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#### GREAT THINGS IN ALL SEASONS

Mark 5:19

Mark 5:19 says, "But Jesus said, 'No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been."

This verse of scripture is a part of the description that Mark gives us of one of Jesus' miracles. At the time of the miracle, Jesus was in the land of Gadara. He had just cast many demons out of a demon possessed man. The man had so many demons that the demons called themselves legion (many). There were enough of them to inhabit a large herd of hogs that just happened to be grazing nearby.

After being, dispossessed of the demons, the once demonic man begged to follow Jesus. One might think that Jesus would welcome a witness who could accompany Him and advertise what great things he had done. However, that was not the case. Instead of having a conspicuous witness follow Jesus around calling attention to Him, Jesus preferred a person with an inconspicuous testimony to go back to his own home and quietly tell the people there what a wonderful thing it was that Jesus had done for him.

As we read these words, for us they point to something very special, because we are not accustomed to witnessing this kind of event as a normal occurrence on a regular basis. After all, the event did not occur at a worship service, or at a prayer meeting, or at Bible study, or at a ministry meeting, or even at "church" at all. It had no particular flare, fanfare, drums beating, lights flashing, or any stage prop to call attention to the event. Rather, it happened at an "off-time" in an "out-of-the-way" place to an "unidentified" man on a "non-special" occasion.

However, for Jesus, the occurrence was not unusual at all in the sense that things are unusual to us. After all, most of Jesus' miracles happened away from church, in out of the way places, at non-special times. Jesus just happened upon a funeral procession on the road when he raised the son of the widow of Nain from the dead. He was just making a routine trip from Bethany to Jerusalem when He cursed the fig tree and caused it to wither and die. He was just attending a wedding with many other people when He turned water into wine. He just happened to be on the way from casting out the demons that Mark is telling us about here in this scripture when he healed the woman with the issue of blood on the way to Jairus' house to raise his daughter from the dead. Jesus did not need a central stage, a special place, a notable occasion, or an unusual opportunity to do something good, great, remarkable, or outstanding. Such was a part of His nature and He just did it all the time.

There is both a valuable and lasting lesson here for those of us who are willing to learn it. Too often we seek to achieve the unlikely, accomplish the impossible, or perform the spectacular. We must learn that our reward is not in how flashy the deed is that we do, or how many people see the service that we render, or how often we aim at doing something good. Our aim ought be to make goodness a part of our nature. Hence, one of the great lessons often overlooked here is that if you want to be like Jesus, do something good all the time. You may do it quietly, if you like.

Interim Pastor, James D. Ballard



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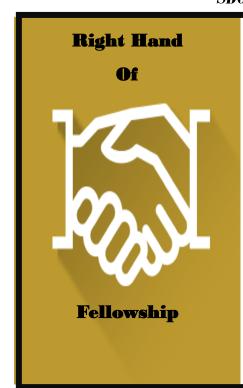
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"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

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## **MEANWHILE the INTERIM**

On behalf of the seniors and congregation of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, to you,
We present this literary attempt at poetry to give honor where honor's due.

Concerning this, Dr. Ballard, obeying God's command never goes against the norm.

So, we decided as the Senior Ministry to extend our honor in this form.

We thank you for coming along side as the interim pastor of choice

And we show you our appreciation in a gracious uplifted voice.

Meanwhile...

Springfield Baptist Church on Auburn-Knightdale Road came to a crossroads one October night.

An angel of Almighty God took our leader, Reverend Sanders, who had finished the good fight.

Springfield's flock was left behind with much sorrow and many a tear,

until they remembered God's tender encouraging, "My children, do not fear"

I will never leave you nor forsake you, this light affliction will give you added strength to help you grow,

You've been faithful in a few things and it's only a part of the test, you know.

Time out for intermission, to step up on a higher plane

Don't be alarmed about what's ahead; my Spirit in you will keep you sane.

Meanwhile... there's one to bridge the gap, my servant, I call him, Ballard.

He's full of my spirit, loves me immensely and welds my Word like a tossed salad.

Delivers the Word with the expertise of an orator who studies as all scholars should,

Keen in discernment, making sure every hearer tastes and see that the Word is good.

Keeping the flock together by his sermons, taking our spirits from glory to glory

You'll come back for more each week to hear the same but still wonderful story;

Of how Jesus saved you by His blood and ever so extravagant love.

Meanwhile...

Viola! Springfield's back on track and heading for heaven above.

And now we ask the congregation to join in with honoring our capable interim of the hour,

Who is one of us, dear seniors, showing courage, giving hope, filled with Holy Ghost power

Thanking the Lord, Praising Jesus, for the courageous, perfected man,

Reverend Dr. James D. Ballard, who thought it not robbery to take this necessary stand.

