

Kids say the Cutest Things

A five-year-old said grace at family dinner one night. "Dear God, thank you for these pancakes." When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were having chicken. He smiled and said, "I thought I'd see if God was paying attention tonight."

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence, and after church, asked: "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?" Gary answered soberly: "I asked God to teach me to whistle ... And He just did!"

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



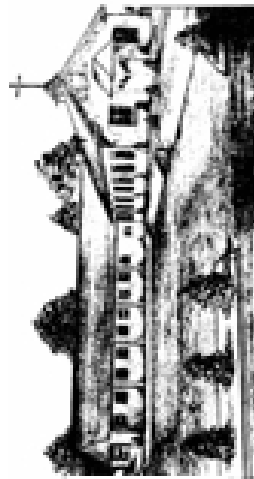
Joshua at preschool, years before the Walls of Jericho fell.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Psalm 143:10

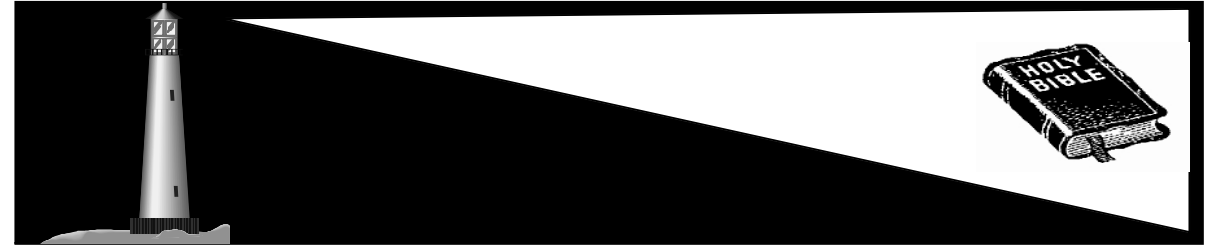
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To all of you who give of your time to work here at our church. We thank you! Through you God touches many lives.

Thank You, Sunday School Teacher

Thank you Sunday school teacher
For opening my eyes
To the Bible and to Jesus,
Life's most precious prize.
Thank you special teacher
For opening my mind
To God and the Holy Spirit,
And for answers you help me find.
Thank you Sunday school teacher
For opening my heart
To eternal life through salvation,
The precious lessons you impart.
Thank you, cherished teacher,
For giving me advice
So that I can know the Lord
And be with Him in paradise.

By Joanna Fuchs

Coming Events

Teen Activity: On Friday February 1, 2008 the teenagers will be going to Calvary Baptist Church in Allison Park, PA., followed by a Snow Tubing activity. The Cost is \$10.00 per snow tuber. You will be leaving the church at 5:00pm and will not return until about 1:30am. Meal is included. Be sure not to miss the Fun!!

Bake Sale: February 1st is the first bake sale of the Year. Please show your support by either donating baked items to sell or buying the baked goods.

Valentine's Banquet: The annual Valentine Banquet and Auction will be Saturday, February 16th at 5:00pm. Due to the lack of space, it will be a night just for the Adults.

Church Directory Pictures: March 3rd & 4th our church will be taking pictures for a new picture directory. To set up a appointment see Mrs. Tina Ferguson. Please allow approximately an hour for your picture taking process. You will also receive a free 8 X 10 picture of your family and a church directory.



And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

Our Spring Campaign

February 10th our Church will begin a Spring Campaign. The purpose for this is to have Special Sunday's for us to our invite friends and family. We will be giving things away and awarding those who have been faithful. We need everyone to please be in Prayer about what the Lord has planned for our church during these Five weeks.

Missionary Sunday: February 10th
We are looking forward to having Bro. Robbie Morrison with us. He has been the Main Speaker at Teen Camp for the past 3 years. The Church will also be collecting there missionary banks.

Whole Heart for Christ Day: February 17th Show the importance of the love Christ has shown you by being in Sunday School.

100% Week: Sunday, February 24th and Wednesday February 27th, we are encouraging all of our members to be at every church service.

Friend Day: March 2nd is the day to invite a friend to Church. Bring someone who may have never been here before or maybe someone who has not been here in a long time.

BIG DAY: March 9th This will be the BIGGEST day of the campaign. Everything we do this day will be BIG! We will have special music and a gift for the person with the BIGGEST group of visitors. What a BIG DAY this will be!



C.I. Scofield

1843 – 1921

Wrote a Correspondence Bible Course which became his widely used Scofield Notes Bible
Message: The Two Resurrections



The Word of truth teaches in the clearest and most positive terms that all of the dead will be raised. No doctrine of the faith rests upon a more literal and emphatic body of Scripture authority than this, nor is any more vital to Christianity. "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Cor. 15:13-14.)

But it is important to observe that the Scriptures do not teach that all the dead are raised at one time. A partial resurrection of saints has already occurred. (Matt. 27:52-53).

Two resurrections, differing in respect of time and of those who are the subjects of the resurrection, are yet future. These are variously distinguished as "the resurrection of life," and "the resurrection of damnation," "the resurrection of the just and the unjust," etc. The following Scriptures refer to this important subject.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29.) If it be objected that the word "hour" would indicate a simultaneous resurrection of these two classes, it is answered that the "hour" of verse 25 has already lasted eighteen hundred years. (See also "day," in 2 Pet. 3:8; 2 Cor. 6:2; John 8:56).

"But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:13-14). In this passage our Lord speaks of the first resurrection only. In I Corinthians 15 the distinction still further appears: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15:22-23).

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (I Thess. 4:13-16).

If the apostle had in mind a resurrection of all the dead, how could he speak of attaining it "by any means," since he could not possibly escape it? In Revelation 20:4-6 the two resurrections are again mentioned together, with the important addition of the time which intervenes between the resurrection of the saved and of the unsaved. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the Beast neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Verses 12 and 13 describe the second resurrection—that "unto damnation."

The testimony of Scripture, then, is clear that believers' bodies are raised from among the bodies of unbelievers and caught up to meet the Lord in the air a thousand years before the resurrection of the latter. It should be firmly held that the doctrine of the resurrection concerns only the bodies of the dead. Their disembodied spirits are instantly in conscious bliss or woe (Phil. 1:23 2 Con 5:8; Luke 16:22-23).