



The Beacon

A ministry of Bogue Banks Baptist Church
Dr. Daniel Wilson, Pastor
P.O. Box 2988 — Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
www.bbbaptistchurch.org
Volume 27, Number 10 — October 2011

Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

1 Cor 16:13 (NASB)

While concluding his letter to the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul gave five positive imperatives to encourage the church to move forward. This was a church that had been struck with discord, disunity, and discouragement. They had allowed the world to infiltrate the way they perceived themselves and the way they perceived life's decisions. One of the commands that the apostle gave them was to "act like men," a term denoting spiritual maturity that exhibits courage. Men from a Biblical perspective are not wimpy by any shape or form, but rather they are to exhibit in a tenacious yet compassionate manner the qualities by which God measures manhood. What are these qualities? Come to our Sunday night Bible study and you will find out.

Men, we are currently studying the second part of Gene Getz "Measure of a Man," a 10 week Bible study that challenges men to examine their lives based on the characteristics which God uses to assess manhood. Last Spring we studied the first 10 characteristics, and I know that many of you were blessed. I want to challenge you to consider attending these sessions on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Also, I ask you to set aside some time throughout the week so that you might reflect upon these manly attributes and ask the Holy Spirit to implement these qualities into each of your lives. Until next time, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit."

Pastor Daniel

Psalms: Folk Songs of Faith

The Psalms are the folk songs of the Bible, and this is a generation that loves folk songs. These marvelous ancient folk songs are much like the ballad style of music that we hear so much today, which simply recounts the experiences of various men and women. The Psalms relate the experiences of believers of the past, reflecting on the emotional upsets, problems, and disturbances that saints of old have endured. Their songs tell how they found their way through, and they are wonderful, therefore, for helping us in our emotional pressures. There is no book like the Psalms to meet the need of the heart when it is discouraged and defeated or when it is elated and encouraged. This book is absolutely without peer in its expression of emotion. The Psalms are helpful simply because they teach us how to find our way through many types of problems.

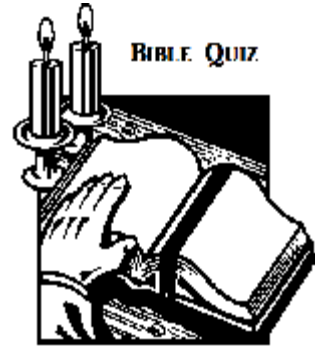
Most of the Psalms were written by David, but not all. Some were written by his choir leaders in Jerusalem, and the names of Asaph, Jeduthun, Ethan, and others appearing in the Psalms are royal choirmasters. One or two were written by Moses, and one or two by King Solomon. There are several Psalms whose authors it is impossible to identify. The whole book is a collection that has been put together by the ancient Hebrews in order that we might understand the joys and sorrows that the people of God have experienced and how they found their way out during times of difficulty.

(Copyright © 2010 by Ray Stedman Ministries - This material is the sole property of Ray Stedman Ministries.)

Bible Quiz

1> How long had the ark of the Lord been in the country of the Philistines before it

was returned to Bethshemesh?



BIBLE QUIZ

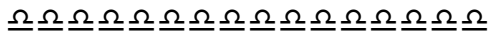
2> What were the guilt offerings the Philistines made to go with the ark?

3> What book of scripture was the Ethiopian eunuch reading when Philip approached his chariot

on the road to Gaza?

4>What was the eunuch's response when Philip told him "If you believe with all your heart, you may" (be baptized)?

5> Is it true that after Philip had baptized the eunuch Philip continued on with the eunuch as he returned to Ethiopia?



FRUITFUL HANDS

This month we will have three meetings because we have many projects for the fall. Ladies, please come and join us; be a part of these great outreach projects.



October 4 – We will be working on Chrismos for the church Christmas tree. We will be doing three different techniques, so there will be something available for all interests. We plan to work into the afternoon, so please

bring a lunch with you. It will be great fun and will help refurbish our Christmas tree.

