



The Lamplighter

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

May 2018



**Happy
Mother's
Day!**



Pastor's Page

Living in Reality

NKJ Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'... 33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

I think Peter really meant it when he said that he would stand with Jesus. He knew himself. He knew his life's history. He'd always been the go-to guy; solid as a rock, just like his name. He knew that in his life, he was not afraid to stand alone. I'm sure that Peter did not think that he was without flaws. But a man knows his flaws, and as far as he could see, after having had a front row seat to Jesus' life and work these past three years, turning his back on Christ was *not* in the realm of possibility. You think this is simply braggadocio? In a couple of hours, Peter is going to draw a sword and try to kill the high priest's servant! This man is NOT just talk.

Peter probably could imagine that the other eleven disciples could potentially desert Jesus. He could even have understanding and forgiveness for them. After all, they are mortal men, right? He would not however, be so forgiving with himself. This is the difference between guilt and shame. Guilt is doing something wrong; breaking a rule. Shame has more to do with not measuring up or meeting a standard that you have set for yourself. It is falling short of your own self-perception or self-image. It doesn't even have to be a right or wrong issue.

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Many an athlete has felt real shame because they did not perform anywhere near their potential.

When Peter denied Jesus, he came face to face with a part of himself that was darker than he knew. I don't think he was aware of that potential within himself. His self-perception was shattered. Someone said, "Our capacity for self-deceit is enormous." This is what the Bible means when it says in 1 Corinthians 10:12-

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Another saying that is often quoted (not an actual Scripture verse) is- "*But for the grace of God, there go I.*" This idea is most likely rooted in 1 Corinthians 15:10:

But by the grace of God I am what I am:..

Unless and until we are aware of the potential for real evil that lies within our own hearts, we will not be living in reality. I have no right to look down my nose at those trapped in bondage to sin. They are trapped because of a lot of reasons. It's easy to say that I would never have let myself go there, and if we convince ourselves of that, we have just become Peter. We are deluding ourselves. I am a sinner telling another sinner where to find bread. Those are not cute, humble, pious words; they are the truth. Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. We can love those trapped in bondage to sin when we let go of our self-righteousness. Peter learned it the hard way. I pray we learn it the less painful way.

Blessings,

Pastor Bill



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Any questions, Please see Jess or Spring

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through his knowledge of him called us by his own glory and goodness.

THE LAMPLIGHTER
Calendar of Events

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

May 2018

Weekly Youth
 Meetings
 Fridays or Sunday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Prayer Meeting GA's	National Day of Prayer		
		1	2	3	4	5
			Family Night Supper Business Meeting			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mother's Day			Prayer Meeting GA's			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Church Council Meeting		Prayer Meeting GA's			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Ashbrook Ministry	Memorial Day Church Office Closed VBS Parade		Prayer Meeting GA's			
27	28	29	30	31		

May Question of the Month:
What is the best surprise you have ever received?

Email me at jess_pratt@outlook.com

By May 20th

We are blessed by you sharing with us

Happy Mothers Day
to all of our moms and dads that
have to fulfill both roles.



The 10 Commandments

How well do you know your commandments?

1. Thou shalt have no other _____ before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any _____ image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in _____.
4. Remember the _____ day to keep it holy.
5. Honor your _____ and your _____.
6. Thou shalt not _____.
7. Thou shalt not commit _____.
8. Thou shalt not _____.
9. Thou shalt not bear false _____ against thy _____.
10. Thou shalt not _____ thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

On Tip-Toe Watching

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It's funny how Scripture remembers different people. Abraham is remembered as *trusting*; John as *loving*; Paul's place is carved out by his *writing*. But Simeon was the man... *looking!* Eight days after the birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple. Luke 2:27 contains this curious statement: "Prompted by the Spirit, he (Simeon) came to the Temple." The previous verse 26 tells us "The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen him—God's anointed King." Simeon was a man on tiptoe, wide-eyed and waiting for the one who would come to save Israel. Haven't we, like Simeon, been told of the coming Christ? Aren't we, like Simeon, prompted by the Spirit? Are we not longing to see the same face? Simeon reminds us to wait patiently, vigilant, always ready!

For by grace you have been saved through
faith. And it is not your doing; it is the
gift of GOD—Ephesians 2:8



Three-Lettered Faith

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With a tendency toward pessimism, I quickly jump to negative conclusions about how situations in my life will play out. If I'm thwarted in my efforts on a work project, I'm easily convinced none of my other projects will be successful either, and—even though utterly unrelated—I will probably never be able to touch my toes comfortably. And, woe is me, I'm an awful mother who can't do anything right. Defeat in one area unnecessarily affects my feelings in many.

