Street Wise NEWS
GOOD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
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"FORGIVENESS; THE FIRST FRUIT OF LOVE: "FOR SHE LOVED MUCH"

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"GOD SO LOVE THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON..." **(John 3:16)**

LOVE PROVOKED FORGIVENESS...

LUKE alone (7:36-50) records the anointing of our Lord in the house of a Pharisee. This man had perhaps invited Jesus out of curiosity or admiration, and our Lord, who received sinners and ate with them, being a friend of publicans and sinners, accepted the invitation. As He ate, a woman who had been a sinner, doubtless a harlot in the city, came to Him and anointed His feet. She had likely heard Him teach and came in a state of genuine contrition, godly sorrow and repentance. Such a state manifests itself in brokenness. There is much shallow repentance today because men have such a shallow sense of sin.

The Pharisee reasoned within himself that if Jesus were a prophet, He would not have allowed such a contact and defilement. But our Lord, reading his thoughts, gave him the parable of the two debtors, one owing five hundred pence and the other fifty. Both were forgiven: now which loved his creditor most? The plain application as He Himself gave it, was that those who are forgiven most love most; and this woman, being a grievous sinner and realizing it, was full of gratitude because much was forgiven. While all are sinners—and it is not the amount of sins committed that condemns the sinner—yet those who have offended most grievously in degree, though all offend in kind, usually are most grateful. That explains why men converted from terrible careers of vicious sin often are most exuberant in their testimony, and why those saved early and not conscious of years of vile transgression do not generally manifest the same sense of deliverance.

"Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little" is not to be taken to mean that the woman was forgiven because she loved. She loved much because she was forgiven much. Her love was the expression of gratitude for sins *already* forgiven. Some think she had already been forgiven before this incident; others, that Jesus, perceiving in her genuine repentance, forgave her at the outset and announced it at the close of the incident.

Our smug and pale Christianity today shows little of that broken and humble gratitude for sins forgiven that marked this woman. Few alabaster boxes are broken in tearful joy over forgiveness. Sin has been glossed over; men do not regard themselves sinners and consequently feel no burden of guilt and, of course, no relief in His pardon. We bring Him verbal tribute, wordy compliments on Sunday, but few kneel weeping at His feet. *Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.* (Isaiah 1:18)

Jesus said, "*He who is forgiven little, loves little*" (Luke 7:47). In the context of that statement, He essentially said the contrary is also true: Those who are forgiven much, love much. The extent to which we realize and acknowledge our own sinfulness, and the extent to which we realize the total forgiveness and cleansing from those sins, will determine the measure of our love to God.

So, if we want to grow in our love for God and in the acceptable obedience that flows out of that love, we must keep coming back to the cross and the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. That is why it is so important that we keep the gospel before us every day. Because we sin every day, and our consciences condemn us every day, we need the gospel every day. When our sense of guilt is taken away because our consciences are cleansed by the blood of Christ, we're freed up to love Him with all our hearts and souls and minds. We are told, we shall know them by their fruit. Forgiveness, like natural fruit is not for the tree that produces it, but for those who have an appetite, and need for it.

Your Church Family Cares...

In Care Facilities
Jackson, Versia

Convalescing At Home
Adams, Estelle
Ashford, Gloria
Buckley, Aaron
Davis, Betty
Carlise, Ann
Evans, Mary Jo
Hayes, Virginia
Hoskins, Horace
Hoskins, Mae
Jackson, Thelma
Lackey, Betty
LaFontaine, Mary
Mack, Vickie B.
McKenzie, Verna
Moore, Addie
Nelson, Billie R.
Perkins, Betty
Person, Dollie
Smith, Sallie
Williams, Esther
Whiten , Ester
Woodson, Dora

Please Join Us At The SHOP
Sweet Hour of Prayer
Each Day
Mon.—Sat.
12 Noon
Conference Call Dial
17208432375
Access Code
6677769449#

Sunday Service
11:00 AM
facebook LIVE

In Bereavement...

Pastor Eddie L. and Sister Patricia Jenkins at the loss of her brother, Mr. Roy Streeter.
Funeral Service:
Greenwood, Mississippi
Saturday, October 29, 2022
Please pray for this family and other families experiencing the devastating loss of loved ones.

Sunday School Zoom Line

When you dial in 1-346-248-7799 you will get one of two prompts:

- The first prompt asks for the meeting ID and then a pass code. In this instance use:
  Meeting ID: 720-597-8064#
  Passcode 5978064#
- The second prompt asks for 3 things. In this instance use:
  Meeting ID: 720-597-8064#
  Participant code: # (enter the hashtag sign)
  Passcode: 05072044#

Social Service Center Impact Month

The GSBC Social Service Ministry needs your help in supporting our "Social Service Ministry's "Impact Month" for October. Impact Month is a time to help us replenish the food pantry with items not normally donated. The items that we need at this time are listed below. Please place donated items in the boxes marked "Harvest Boxes" located in the "T. M. Chambers on the stage.

Items needed:
Personal items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
Household items: laundry detergent, fabuloso, Clorox, etc.

Thanks in advance for your support and financial contributions to our Impact Day. If you would like to donate to this cause, please write Social Service Ministry on your envelope or in the comments section of your Zelle or online giving donation.

Humbly Submitted Social Service Board
Sis Deloris R. Washington, Chair
Coordinators: Deacons: Jerry Smith and Wallace T. Ford, Jr.

ATTENTION:

SHOP (Sweet Hour of Prayer), Mission, Sisterhood, etc...

FreeConferenceCall.com Changes:

GSBC has been given a new call-in number EFFECTIVE 10/19/2022. This is for all call made using the free conference call line, i.e. SHOP (Sweet Hour of Prayer), Mission, Sisterhood, etc...

On 10/19/22, the dial-in conference number changed to 1-720-843-2375

The Access Code will remain the same: 6677769449

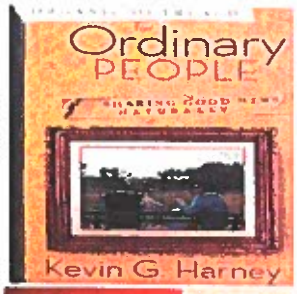
FALL BIBLE STUDY

Seasons of Change

Each Wednesday @ 7:00 PM

ZOOM ROOM:
ID: 867 2750 8011
PW: 197677
PHONE IN:
(346) 248-7799

Come, be a part of transforming truth, with inductive Bible Study focusing on our theme: Seasons of Change



Need clarity on who you are, who's you are, and why you are? Know with us... We are poised for purpose, and positioned to produce fruit from our

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