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## Great Things By Johnny Ray Moore

poet & children's author Let's glorify The FATHER, As seasons come and go. He gives us all the things we need, He gives us overflow. He woke us up this morning, So many things, He's done. He's been a Fortress from the start. To each and every one. GOD heals our land in His own time. He shows Amazing Grace. He is so truthful to His Word. He guides us through this race. Our walk with Him is personal, It's not a foolish game. Let's show the world by how we live, That we are not ashamed.

Great things in GOD, The FATHER,

No matter what may come.

Salvation will be ours, at last,

When He will say, "WELL DONE."

## Incoming Freshman Please Read This:

This may not seem important to some of the people who are reading this article, but it will definitely help a majority of you. Just here to help you freshman as you began to travel that long, stressful, entertaining, but amazing freshmen journey. Here are just a few tips to help you along the way....

### DO NOT... again... DO NOT schedule an 8:00 AM class.

Transitioning from high school to college, you think you will be able to handle an 8:00 AM class. Believe me, coming from someone who thought they could do it, it is hard. I can't understand the difference between the two, but a college 8:00 AM class is very difficult to wake up for. Some days you may want to miss that 8:00 AM class because it's too early or you just don't feel like getting up. Before you know it, one day becomes two days and two days becomes three. In college, missing so many days of a class can then result in a one letter grade drop, meaning an A to a B, or possibly failing of the class. So as you register for your classes TRULY think about if you will be able to wake up for an 8:00 AM class.

## Here is another major DO NOT ... DO NOT wait until the last minute – meaning 12:00 AM - to do your homework.

High school procrastination usually led to an A on a homework assignment, test, or a project. However, procrastination changes in college when you have homework in every class, two quizzes, one test, and a group project due all on the same day, at 11:59 PM, you can not procrastinate. You will probably go through a sequence of emotions, that will most likely go down like this:

- First you are feeling pumped, energized, determined, and ready to get it done.
- About 20-30 minutes in you are feeling hungry and exhausted. You may have finished one homework assignment but you are defiantly over it, and maybe a little regretful that you waited to start your homework.
- The clock has just changed to 11:00 PM and you still have a paper and a test due. Your emotions have now changed to stressed.
- Yes just a tad stressful .. Then you are a bit...
- Overwhelmed. So much is going through your mind and you don't know what to do.









At this point you are probably really over it, frustrated, wanting to give up, and did I say completely over it? This is usually how it goes. Don't be this guy! Prioritizing your work is REALLY important in college because things can began to add up quickly. So don't stress yourself out, plan your work accordingly.

To see the full article by Kayla Clarke go to http://www.theclairelife.com/freshmanadvice.html

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#### The 8 Life Skills All 18 year olds should have: A checklist for parents

- **1.** An 18-year-old must be able to talk to strangers faculty, deans, advisers, landlords, store clerks, human resource managers, coworkers, bank tellers, health care providers, bus drivers, mechanics—in the real world. The crutch: We teach kids not to talk to strangers instead of teaching the more nuanced skill of how to discern the few bad strangers from the mostly good ones. Thus, kids end up not knowing how to approach strangers respectfully and with eye contact for the help, guidance, and direction they will need out in the world.
- **2.** An 18-year-old must be able to find his way around a campus, the town in which her summer internship is located, or the city where he is working or studying abroad. The crutch: We drive or accompany our children everywhere, even when a bus, their bicycle, or their own feet could get them there; thus, kids don't know the route for getting from here to there, how to cope with transportation options and snafus, when and how to fill the car with gas, or how to make and execute transportation plans.
- **3.** An eighteen-year-old must be able to manage his assignments, workload, and deadlines. The crutch: We remind kids when their homework is due and when to do it— sometimes helping them do it, sometimes doing it for them; thus, kids don't know how to prioritize tasks, manage workload, or meet deadlines, without regular reminders.
- **4.** An **18-year-old must be able to contribute to the running of a household.** The crutch: We don't ask them to help much around the house because the checklisted childhood leaves little time in the day for anything aside from academic and extracurricular work; thus, kids don't know how to look after their own needs, respect the needs of others, or do their fair share for the good of the whole.
- **5.** An **18-year-old must be able to handle interpersonal problems.** The crutch: We step in to solve misunderstandings and soothe hurt feelings for them; thus, kids don't know how to cope with and resolve conflicts without our intervention.
- **6.** An 18-year-old must be able to cope with ups and downs of courses and workloads, college-level work, competition, tough teachers, bosses, and others. The crutch: We step in when things get hard, finish the task, extend the deadline, and talk to the adults; thus, kids don't know that in the normal course of life things won't always go their way, and that they'll be okay regardless.
- **7.** An 18-year-old must be able to earn and manage money. The crutch: They don't hold part-time jobs; they receive money from us for what ever they want or need; thus, kids don't develop a sense of responsibility for completing job tasks, accountability to a boss who doesn't inherently love them, or an appreciation for the cost of things and how to manage money.
- **8.** An 18-year-old must be able to take risks. The crutch: We've laid out their entire path for them and have avoided all pitfalls or prevented all stumbles for them; thus, kids don't develop the wise understanding that success comes only after trying and failing and trying again (a.k.a. "grit") or the thick skin (a.k.a. "resilience") that comes from coping when things have gone wrong.

