

# CHRISTIAN HERALD

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MAY NEWSLETTER



**There are circumstances in life we just do not  
understand  
The days are different and dark  
Hope is shattered,  
Where is God?  
We must make a choice  
To choose to have faith and believe our God is still in  
control  
To choose to believe our God loves beyond our  
understanding  
To choose that our God is greater than  
our present circumstances  
To choose to believe that out of that which we do not  
understand and cannot comprehend  
He will use it for good  
For it is at this place that we must stand  
Remembering His faithfulness to us in the past  
Over centuries to those who are His  
Although we do not understand we must hold on to that  
which is greater than this world  
For He has promised to be with us when we are weary  
and burdened  
when dreams have shattered  
For we are never alone  
He will never leave us  
We must cling to the promises of our God  
For it is then we will understand that our hope comes  
not from this world  
Our hope lies I Him**

**Hebrews 13:5-6...because God has said, "Never will I  
leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with  
confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?"**

## SICK, SHUT-INS AND BEREAVED FAMILIES

Joan Marshall, Teondré Morrison-Cooper, Claudette Carter, Justin Johnson, Kevin Herring, Joyce Beckett, Linda Hobbs (Pastor's sister), Marie (Flood) Rhodes, Maurice Alexander, LaKeshia Green & Family, Aimy McKnight, Ethel Kinkaid, Will Kinkaid (Tremont Rehab.), Cherie Spillane, Mrs. Thelma Winfrey, Derric Burden, Shirley Wilson, Shania Hunter (Janice's niece), Vickie Bowers (Pennside), Connie Lantz (Vickie's mother), Kiara Delgado (Penny's granddaughter), Katrina Boykin, Eric George, Henry Johnson, Dale Brown, Valerie Phelps-Robinson, Kenneth Randall, Sabrina (Alex's friend), Oliver & Freida Carter, Nancy Kerper, Jimmy McKee, Rose Fletcher, Sharon Good (April's sister-in-law), Richard Newkirk, Marty & David Banks, Eddie Ramos, Jean Pingatore, Tommy Ridley, Nora Hartford, Mrs. Marjorie McNeill, Paulette Amprey's family, Nicholas (Amber's client), Kim Scott, Evelyn Morrison, Gary Patience (Khadri Saboor), Earl and Marilyn Hoch, Robert Nelson, Melba Stamm, Keith Stamm, Paul Lucia, William "Tune" Davis, Margret Joyce Randall, Thelma Jeanette Randall, Frederick Benton, Tomishia Johnson, Ava Marie Johnson (2 years old), Gail Scott, Hazel Kochel, Genease Brown, Alicia Lee, Linda Benton, Agnes Snead, Jennifer Seidel (Paulette's former coworker), Janice Johnson (Pauline's daughter), Penny Templin, Ella Jackson-Weathers (Harold's sister), Paul Kilpatrick (Ollie's great grandson), Norma D'Augustino, Jonelle Green and son, Langston (2 yrs. old-has cancer), Janice Greer, Rudy Rivera (Puerto Rico) and Diane Milshaw.

### PRAY FOR THE BEREAVED

The family of Harold R. Jackson.

### SCRIPTURES

May 6	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	I John 5:1-6
May 13	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	I John 5:9-13
May 20	Acts 2:1-21/ Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27/Acts 2:1-21
May 27	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Christian Concerns – April Coleman

Christian Education – Alexis Green

Evangelism – Yvonne Lewis

Finance – Alexis Green

Property – Stephen Greer

Stewardship – Sharon Davis/Yvonne Lewis

Worship Committee-Pauline Johnson/Alexis Green/LaKeshia Green

### BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

### LECTIONARY READINGS

John 15:9-17

John 17:6-19

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

John 3:1-17

### SESSION

Pastor – Rev. Laddie J. Benton

Clerk of Session – Barbara Davis

Church Treasurer – Alexis Green

Benevolence Treasurer – Sharon Davis

Club Fund Treasurer – Winnie J. Burden

Sunday School – Sharon Davis

### ORGANIZATION

Men's Fellowship – Oliver Carter

Pastor's Aid – Toni Brooks/Winnie Burden/  
LaKeshia Green

Personnel – Stephen Greer

Presbyterian Women – Alexis Green/LaKeshia Green

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

Senior Choir – Thursday, 1:00 PM

**WASHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS  
FROM ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH OUR MISSIONS.**

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***“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ....  
And the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:6 and 9)***

