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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
 by: Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr.



It is with the joy of the Lord that I share once again a few words with our dear members and friends. I trust that His love and grace will be manifested all the more as we grow in His likeness. Since the Easter season is upon us, may we reflect on what the Risen Lord has brought to this sin-sick world.

The reality of sin and its deadly power makes the gravest problem with which human thought has ever grappled. Man was in debt and could not pay his way out. "Put that to mine account." That is to say as did our Christ, "It is finished." By every thorn that punctured His brow, by every pain that surged through His body, by every nail which pierced Him, by every savage Roman spear that pierced His side, by every drop of sinless blood shed that day, He said, "the debt is paid."

The debt paid -- not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with precious blood, as a Lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Jesus! Christ paid the price for our redemption.

On the first Easter morning the human response was one of fear. Mary of Magdala agonized in tears, because they had stolen her Lord from the tomb (she rationalized). The women were terrified, frightened out of their wits at the empty tomb. But the angel spoke, "There is no need for you to be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, he is risen from the dead ... Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb"

Fear transformed to great joy. God became man in the person of Jesus Christ -- the communication process was complete, and we need no longer fear. For us He came, into the midst of earth's night to give light, into the midst of earth's sorrows to give joy, into the midst of earth's storm to give calm, into the midst of earth's death to give life, into the midst of earth's bondage to give liberty. That is what Easter is all about.

This newsletter is sent quarterly to Salem Baptist Church members, former members, and friends. If you are interested in receiving a copy, write us at 500 E. Park, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

Father, forgive them...

CHOIR



TO OUR CHOIR MEMBERS

You are chosen of the Lord
 To Sing His highest praise;
 And through the medium of song
 To show his wondrous ways.
 Yours is the privilege of grace;
 Your words His truth express;
 Through sacred music you promote
 The cause of righteousness.
 So lift your voice with one accord
 And let your anthems ring;
 The people will be richly blessed,
 And God will hear you sing.

WE EACH HAVE A GIFT

We all have gifts that we may bring. We all have songs that we may sing. We all have kind words we may say. We all have prayers that we may pray. We all have love and joy to give. And what a joy life is to live, if we just scatter everywhere, these things God's given us to share:

- If you have a gift bring it.
- If you have a song sing it.
- If you have a talent use it.
- If you have love diffuse it.
- If you have sadness bear it.
- If you have gladness share it.
- If you have happiness give it.
- If you have faith live it.
- If you have a prayer pray it.



THANK YOU CHOIR

For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings,
 For your dedication in attending rehearsals,
 For inspiring us to lift our hearts, minds
 and voices in singing praises to our Lord,
 Choir, we thank you.

THE MAKING OF A SAINT

Why were the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.

*"If I ascend up to heaven,
 thou art there:
 if I make my bed in hell,
 behold, thou art there.
 If I take the wings of the morning,
 and dwell in the uttermost parts
 of the sea, even there
 shall thy hand lead me"*

(Psalm 139: 8-10).

SALEM SPRING REVIVAL

April 28 - May 2
 Rev. Donald Hunter
 New Sunnymount Baptist Church
 St. Louis, Missouri

READ YOUR BIBLE - STUDY YOUR BIBLE

by: Sherman Oldham

When Sam Jones visited the men's Sunday School class at Salem, earlier this year, he shared with us the following:

- B - Basic
- I - Instruction
- B - Before
- L - Leaving
- E - Earth

We are pilgrims on this earth, and we are daily preparing to leave for a prepared place for a prepared people. Thanks Bro. Jones.

HANDS ACROSS AMERICA

The problems of hunger and homelessness in the United States are growing at an alarming rate. An estimated 10-20 million Americans go hungry, some time each month. Estimates are that 2.5 million Americans are homeless and the number is rising. The trend is both sad and consistent -- hunger and homelessness in both urban and rural areas are reaching epidemic proportions.

1985 was a year of giving. The success of United Support of Artists for Africa (USA For Africa) and related projects proved resoundingly that the American public will respond to the cries of those in need. For the organizers of "We Are The World" the key question arose: "what can be done for the hungry and homeless in the United States?" The result of this thinking was Hands Across America.

Hands Across America's historic link-up will occur at 3 p.m. EST on Sunday, May 25, 1986. At that moment, 6-10 million Americans will join hand-in-hand, coast-to-coast. Americans of all ages, from all walks of life, will join in this expression of our commitment. Thousands of celebrities, sports figures, corporate and political leaders will help fill the line and realize the dream.

The route will encompass sixteen states and the District of Columbia, and will span 4,152 miles. Over 60 percent of the American population will have access to the route, including those of us in Champaign-Urbana. Each mile will require at least 1,320 participants, thus making a minimum of 5,480,640.

Each participant will contribute \$10-35.00 for the privilege of being in the line. The 50-100 million dollars raised will be administered and distributed by USA For Africa, a non-partisan, non-profit, private foundation governed by a Board of Directors. The foundation will review formal project proposals seeking grants and appropriate the funds with the assistance of two expert advisory boards. At least 1/3 of the funds will be allocated by September 1986.

For more information, contact: HANDS ACROSS AMERICA, 876 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, (212)505-5487. To join the line and make a pledge: 1-800-USA-9000.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE

The National Women's Studies Association's eighth annual conference will be held June 11-15, 1986 at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. The conference, entitled "Women Working for Change: Health, Cultures and Societies," is expected to attract between 1200 and 1500 participants from across the country and overseas. Campus and community women are currently planning and organizing this exciting event. Co-coordinators are Jeann Rice and Paula Gray.

