

The More Excellent Way

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Pastor's Pen

As we witness time marching on and celebrate the incoming of this brand new year, consider with me one of favorite passages for this time of year. Hebrews 13: 8 declares, "Jesus Christ, the same; yesterday, to day, and for ever." Notice, this passage tells of Jesus' relationship with time. Quickly note with me three things about time and our Lord. First, let us consider time and transition. The song writer declares, "time is filled with swift transition; none on

earth unmoved can stand; build your hopes on things eternal; hold to God's unchanging hand." Time changes things, people, and places. However, time has no effect on Jesus. This scripture says He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Next, let us consider time in tenses. Dealing with time is so difficult for us until we have separated it into three parts: past, present, and future. O, how we love to recount Biblical references of the things Jesus did in the past:

healing the sick, raising the dead, offering His life for our sins, and defeating death on our behalf. We even love all that the Bible tells us about what Jesus will do in the future: returning in the clouds and snatching the church out of the world, ruling and reigning on earth for a thousand years, and ultimately, totally conquering our enemy, the devil. O, how we love the Jesus of yesterday and tomorrow, but the question is, are we willing to trust Him today?

Special Points to Ponder.

First Missionary "A Reverent Church with a Relevant Ministry"

Pastor's Pen (continued)

Finally, let us consider time transcended. Jesus is bigger than time. He outlasts time. One of these old days, time will fall over into the lap of eternity, and it will be Jesus who will declare, "time that has been, will be no more." As we celebrate this brand new year, let us

not forget this wonderful passage, "Jesus Christ, the same; yesterday, to day, and for ever!" Have a blessed year. With love...

Your Pastor,
Sonny Adolph



The Sunday School by Bro Richard

From earliest times men have sought means of transferring information from one generation to another. The records of all civilizations show attempts to consolidate information and organize it so it could be used in teaching. The school and the home have always been important agencies for teaching. Further, all civilizations show attempts to transmit the religious heritage of a people. In the Bible there is evidence of this. The modern Sunday school movement had its beginning outside of the church. There

had been religious instructions since the time of Christ. A Christian laymen by the name of Robert Raikes, in 1780, initiated and promoted what has now developed into the modern Sunday school movement. His purpose was to teach reading, writing and morals. The Bible early became an important subject in his curriculum.

One of the earliest Sunday schools in America was organized in 1793, in New York City, by Katie Ferguson, a Negro woman. In 1832 the National Sunday School Convention was organized.

Please meet a portion of our Sunday school staff:

Pastor: S.V. Adolph
Catherine Gilleylen -
Directress of Christian
Board of Education
(C.E.B.)

Dea. Bill Richard - Superin-
tendant
Sis. Arleen Stewart - Assist.
Supt.



Mission of the Newsletter

The mission/purpose of the newsletter is to provide practical guidance for a more excellent living and to recognize excellence in the First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) family.