# May 2018

\* Denotes Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		May 1	2 Bible Study – 6:30 PM	3 Senior Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Alicia Lee * National Day of Prayer Newsletter Comm. Meets	4  May Friendship Day	5  Cinco de Mayo
6  Older Adult Week Begins/Wills Emphasis  10:00 AM Sunday Service	7	8  Worship Comm. Meets 10:00 AM	9 Bible Study – 6:30 PM	10 Senior Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Valerie Phelps- Robinson *  Ascension of the Lord	11	12  Fair Trade Day
13 Mother's Day Mission Worker Sunday  Communion 10:00 AM Sunday Service	14	15	16 Bible Study – 6:30 PM  Destiny Scott *	17 Senior Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Jadakiss Perry * Shyaire Phelps *	18	19  Armed Forces Day  1001 New Worshiping Communities
20 Day of Pentecost Presbyterian Heritage Gospel Vespers Service 10:00 AM Sunday Service	21  Alexis Green *	22	23 Bible Study – 6:30 PM  Antonio Burgess *	24 Senior Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM	25	26  Jessica Levan *
27 Shirley May Towles * Intercultural Church Disability Inclusion Joash Chest 10:00 AM Sunday Service	28  Memorial Day	29	30 Bible Study – 6:30 PM	31 Senior Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM		



# Hearty MEALS

## CAMPBELL'S® BEEF & MOZZARELLA BAKE

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can (11½ ounces) CAMPBELL'S® Condensed Italian Tomato Soup
- 1 can (10¾ ounces) CAMPBELL'S® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1¼ cups water
- 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder *or* 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 ounces)
- 4 cups hot cooked medium shell macaroni (about 3 cups uncooked)

1. In medium skillet over medium-high heat, cook beef until browned, stirring to separate meat. Pour off fat.
2. Add soups, water, basil, pepper, garlic powder, 1 cup cheese and macaroni. Spoon into 2-quart shallow baking dish. Bake at 400°F for 20 minutes or until hot.
3. Stir. Sprinkle remaining cheese over beef mixture. Bake 5 minutes more or until cheese is melted.

*Makes 6 servings*

**Variation:** Substitute 4 cups hot cooked elbow macaroni (about 2 cups uncooked) for shell macaroni.

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

**Cook Time:** 25 minutes

## CHILI WAGON WHEEL CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces uncooked wagon wheel or other pasta
- 1 pound lean ground sirloin or ground turkey breast
- ¾ cup chopped green bell pepper
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- 1 can (14½ ounces) stewed tomatoes
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
- ½ cup (2 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse; set aside.
2. Spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Add ground sirloin, bell pepper and onion; cook 5 minutes or until meat is no longer pink, stirring frequently. (Drain mixture if using ground sirloin.)
3. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, black pepper and allspice; cook 2 minutes. Stir in pasta. Spoon mixture into 2½-quart casserole. Sprinkle with cheese.
4. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through.

*Makes 6 servings*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**HAROLD R. JACKSON**



**I'LL FLY AWAY**

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er**

**I'll fly away**

**To a home on God's celestial shore**

**I'll fly away**

**When the shadows of this life have grown**

**I'll fly away**

**Like a bird from prison bars has flown**

**I'll fly away**

**Just a few more weary days and then**

**I'll fly away**

**To a land where joys shall never end**

**I'll fly away**

**I'll fly away oh glory , I'll fly away**

**When I die hallelujah by and by**

**I'll fly away**

## **AN UNFORGIVING SERVANT**

**(Matthew 18: 21-35 NCV)**

**Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, when my fellow believer sins against me, how many times must I forgive him? Should I forgive him as many as seven times?"**

**Jesus answered, "I tell you, you must forgive him more than seven times. You must forgive him even if he does wrong to you seventy-seven times.**

**The kingdom of heaven is like a king who decided to collect the money his servants owed him. When the king began to collect money, a servant who owed him several million dollars was brought to him. But the servant did not have enough money to pay his master, the king. So the master ordered that everything the servant owned should be sold, even the servant's wife and children. Then the money would be used to pay the king what the servant owed.**

**But the servant fell on his knees and begged, "Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe." The master felt sorry for his servant and told him he did not have to pay it back. Then he let the servant go free.**

**Later that same servant found another servant who owed him a few dollars. The servant grabbed him around the neck and said, "Pay me the money you owe me!"**

**The other servant fell on his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe!"**

**But the first servant refused to be patient. He threw the other servant into prison until he could pay everything he owed. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very sorry. So they went and told their master all that had happened.**

**Then the master called his servant in and said, "You evil servant! Because you begged me to forget what you owed, I told you that you did not have to pay anything. You should have showed mercy to that other servant, just as I showed mercy to you." The master was very angry and put the servant in prison to be punished until he could pay everything he owed.**

