



The Lamplighter

...doing the work He is doing in the world...

December 2016

Up-Reach
In-Reach
Outreach,
Bathed in
Prayer

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Second Adam

Come, Desire of nations come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the Woman's conquering Seed,
Bruise in us the Serpent's head.
Adam's likeness now efface:
Stamp Thine image in its place;
Second Adam, from above,
Reinstate us in thy love.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
Glory to the Newborn King.

Charles Wesley's *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* is a great Christmas hymn chock full of good theology. Our church hymnal only includes three verses. The original hymn contained five including many variations through the years. This "second Adam" reference in verse four has always intrigued me. It most likely has its source in 1 Corinthians 15:45 where Christ is referred to as the "last Adam." Let's compare Adam & Christ- (see next page)

This side-by-side comparison really illustrates the work of the God-man, Jesus Christ. If human history has proven anything, it is that man is a mess- incapable of reforming himself and/or reaching perfection. God knew all this and acted-

KJV John 1:14 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

"Word" can be defined at its most basic form as an *expression*. Jesus is the very *expression* of God to man. The writer of Hebrews says as much-

Hebrews 1:3 *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the **express image** of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power...*

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<u>ADAM</u> The first man Adam (1 Cor.15:45)	<u>JESUS CHRIST</u> The last Adam (1 Cor.15:45)
"Was made a living soul" (1 Cor.15:45) (Adam was given life-Gen. 2:7).	"Was made a quickening spirit" (1 Cor.15:45) (Christ gives life-John 5:21,25; 6:33 etc.).
"Natural" (1 Cor.15:46)	"Spiritual" (1 Cor.15:46)
ORIGIN--"of the earth" (1 Cor.15:47)	ORIGIN--"from heaven" (1 Cor.15:47)
Men reflect Adam (Cor.15:49 and see Gen. 5:3).	Saved men can and shall reflect Christ (1 Cor.15:49 and see Col. 3:10; Eph.4:24; Rom.8:29; 2 Cor.3:18; 1 John 3:2; etc.).
"Dead in Adam" (1 Cor.15:22)	"Alive in Christ" (1 Cor.15:22)
Adam is the Head of the Old Creation.	Jesus Christ is the Head of the New Creation (2 Cor.5:17; Eph.2:10).
Adam was a representative man (Romans 5), and he acted on behalf of the whole human race.	Christ was a representative man (Romans 5), and He acted on behalf of the whole human race.
Adam performed one act which had tremendous consequences.	Christ performed one act which had even greater consequences.
Adam's act was a sinful act (Rom.5:12, 15,16,17,18).	Christ's act was a righteous act (Rom.5:18--"the righteous act"--see NASB).
Adam's act was an act of disobedience, in eating the forbidden fruit (Rom.5:19; see Genesis 2:17; 3:6).	Christ's act was an act of obedience, in dying on the cross (Romans 5:19 and see Phil.2:8).
Here is what Adam's one act produced: DEATH (Rom.5:12,14,15) JUDGMENT (Rom.5:16,18) CONDEMNATION (Rom.5:16,18)	Here is what Christ's one act produced: LIFE (Rom.5:17,18,21) THE FREE GIFT (Rom.5:15,16,17,18) GRACE (Rom.5:15,17,20,21) JUSTIFICATION (Rom.5:16,18,19) RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom.5:17,19,21) REIGNING (Rom.5:17; compare verse.21)

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At Christmas we celebrate the Incarnation of God, literally the *en-fleshment* of God. What an idea! That the Creator would become one of us! And believe me, He was not pretending to be one of us... not a Superman posing as Clark Kent. He *really* got hungry and tired. He *knew* the pain of rejection and suffering and torture. Yes, there were miracles but they never are self-serving - always for others.

As J.B. Phillips says, this “scaling down” of God was so that we could actually see and know and understand God in a way we could relate. Jesus said to Philip-

... "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

NKJ John 14:9

Jesus *is* God *focused* for mankind to see. Not just the cute, cuddly Jesus in the manger, but the man's man Jesus who cared about and spoke truth to everyone- men, women, children, rich, poor, powerful and weak. He followed the will of the Father without hesitation all the way to His death. He was a man on a mission to redeem mankind. He used not man's methods nor did he utilize a press secretary or worry about His public image. You want to know about God? Look to Jesus. The Second Adam came to undo (Redemption) what the first Adam started (Fall). Jesus' death on the Cross satisfies the justice of God concerning sin on behalf of Adam and all of his descendants. Salvation awaits those who say “yes” to Him. I hope your celebration of Christmas includes the wonder of the Loving, Eternal God of the Universe coming and dwelling with us - Emmanuel.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Bill



Christmas Miracles

By Robert Smyer

Robert was pronounced dead at 17-months-old after falling from a three-story window. On the way to the morgue, his grandmother insisted that he was alive. She saw his toes moving. Though baby Robert miraculously survived, on Christmas Day, 1948, doctors told his parents to take him home to die. But Robert did not die. He's still alive today, and testifies of God's answered prayers in his life.