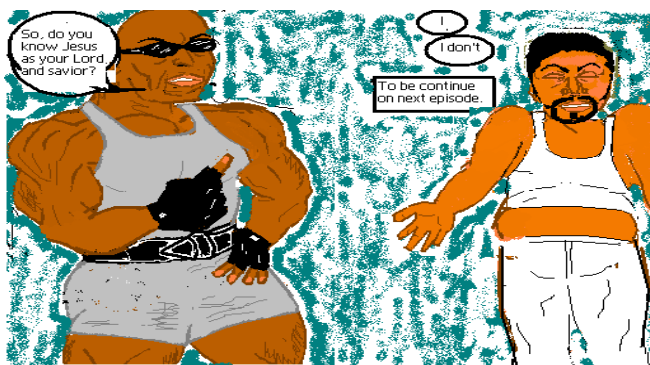
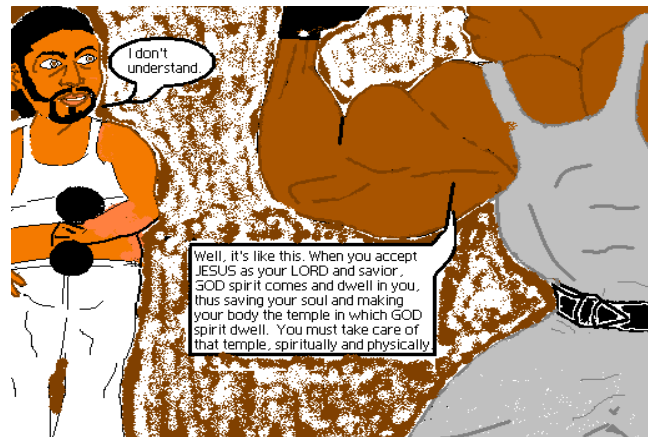
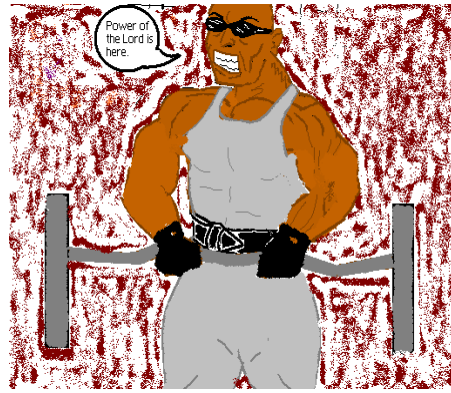
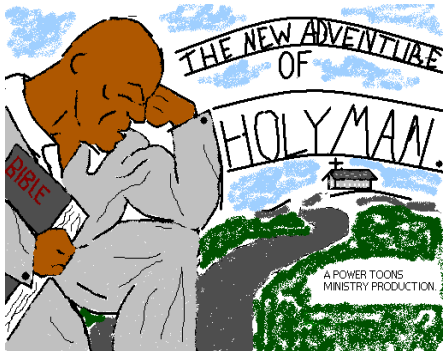
We the member of the newsletter staff solicit our presidents and/or chairpersons to submit articles and information for not only their assigned months but continuously during the year. Any FMBC member may submit an article at any time on the topic of their choice. The newsletter is a great place for parents/grandparents/friends to submit accomplishments of FMBC members who would otherwise

go unnoticed. Consider the newsletter the perfect place for tooting horns, raising red flags of warning or presenting accolades. Diversity is the key.

News articles may be in the form of poems, short stories, puzzles, recipes or current events from your local school. Yes, I said school. We would like to hear from our youth at FMBC. What is important to our youth is important to us; we want to know what you think. The newsletter staff will edit all articles for poor taste, spelling and grammar. However the content and voice will remain the same. Diversity of views and ideas are always welcome.

The newsletter staff would like to take this time to not only encourage you to submit an article but to join our staff. Please e-mail Sis Debbie Aiken (tdaiken@cableone.net) or myself Arleen Stewart (abracky@cableone.net) if you would like to join us. But, if you have read something inspiring and would like to share it you may send it to us, also. You do not have to be a member of the newsletter staff to submit an article. In closing, we are all on the same team. God's Team. God's Side. Won't you help us provide excellence.





House Cleaning 2007

Last Week I threw out Worrying. It was getting old and in the way. It kept me from being me; I couldn't do things God's way. I threw out a book on MY PAST (didn't have time to read it anyway). Replaced it with NEW GOALS, started reading it today. I threw out hate and bad memories. (Remember how I treasured them so)? Got me a NEW PHILOSOPHY too; threw out the one from long ago.

Brought in some new books too, called I CAN, I WILL, AND I MUST. Threw out I MIGHT, I THINK and I OUGHT. WOW, you should've seen the dust. I ran across an OLD FRIEND. Haven't seen him in a while. I believe his name is GOD. Yes I really like His style.

He helped me to do some cleaning and added some things Himself. Like PRAYER, HOPE AND FAITH, Yes I placed them right on the shelf.

I picked up this special thing and placed it at the front door. I FOUND IT- its called PEACE. Nothing gets me down anymore. Yes, I've got my house looking nice. Looks good around the place. For things like Worry and Trouble there just isn't any space. Its good to do a little house cleaning, get rid of the things on the shelf.

It sure makes things brighter; maybe you should TRY IT YOURSELF.

BE BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ELSE!!!!
May the Lord open the windows of

heaven and pour you out a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive it all. Malachi 3:10.

May the Lord bless you exceedingly abundantly above all you could ever hope for. Philippians 4:19.