Remember: our kids must be able to do all of these things without resorting to calling a parent on the phone. If they're calling us to ask how, they do not have the life skill.

Julie Lythcot-Haims is the former Dean of Freshmen at Stanford University and the author of <u>"How to Raise an Adult."</u>

Lincoln Battle, a 12-year-old eighth-grade student at Daniels Middle School in Raleigh, won the U.S. Tennis Association's Southern Closed Junior Championship at Cary Tennis Park on June 15, 2017, ranking him the best in his age group in nine southern states. He learned to play from his father, who learned to play from his father, making him a third-generation tennis player.

Courtesy of Mary Ann Artz, USTA-Florida





This month, 12-year-old Lincoln Battle won the U.S. Tennis Association's Southern Closed Junior Championship at Cary Tennis Park. The victory earned him the rank of best tennis player in his age group in the South.

"I was nervous, but I knew as long as I went out and played my game, it would be a good outcome," Lincoln said. "It feels good to think about all the hard work I've put in to get to this high level I am right now."

Chris Battle said it's all about teamwork - at home and on the court.

"We're Team Battle," he said. "You never know what the end is going to be, but you continue to strive for excellence, continue to press forward. "We're not quitters. That's not our last name. We're Battles."

Correspondent Lori R. Wiggins

Read more here: http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/counties/wake-county/article157821204.html#storylink=cpy



### How It Factors In Your Money Management Plan

How does tithing factor in my money management plan? I'm glad

you asked. The foundation to any of our plans including money is putting GOD first; even when it defies all logic and our very survival. To understand this statement, read Isaiah 55: 8,9. In these verses, God tells us our thoughts and ways are different from His thoughts and ways. We have bills and responsibilities then hear "Put God First". Many look at their situations and determine in order for MY plans to work I have to pay the bills first. God asks us to give 10 percent of what we receive back to him and when we are obedient to this command we will experience blessings that OUR plans could never provide.

A particular story in 1 Kings 17: 8-16 shows how obedience to God's word can change our circumstances and make the plans we have insignificant. In this story, a widow receives a visit from Elijah as she is preparing for what she thought was the last meal for her and her son. However, Elijah asked her to prepare food for him FIRST with the last of the supplies. Because of her obedience to give, even when she thought she could potentially die from starvation, her barrels were continually filled.

Now let's discuss amount and attitude. God evaluates our actions on the basis of our attitudes. Absolutely critical in our giving must be an attitude of love (1 Corinthians 13:3). Jesus used the occasion of the widow casting two mites into the temple treasury to remind us that our attitude is more important than the amount. He looks past the amount of the gift to the heart of the giver. Whenever we give, we should remind ourselves that we are actually giving our gift to the Lord Himself. In doing that, it becomes an act of worship – an expression of our gratefulness and love to God as our Creator, our Savior, and our faithful Provider (2 Corinthians 9:7).

As for an amount...in the Old Testament, the Law required a tithe (ten percent). The children of Israel were condemned for not tithing properly (Malachi 3:8-9). The New Testament teaches that we are to give in propor-

When we give the following happens:

Material Giving
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tion to the material blessing we receive. How much should you give? Each one should earnestly seek God's will concerning giving. Consider a tithe for a minimum and then give above that as the Lord prospers or directs.

Try the following strategy for 3 consecutive months if not already doing so: give to God first, give to yourself second (savings), then pay your bills. We are looking forward to hearing your testimonies as I'm sure there will be some. Please send your testimony to <a href="mailto:eem@springfieldbaptistchurch.com">eem@springfieldbaptistchurch.com</a>.