**This king did what my heavenly Father will do to you if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.**

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Verse of the Month

My grace is sufficient for you,

for my power is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9

Red letter words are Scripture, black letter words are footnotes

### **DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE IN CHRIST** Romans 6:1-11

**What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?**

<sup>6:1-2</sup> If forgiveness is guaranteed, do we have the freedom, to sin as much as we want? Paul's forceful answer is *By no means!* Such an attitude—deciding ahead of time to take advantage of God—shows that a person does not understand the seriousness of sin, Jesus paid with his life so we could be forgiven. The availability of God's mercy must not become an excuse for careless living and moral laxness. NIVLASB

**Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

<sup>1-4</sup> In the church of Paul's day, immersion was the usual form of baptism—that is, new Christians were completely "buried" in water. They understood this form of baptism to symbolize the death and burial of the old way of life. Coming up out of the water symbolized resurrection to new life with Christ. If we think of our old, sinful life as dead and buried, we have a powerful motive to resist sin. We can consciously choose to treat the desires and temptations of the old nature as if they were dead. Then we can continue to enjoy our wonderful new life with Jesus (see Galatians 3:27 and Colossians 2:12 and 3:1-4 for more on this concept). NIVLASB

**If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.**

We can enjoy our new life in Christ because we are united with him in his death and resurrection. Our evil desires, our bondage to sin, and our love of sin died with him. Now, united by faith with him in his resurrection life, we have unbroken fellowship with God and freedom from sin's hold on us. For more on the difference between our new life in Christ and our old sinful nature, read Ephesians 4:21-24 and Colossians 3:3-15 NIVLASB

**For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—**

The power and penalty of sin died with Christ on the cross. Our "old self," our sinful nature, died once and for all, so we are freed from its power. The "body of sin" is not the human body, but our rebellious sin-loving nature inherited from Adam. Though our body willingly cooperates with our sinful nature, we must not regard the body as evil. It is the sin in us that is evil. And it is this power of sin at work in our body that is defeated. Through faith in Christ we stand acquitted, "not guilty" before God. NIVLASB

**because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.**

**Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**

<sup>6:8</sup> Because of Christ's death and resurrection, his followers need never fear death. That assurance frees us to enjoy fellowship with him and to do his will. This will affect all our activities—work and worship, play, Bible study, quiet times, and times of caring for others. When you know that you don't have to fear death, you will experience new vigor in life. NIVLASB

**For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**In the same way, count yourself dead to sin but alive in Christ Jesus.**

<sup>6:11</sup> "Count yourselves dead to sin" means that sin should regard our old sinful nature as dead and unresponsive to sin. Because of our union and identification with Christ, we are no longer obligated to carry out those old motives, desires, and goals. So let us consider ourselves to be what God has in fact made us. We have a new start, and the Holy Spirit will help us become in our daily experience what Christ has declared you to be. NIVLASB

## GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb  
was spilt. Dark is the strain that we can not hide, What can avail to wash it  
away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be  
today. Marvelous, infinite matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who  
believe; All who are longing to see his face, Will you this moment his grace  
receive? Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse  
within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sins.

## GOD THE SOURCE OF ALL GOOD

O LORD GOD, WHO INHABITEST ETERNITY,

The heavens declares thy glory,

The earth thy riches,

The universe is thy temple;

Yet thou hast of thy pleasure created life, and communicated  
happiness;

Though hast made me what I am, and given me what I have;

In thee I live and move and have my being;

Thy providence has set the bounds of my habitation,  
and wisely administers all my affairs.

I thank thee for thy riches to me in Jesus,

for the unclouded revelation of him in thy Word.

where I behold his person, character, grace, glory,

humiliation, sufferings, death and resurrection;

Give me to feel a need of his continual savior-hood,

and cry with Job, 'I am vile',

with the publican, 'Be merciful to me, a sinner'.

Subdue in me the love of sin,

Let me know the need of renovation as well as of forgiveness,

in order to serve and enjoy thee for ever.

I come to thee in the all-prevailing name of Jesus,

with nothing of my own to plead,

no works, no worthiness, no promises.

I am often straying,

often knowingly opposing thy authority,

often abusing thy goodness;

Much of my guilt arises from my religious privileges,

my low estimation of them,

my failure to use them to my advantage,

But I am not careless of thy favour or regardless of thy glory;

Impress me deeply with a sense of thine omnipresence,

that thou art about my path, my ways, my lying down, my  
end. Amen.