May the Lord bless you that you may walk in a financial overflow for the rest of your days. Deut. 28:2

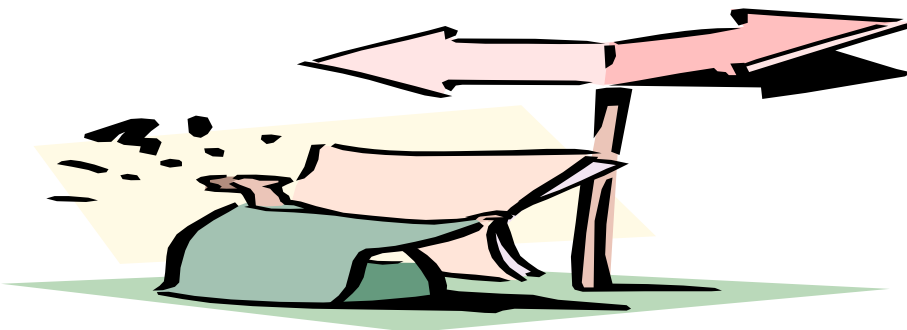
Amen

Points to Ponder

Time to Do Better

With the beginning of the new year, we make promises to ourselves to do better, to be better this and to be better that, to be better than last year. We resolve a new to do something we did not do. To become someone true, to begin anew. With these new beginnings, we will venture out, out of our comfort zone, to reach someone we've never known. Or will we continue to do the same things the same way, but expect different results. Time to do better to trust God to lead us. Time to do better, to trust God to provide for us. Time to do better, to live our lives for God, because He died for us. A time to do better.

Sis A. Stewart



• Marriage Ministry Cruise - Reminder

Just a reminder to everyone who plans to participate, another installment is due if you have not already completed payment. You can bring your payment to Charlotte or myself. Final payment is due January 18; which is different from the original date communicated.

Sis Richard

I Believe

I believe-

That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I believe-

That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I believe-

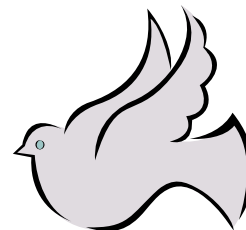
That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

I believe-

That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I believe-

That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.



I believe-

That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I believe-

That you can keep going long after you can't. I believe-That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I believe-That either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I believe-

That regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place.

I believe-

That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I believe-

That money is a lousy way of keeping score. I believe-That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

I believe- That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.

I believe-That sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I Believe (continued)

I believe-That just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

I believe-That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I believe-That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I believe-That no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.

I believe-That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I believe-That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I believe-That you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.

I believe-That two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

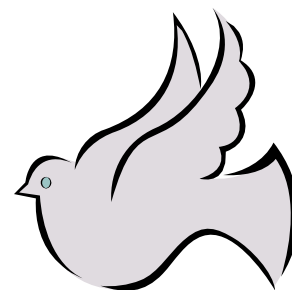
I believe-That your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

I believe-That even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

I believe-That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

I believe-That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

I believe-
That you share this message to all of the people that you believe in.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the First Missionary Baptist Church is to exalt our Savior by worshipping, working, and witnessing under the Holy Spirit's direction; to edify saints, through Biblically based teaching ministries, while giving attention to the needs of the total human experience; and to, evangelize sinners through Biblical preaching and exhausting every know avenue of reaching lost persons

MOTTO

First Missionary Baptist Church is a reverent church with a relevant ministry.

One Lord One Faith One Baptism

WANTED

Have you read something that inspired, uplifted, and/or encouraged? Do you think others may enjoy reading it? Has someone achieved something that you want recognized? All persons may submit material to any staff member for publication in the next newsletter.

Christian Education

Christian Education supports all ministries of the church. It provides Bible literature for all church auxiliaries upon request. This is accomplished by ensuring all auxiliary leaders are equipped with the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Auxiliary leaders may implement one of the following forms of study: Bible readings, general discussion and fill in the blank questions. For further information, please contact the chairperson of your auxiliary. He/She is a member of the Board of Christian Education, which

meets the Tuesday after the first Sunday of each month.

Catherine Gilleylen, Dir of Christian Education

Teenagers!! Are you looking for something to do?

There are many youth auxiliaries and organization at First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC). The Youth Choir and the Young Adult Choir are available if you like to sing. The Junior Usher Board and the Puppet Ministry is the place to be if you like to work in the background. If dance and motion is your calling, then consider the Praise Team. If you are

interested in missionary work and bible study, your place is in the Red Circle, Junior Layman, Bible Bowl, and Bible Study. And those are only a few. There are many more such as the Boy Scouts and Library Assistants. So you really cannot believe that there is nothing in our church for you to do. WE NEED YOU.

Taylor Jordan, Youth Reporter

To all students K-12

If you made A's, B's, or C's on your report card, please give me your name by January 28, 2007.

Taylor Jordan