Programming for Saturday, June 14, will have more of an activist and community organizing focus. "Forging Our Survival: Networks and Strategies for Change" is being planned by the Caucus Coalition Committee, a group representing women of color, Jewish, poor and working class, student, disabled, etc. Local women who are interested in presenting a workshop, discussion or cultural performance on this day should contact CCC by calling 244-0150, or by writing a one paragraph description of their presentation, and sending it to NWSA '86, Office of Women's Studies, UIUC, 304 Stiven House, 708 S. Mathews, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

A COMMUNITY FORUM

A Community Forum will bring Warden Jane Huch of Dwight Correctional Center for Women to the Champaign-Urbana area on Thursday, April 3rd. The forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a reception following and will be held at First Baptist Church, Illinois and Race Streets, Urbana. Parking for this event should be in the southwest parking lot of Lincoln Square. Then cross Race Street to First Baptist Church.

Everyone is welcome to dialogue with Warden Huch about her work with the women at Dwight. She has been a positive influence and role model for many of the women; and you will undoubtedly find her ideas in correctional work very exciting and challenging.

This Community Forum is being sponsored by Church Women United who, as a state wide interdenominational group, have undertaken the building of a chapel at Dwight Correctional Center. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Deloris Evans at 359-0967 or Louise Leonard at 344-6266.



JUST FOR KIDS

DO YOU KNOW THE ANIMAL?

BIBLE ANIMAL QUIZ

An animal told Eve, "Eat the fruit from this tree. It will make you like God." What animal told Eve to eat the fruit?

Genesis 3: 4

tiger lizard snake

Jonah tried to hide from God. Jonah hid on a big boat. When a storm came, the sailors threw Jonah into the sea. What animal swallowed Jonah?

Jonah 1: 17

fish sea gull dragon

Elijah was staying near the brook Kerith. God sent an animal to feed him. What animal fed Elijah?

1 Kings 17: 4

monkey raven raccoon

Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac. Rebecca offered to bring water for the servant's animals. The servant knew then that Rebecca was the right wife for Isaac. What kind of animals did the servant have?

Genesis 24: 19

camels goats pigs

Moses' helper Aaron did a wicked thing. Aaron made an animal out of gold. Aaron told the people to worship it instead of God. What animal did Aaron make?

Exodus 32: 4, 5

lion calf eagle

Noah knew the Flood was over when an animal brought an olive branch back to the ark. What animal brought an olive branch back?

Genesis 8: 11

fish dog dove

Jesus rode an animal into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. What animal did Jesus ride?

Matthew 21: 7, 8

horse donkey camel

The prophet Balaam was not doing what God wanted him to do. God made an animal talk to Balaam. The animal helped Balaam know what was right. What animal talked to Balaam?

Numbers 22: 28

parrot donkey deer



God Wants Us To Prosper

by: Sherman Oldham

God has a plan of success for each of us; he wants us to prosper. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. We should study the word of God and learn about the plans God has for us.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said unto Abram (Abraham): "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless you; and I will make your name great, and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee. And in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Abraham was obedient to God, and he was called the father of the faithful. Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. The Bible says God made him very rich.

Genesis 13:1-2

And Abram (Abraham) went out of Egypt, he and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

God is the same today as yesterday. God never changes. He will make you rich, spiritually and financially. He wants you to prosper, but you must follow HIS plan of success.

WOMAN'S DAY AT SALEM

Salem Baptist Church will celebrate their 43rd Annual Woman's Day, Sunday, March 23, 1986. The 11:00 a.m. speaker will be Mrs. Lucille Roebuck, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent at New Zion Baptist Church, Rockford, Illinois. She is also a well-known educator who has received numerous awards and recognition.

The afternoon program will begin at 3:30 with Mrs. Ethel R. Mars speaking. She is a member of Antioch Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. She is also Executive Director of Baptist Youth Fellowship for the Baptist General State College of Christian Education; and a seminary leader for the National Baptist Convention.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

(submitted by: Alice Stewart)

"For many are called, but few are chosen."
Matthew 22:14

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."
Hebrews 12:1

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."
St. John 1:12-13

*"My children!
Our love should not be
just words and talk;
it must be true love,
which shows itself in action"*

(1 John 3:18, TEV).

*When our days become dreary with
low-hovering clouds and our nights
become darker than a thousand
midnights, let us remember
that there is a great benign power
in the universe whose name is God
and he is able to make a way out
of no way, and transform dark
yesterdays into bright tomorrows.*

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The day of sorrows now has come,
 A day of grief and loss,
 A day when He who knew no sin
 Was burdened with a cross.
 We see Him fall beneath its weight
 And toil the mountain road,
 Till steps forth Simon of Cyrene
 To help Him bear the load.
 We see the crown of thorns He wore;
 We hear the frenzied throng;
 We feel the hours of suffering
 Which bore his soul along.
 The nails, the words, the Roman guards
 Mixed victory with loss,
 To write for all the centuries
 The story of the cross.

Jesus Didn't Blame Anybody

Think back to the story of how Jesus was crucified. He must have been lonely -- more lonely than anyone else before or since. His execution was a crime, but He forgave.

Even as the nails were hammered home through those gentle hands and feet, his first thoughts were to bless and pray for those around him. He blamed no one. Could we do the same?

How often we blame someone else. "Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus ... who emptied himself ... humbled himself ... became obedient unto death." Through death on the cross it is possible for us to know him as a friend. And it's only by accepting him as Lord that you find him as Savior.

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Please submit your favorite Bible verses, poems, quotes, or writings of your own to Jeanette Goines, editor, throughout the year. These items will be printed as space permits. Thank you.

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 (followed by breakfast)