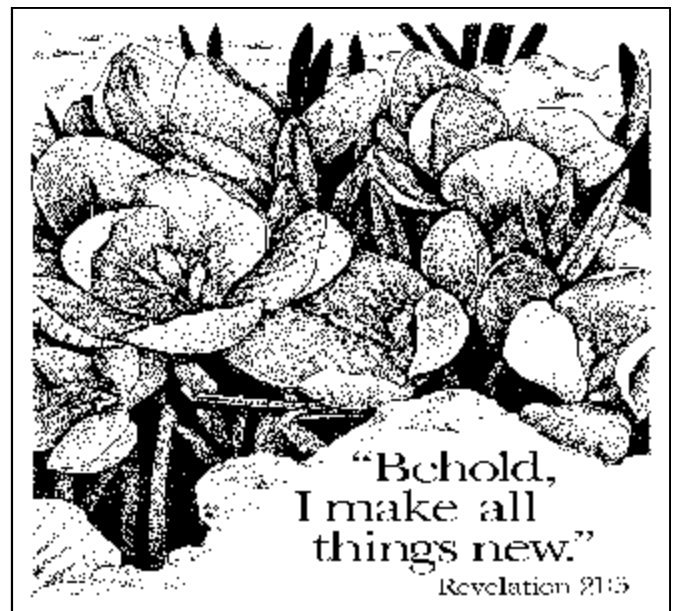
October 11 – We have added this Fruitful Hands day in order to make Christmas cards for Operation Write Home. These are Christmas cards that will be sent to our servicemen for them to send back home to their families. The deadline for these Christmas cards is October 31, so we need to get busy.

October 18 – We will have a Samaritan's Purse shoebox day, in which we will be stuffing the handmade sewing kits and making school supply kits for the shoeboxes.



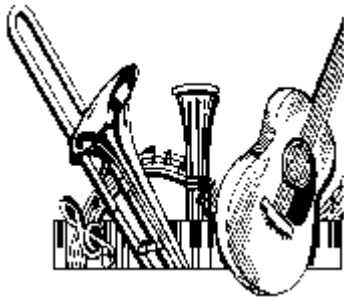
Janey Clymer	October 3
Kathy Belardo	October 4
Jere Geurin	October 4
Kelisa Wardell	October 4
Sharon Bailey	October 9
Diane Zook	October 12
Elaine Moore	October 17
Kennedy Grace Pierce	October 17
Bob Bartlett	October 19
Sarah Thompson	October 21
Karla Weatherly	October 22
Nick Belardo	October 24
Jim Myrick	October 24
Barbara Smith	October 26
Gary Silence	October 29
Susan Snyder	October 29

Daniel Wilson	November 2
Jacob Fulcher	November 2
Chuck DeLong	November 3
John Talton	November 3



From Brother Steve

Allow me to recount a fictitious story. "There was an old man on the isle of Crete and during his lifetime he loved many things. He loved his wife, his children, and his job. But most of all he loved the land. He loved the very ground he walked on, worked and fought for. When it was time for him to die, he had his sons bring him outside his stone cottage and lay him on the hard earth. He reached down and grabbed a handful of Crete's soil and was gone.



He arrived at the gates of heaven and the Lord came out dressed in the long robes of a judge and said to him, "Old man, come in."

As the old man moved towards the gates the Lord noticed something in his hand and said, "What are you clutching in your hand?"

He said, "It is Crete. I go nowhere without it."

The Lord said, "Leave it, or you will not be allowed in."

The old man held his clenched fist up and said, "Never!" And he went and sat beside the outside wall of the heavenly city.

After about a week passed the gates opened again and the Lord appeared a second time, in the guise of a man wearing a hat, looking like some of the old man's buddies down in Crete. He sat down next to the old man, threw his arm around his shoulder and said, "My friend, dust belongs in the wind. Drop that piece of earth and come inside."

But the old man was still adamant. He said, "Never!"

During the third week the old man looked down at the earth he was clutching and saw that it had begun to cake and crumble. All the moisture of the earth had gone out of it. Also, his fingers were arthritic and could not handle it. The earth began to trickle through his fingers.