A Christmas Miracle - And Many More Answered Prayers

On the eighth day of December 1948, I was just a baby boy of 17 months. I fell from a three-story window, and landed on the sidewalk. I was then carried to the hospital where I was pronounced dead.

My grandmother had arrived by the time they were carrying me to the morgue. She told the orderly to unwrap me because I wasn't dead. She said she saw a light shining over my head and saw my toes moving. Indeed I was alive and they rushed me back upstairs.

He Will Not Live to See Christmas

I was very sick and needed brain surgery, but they couldn't do anything to treat me yet because of my fever.

On the thirteenth day of December, 1948, they performed the surgery on my head. The doctors, Dr. Duffy Sr., Dr. Duffy Jr., and Dr. Willis did the surgery. They all told my parents, "He will not live to see Christmas."

On December 25, Dr. Willis came out of the delivery room crying. He told my dad that he just delivered a perfectly healthy little boy that died in his arms for no reason. He also told Daddy to take me on home, for I would not live long and I deserved to go home.

Prayers Were Answered

The newspaper picked up the story and all of New Bern began to pray for me. My parents and grandparents prayed for me too, and the prayers were answered. I survived. The doctors still did not believe that I would live to be a teenager, but I outlived the

doctors. There is only one nurse who had nursed me back to health still alive today. Every time she sees me she breaks down and cries.

At age 18 I wanted to go in the Army. My doctor told me, "There's no way you'll be able to." He explained that any chance blow to my head could cripple or kill me. I prayed that the doctor would release me and the Army would take me. This happened. I served my country for three years including one year in Vietnam. People all over prayed for me and I was protected.

I prayed for a wonderful girl to be my wife and my prayers were answered again. I thank God for her every day. For a year we tried to have a baby, but couldn't. I felt like a failure. We continued to pray and after our seventh anniversary we had a son. My son and my wife almost died the night he was born. People prayed. Sidney survived with no complications.

The doctor told me that it would be impossible for us to have any more children safely. We prayed. Two years and one week later, Rachel was born. Our prayers were answered. Still today I thank God for two wonderful children.

A Second Chance

At age 52 I had a heart attack. A doctor performed open-heart surgery on me to bypass four arteries. While under anesthesia, I saw a light at the end of the hallway. I got up and walked to it. There was a door there and I opened it and walked in. It was an operating room. In there I could see my daddy and my mother. (They are both dead now.) They were standing around the table and there was a bright light. There were angels around the room too. I looked on the table and there was a little baby on it.

The baby was me. I looked up at my daddy. He looked right at me and said, "It's not your turn, then or now. So, go back."

Still Here Now

I am still here now loving God. I believe in the power of prayer. I've seen it work. I believe in miracles. I thank God in heaven for his help, guidance, and for giving us power through prayer.



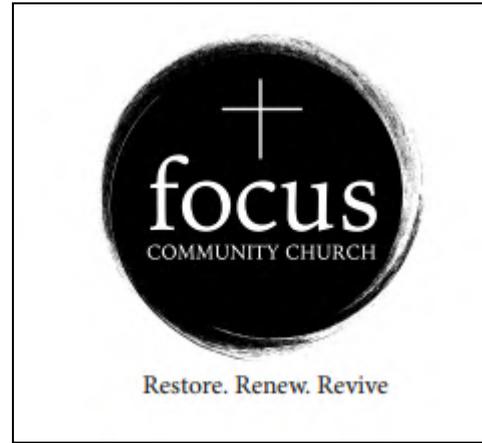
Ashbrook Nursing Home

Every month I tell my husband I would like to go over to Ashbrook, but never do. The Grace Notes kids were singing this past Sunday. I wasn't sure if it was safe or if I was able to get over there. But I decided that it was something I needed to do. If there was a patient that was sick they wouldn't be in the common room.

When we got there, I saw a few patients and they were happy. Then the kids sang. Faces lit up. You saw everyone singing. You could feel the joy and happiness in the room. When the kids were done, we sang a few more songs, listened to Pastor give a brief sermon and prayed. I had tears in my eyes because I was walking away blessed and I knew that this is where I needed to be.

If you haven't been able to get to Ashbrook, please set aside an hour, 2:15pm. I guarantee you that you will be blessed.

Be on the look out in the bulletin of when our next date will be!



Join us every Sunday at 12:45
600 Cleveland Ave. - Plainfield
Pastor Ryan Moore

Community Prayer Walk

Saturday December 24th 10:30am- 1:30pm

PRAYER WALKING is simply praying in the very places we expect God to bring His answers. It is asking God to give “Insight On site!” So please prayerfully consider joining us.