It's easy for me to imagine how the prophet Habakkuk might have reacted to what God showed him. He had great cause for despair after having seen the coming troubles for God's people; long and arduous years lay ahead. Things really *did* look dismal: no fruit, no meat, and no creature comforts. His words lure me into a pessimistic bed of hopelessness until he jars me awake again with a small three-letter word: *yet*. "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord" (Habakkuk 3:18). Despite all the hardships he anticipated, Habakkuk found cause for rejoicing simply because of who God is.

Lord, You are the reason for all my joy.

While we might be prone to exaggerate our problems, Habakkuk truly faced some extreme hardships. If he could summon praise for God in those moments, perhaps we can too. When we're bogged down in the depths of despair, we can look to God who lifts us up.

Lord, You are the reason for all my joy. Help me to fix my eyes on You when my circumstances are painful and hard.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Family Dinner Dates

May 9– Cinco De Mayo

June 13– Grads and Dads BBQ

Hostess committee invites you to our monthly family dinners. A night of fellowship to spend with one another. Starts at 5:45pm. See you there!

Wednesday Night Activities

Join us every Wednesday night for Prayer Group. As Pastor says, “ You don’t have to know how to pray, we just want you to come and pray with us!”
Come and learn.

Girls in Action 7pm

Choir & Praise Team 8:05pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Nezlick ~ 8
Susan Atiyyat ~ 9
Aaron Casterlow ~ 10
Tom Atkins ~ 15
Cori Spies ~ 17
Connie Salisbury ~ 20
Eryn Gulbin ~ 26
Perry Cipriano ~ 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Craig Di Fiore ~ 1
Karen & Bill Thomas ~ 18
Nancy & Peter DeSarno ~27

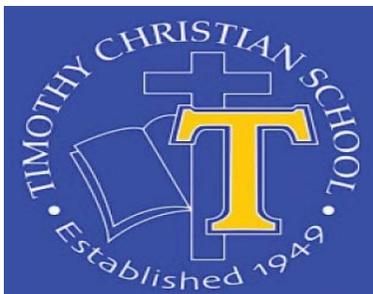


We are 2 weeks away from gathering for IF: Central NJ! If you are interested in joining other ladies in the area for this event, please register at

<https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifcentral-nj>

There's still plenty of time to register.

Registration & Breakfast	8:30	9:00
SESSION 1 Worship Prayer	9:00	10:20
JENNIE ALLEN JO SAXTON		
Small Group Discussion Break	10:20	10:40
SESSION 2 IF Panel Local Speakers	10:40	12:00
VIVIAN MABUNI BIANCA OLTHOFF		
Lunch	12:00	12:45
SESSION 3 Worship Local Speakers	12:45	2:15
CHRISTINE CAINE ANNIE DOWNS		
Small Group Discussion Break	2:15	2:35
SESSION 4 Local Speakers Communion	2:35	4:00
REBEKAH LYONS ANN VOSKAMP		
Sharing Closing Worship	4:00	4:30



TCS will also be holding a May 2nd Open House. Please see their site for more information.

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To all of our moms, know how much we love you and value you.

Epilogue: the wife of Noble Character

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and provides for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle in her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hand to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

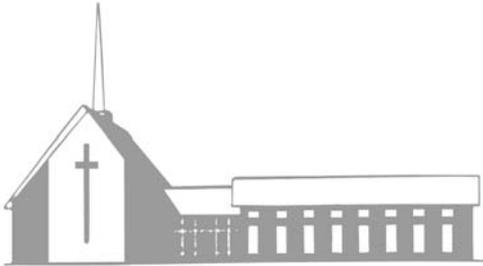
Proverbs 31: 10-30

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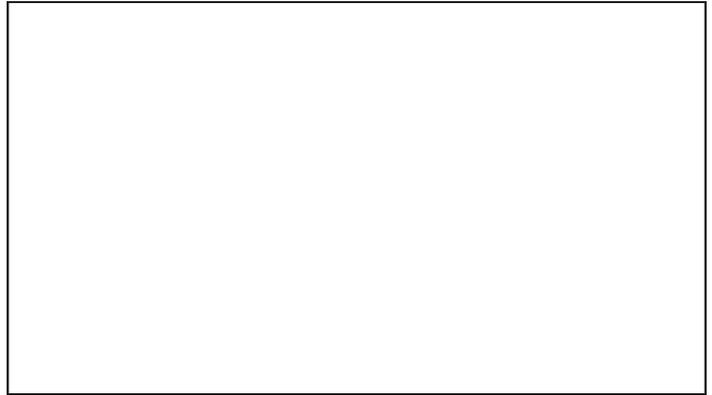
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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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TRBC Sound Booth Schedule

May 6 ~ Christy & Joey Caruso
May 13 ~ Tristan More & Lucas Page
May 20 ~ Trudi Karpel & Barbara Longo
May 27 ~ Spring & Alexis Casterlow

Thanks to all of you!

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