Out came the Lord, this time as a small child. He came up to the old man and sat next to him and said, "Grandfather, the gates only open for those with open hands."

The old man thought about this, finally stood up, and did not even look as his hand opened and the crumbled dirt of Crete fell through the sky. The child took his hand and led him toward the glorious gates, and as the gates swung open he walked in. Inside was all of Crete.*

This is just a made-up story. But it illustrates a point that we all need to hear from time to time. There is nothing in this life that can compare to

what God has prepared for those who love Him.

We all have a tendency to hold on to the part of the past that comforts us. But God is never static and would never have us live in previous victories. Remember them? Yes! Praise Him for them? Definitely! Draw encouragement from them? Absolutely! But, He is the God of the "what's to come". He is always moving on - progressing - working out his plans and purposes. He is Sovereign in this.

Paul knew there is always plenty of room for God's perfecting and said in Philippians 3:13, "...but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

With Him, there's always more to come. Be in bondage to the past no longer. Forget what lies behind. Reach for what lies ahead. Trust God! Press on!

Bro. Steve

(*Copied: Moments for Pastors by Robert Strand - Day 12)



2 CORINTHIANS

Bible Study Books

Pam Ferris has completed editing Patrick Williams' study of 2 Corinthians, and orders for these books will be accepted by the church office (a minimum bulk order of 20 copies is required). For those interested, please call the church office or email Denise or Cathy to place your order. Verbal orders "on the fly" will not be accepted because of the possibility that such orders will be forgotten. The price each will depend on the total quantity ordered: 20 copies, \$16.50 each; 30 copies, \$14 each; 50 copies, \$13 each.



THE MEASURE OF A MAN, PT II

Pastor Daniel is leading a ten week video study, **“The Measure of a Man, Part II,”** based on Gene Getz’ classic best-seller, continues Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. This ten-week study calls on men to examine their lives in view of the biblical characteristics of a godly man. A study meant for Christian men of all backgrounds and all levels of spiritual maturity, “Measure” will grow every man. No preparation is needed for any session, and the study is structured so that anyone can join the study at any time. *Come and enjoy the life-building study.*



Where do you go when you have a need in your life?

(Charles Stanley)

Perhaps you retreat to a special place in your home where you can be alone. Maybe you quickly call a friend or family member. You might even resort to ungodly attitudes and behaviors that provide instant relief, but leave you feeling guilty.

I want to tell you about the one place where your needs will always be met. Hebrews 4:16 says, “Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” When we approach the Lord with our burdens, we can be assured that He will meet our innermost needs and show us how to handle every circumstance in life.

Copyright © 2011 by In Touch Ministries, Inc. All rights reserved.



Heart to Heart



Another exciting baby shower for October! Monday, October 17th we will be celebrating the upcoming birth of another daughter to Pastor and Ginny. This special shower will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a salad dinner. Bring a gift for a girl and your favorite salad to share.

Answers to Bible Quiz

- 1> Seven months. 1 Samuel 6:1
- 2> Likenesses of their tumors and mice. 1 Samuel 6:5
- 3> The book of Isaiah Acts 8:28
- 4> “I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.” Acts 8:37
- 5> No, Philip was “snatched away” by the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:39

Fellowship Dinner

The Fellowship Dinner will be Wednesday October 12, at 5:30 p.m. The menu will be: Chicken Pastry, Fruit Salad, Green Beans and dessert.



Drinks will be tea, coffee and water. There will be hotdogs for the children.

There will also be a change in the cost due to the rise in food prices. The individual cost will be \$4.00 per person. The family cost will remain \$10.00.

Iron-Sharpens-Iron Men Ministering to Men

ISI ministry meets at Morehead’s Golden Corral on Arendell St. Thursday, October 27. To eat, come at 6:30pm. Our “Back to Mayberry” Bible study, begins at 7:00pm, with discussion following at 7:30. Be sure to mark your calendars. Come and join us; and bring a friend.