Children’s Boutique – Outreach

Saturday December 17th 10am – 5pm

19 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield NJ – **Fresh Start Children’s Boutique**

Volunteers Needed for:

- Crafts & Kids Games
- Setup & Cleanup Crew
- Singers for Christmas caroling
- Volunteer Store Assistants

Hospitality Calendar of Events

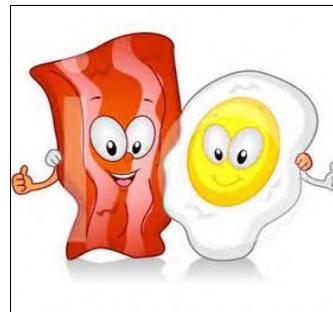
- 12/18 Christmas Breakfast
- 1/11 Wednesday night supper
- 2/8 Wednesday night supper
- 3/8 Wednesday night supper
- 4/12 Wednesday night supper
- 5/10 Wednesday night supper
- 6/14 Wednesday night supper



*Join us for our Annual Christmas Breakfast!
December 18th*

Starts at 9:30-10:30 in place of Sunday School

No need to sign up!





Thank you to everyone that was able to participate in this years Operation Shoebox. We were able to donate over 50 shoeboxes across the globe.

Stay tuned to where your shoe box was received.

Thanks Matie for organizing.

Calling all prayers!!!

Don't forget that the GA's (Girls in Action) would like to pray for you.

A prayer jar has been placed on the vestibule table. Grab a piece of paper and place it in the jar.

You do not have to put your name if you don't want. But we would like to bless you and pray for you, your family and friends!

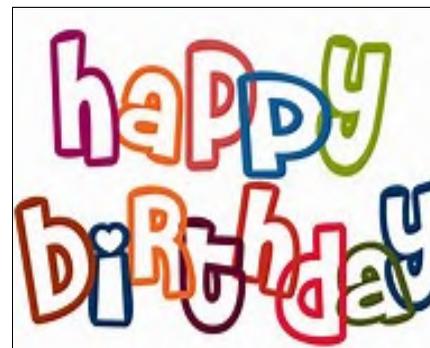
Love,
Your GA's



December Birthdays and Anniversaries!

BIRTHDAYS

Sandi de Sarigny ~ 1
Matthew Spies ~ 3
Mary Frances Olds ~ 4
Sheryl Morales ~ 5
Kristina Williams ~ 8
Allyson Salisbury ~ 9
Patrice Brown ~ 22
Betsy Dalrymple ~ 22
Christian Farrell ~ 23
Alessia & Jenna Vorrius ~ 24
Mike Billian ~ 26
Michael Rampersad ~ 27
Barbara Longo ~ 29



ANNIVERSARY

Winston & Patty Buckridee ~ 29

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Calendar of Events

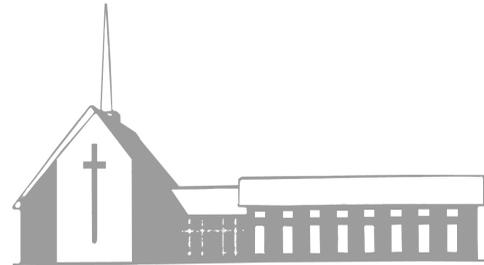
Vietnamese Church
Uses Building
Sundays 2 - 5 p.m.

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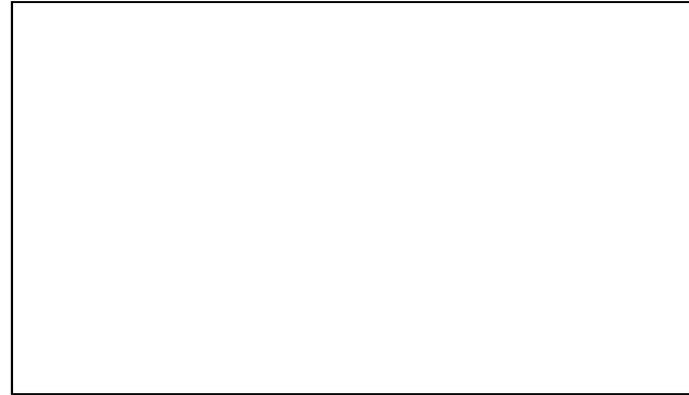
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Ladies Fellowship Men's Breakfast
				1	2	3
Ashbrook - Christmas Caroling			Prayer Meeting RA's & GA's			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lord's Supper						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Christmas Breakfast No Sunday School Lottie Moon Christmas Offering			Business Meeting Prayer Meeting RA's & GA's			Christmas Eve Service 7 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No Sunday School Christmas Service 10:45 am			Prayer Meeting RA's & GA's			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

The Lamplighter

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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Terrill Road Baptist Church is a Bible-believing Church where people connect with God, each other, and influence our world for Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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TRBC Sound Booth Schedule

December 4th ~ Trudi and Lucas
December 11th ~ Spring and Alexis
December 18th ~ Barbara and Lucas
December 25th ~ Tristan and Sam

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Thank you for reading this months edition!!
-Jessica Pratt, Editor