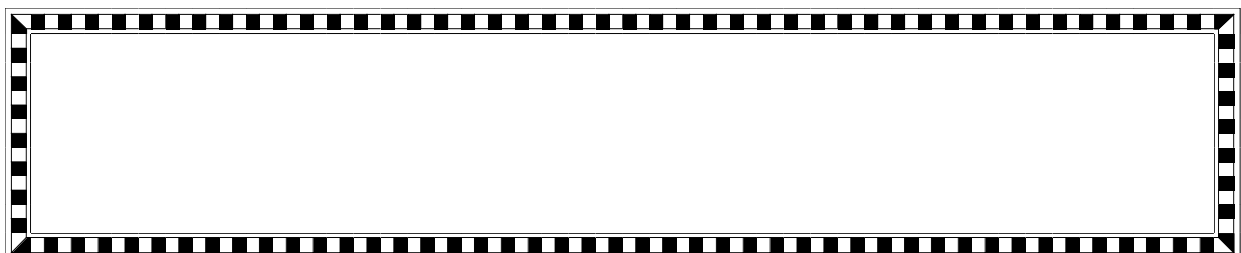
*There are still many struggling to put food on the table for their families. The Food Bank has a great need for all items.*

*So, let's have a heart and fill the Food Barrel in the narthex.*

*Don't forget to have a heart !*



Thanks for all of your support.



## **Special CWC Meeting and Fellowship, Tuesday, June 2, 7pm!!**

Thelma Sheets has been a faithful member of the ladies group for many, many years. As she is unable to come to meetings, we are going to have our June meeting with her at the Legacy at North Augusta. (1410 N. Augusta Street, Staunton). For all ladies who would like to attend, please meet in the front foyer of the Legacy promptly by 6:55 on Tuesday, June 2. We will then gather in the activity room across from Thelma's residence promptly at 7:00 and will leave about 8:00. There will be a time for a short devotion, prayer and then fellowship with Thelma.



## Dates to Remember: For JUNE 2015

June 4, 2015                      6:00 pm  
Thursday on the Hill

June 6, 2015                      10:00 am—12:00pm

Virginia men’s ministry will be continuing their “How to be a Godly Man” Series at the Staunton first church of God. The speaker will be Pastor Scott Stedman and he will be speaking on “How to be a Godly Man in the Home.” After the session, there will be a time of fellowship over a meal in the Family Life Center.

June 12, 2015                      6:30 pm  
Family Movie Night

June 13, 2015  
Family Prayer Breakfast  
8:00 am



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June 18, 2015                      6:00 pm  
Thursday on the Hill

June 21, 2015  
Father’s Day



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**Our Vision**

*Is to impact our community with the Love of God  
and to provide a Spirit-filled harbor for the lost and the hurting.*

**WEEKLY SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School 9:45AM

For All Ages

Worship Service

10:45 AM

Everyone Welcome

**WEDNESDAY**

7 PM

Adult Bible Study

Have you remembered to "cross" someone?  
Remember the cross cards are available in the narthex.  
Take a few cards with you, do little acts of kindness and  
give them a cross card.  
Be a blessing to others and share the love of Christ!!



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contact: Judy Huffer: [jhuffer@staunton.k12.va.us](mailto:jhuffer@staunton.k12.va.us) or 540-290-1374  
All Articles must be turned by the 20th of each month. Thank you.



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## Happy Birthday & Anniversary

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Birthday – Gary Ken- nedy	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Anniversary Ray & Clara Wright	<b>5</b> Birthday – Keith Brown	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Birthday – Sylvia McDorman	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Birthday – Jessica Kline	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Birthday – Joan Knicely	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Birthday – Carter	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Anniversary Gary & Susan Ken- nedy	<b>19</b> Birthday – Jacob Miles Leonardo Cancino	<b>20</b> Birthday – David Can- cino Thelma Brown
<b>21</b> <b>Fathers Day</b> Anniversary Dennis & Rhonda Car- well	<b>22</b> Birthday – Harold Car- well	<b>23</b> Anniversary Tony & Phyllis Si- monetti	<b>24</b> Birthday – Lanny Sut- ton Anniversary Jim & Phyllis Brown	<b>25</b> Birthday – Linda Bol- ton	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Birthday – Phyllis Brown
<b>28</b> Birthday – Inez Hen- derson Thelma Sheets Anniversary Jerry & Deb- bie Hendricks	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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