Anthony Jenkins - Springfield Economic Empowerment Ministry





## What have the ministries at



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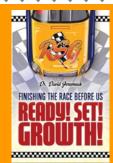
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## What's Going On At *Tuesday Night*





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The "PACK THE HOUSE CHALLENGE" is an initiative to encourage more people to take part in bible study. As believers, it is our duty to be intentional about our Christian growth and we want to encourage "packing" our classes with bible study participants. We all want to grow in understanding of the Word of God and His will for our lives. Thus, you are encouraged to join us. New guest will become a part of one of our five review groups. The group which has the most guests credited to their group during a designated time will be named winners and holders of the Pack the House trophy.

Our first "PACK THE HOUSE CHALLENGE" is our team from GROUP 1. We have had 23 guests from our church family return to Bible Study and 3 non-members attend since this effort was started. We continue to invite others to be a part of our awesome time in learning more about God's WORD.

Will Group #1 maintain its position as winners of the Challenge, or will there will be an upset? Come be a part of this fun and creative way to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our presence and study of His word.

For questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Deacon Anthony Jenkins or Dr. Vivian Short.







## 2017 Youth Law Day



Saturday, August  $5^{th}$  ,proved to be a very beneficial and educational day for the Youth Ministry of SBC. We joined with youth from all across the county to experience "2017 Youth Law Day." We participated in rap sessions with some of this city's finest lawyers, law enforcement and judges. We also toured the county jail. We all agreed that the food looked nasty. The day's highlight was the mock trail we enacted with the guidance of Judge Croom. Caleb Bynum was the bailiff, Isaac Jenkins was the lawyer for the defense and Unique Williams was our DA. Poor Amari Stanley had to testify about the events that lead to the arrest of the defendant. The rest of us served as the jury...it was a blast!

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## Youth Day 2017 Lock-In























## #comejoinus



The  $Library\ Ministry\$  thanks all those who have made donations to the library. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



The Library Ministry's Summer Reading Challenge for youth began June 11, 2017 and ended July 23, 2017. These are the winners and the amount of time they spent reading.

#### **Read To Me:**

Karina Adams – 9 hrs 23 min. of reading time

Ethan McCoy −1 hr 29 min of reading time

Jackson Clark – 10hrs 40 mins of reading time

#### **Readers:**

Julius Faison – 4hrs 30 min of reading time

#### **Tweens:**

Braedon Thomson – 17hrs 15 mins of reading time

Congrats to the winners. As long as you continue to enjoy reading and gaining knowledge, you will always be winners.

Carolyn R. Ellis, Chair; Cheryl Walker, Co. Chair

Members: Johnette Bynum, Dana Garland

Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.

Mark 5:19

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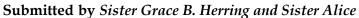


## Hands of Hope

The Hands of Hope Mat Makers is a ministry whose mission is to repurpose plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless. The members of this ministry are male and female who actively collect plastic bags from members and non-members to create comfortable, bug resistant and portable sleeping mats.

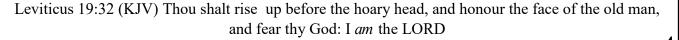
This ministry organized on March 31, 2017 and meets the last Friday in each month in the Fellowship Hall. On June 24, God blessed us to bless the Oak City Outreach Center, Raleigh, NC with eleven crocheted mats.

Thank you to all who continue to support this effort and join us as we strive to provide a place of comfort for the less fortunate.





#### A TRIBUTE TO SENIOR CITIZENS



To reach this not promised but inevitable phase of life is a distinctive honor, indeed. To be a senior in this day and time makes us glad we sought God's way to heed. It was in God's promise you know that if we follow Jesus we would have a long and abundant life;

As we look on our seniors over sixty-five, we represent the widow, widower, the husband and the wife,

They are expressing their gratitude with the righteousness of Jesus; endowed with Holy Ghost power,

Each one identified with navy blue and white and wearing a ribbon or flower, We, the seniors, praise God, proclaiming all glory to His Name

Showing the generations to come that Jesus is the Way and He's always the same. To the sixty-four and under we give you this charge, for your protection as well as ours

Respect and remember how down through the years, seniors cared for you numerous hours.

Do not look upon them with pity, there's more strength in them than you know.

Do not pass them by as insignificant without so much as a greeting, 'hello'.

Be gentle in handling that senior in need; for some of their prayers have brought you thus far.

Their labor of love for you was constant in their thoughts, by their faith you've come safely to where you are.

Remember the times when you had to depend on them for shelter, clothing and food Even your education as such, and putting up with your growing pains and mood.

Such an understanding class of people, the senior citizens, here today

Are "Seniors With a Testimony", the SWAT warriors who continue to pray.

Because they have found the secret of life by staying in close communication with God,

If you haven't followed this example, we urge you that now's a good time to start. I beseech you to encourage them and show your gratitude and respect

And live a life so to be an example to the next generation so that the world will see the effect.

Remember the name of your senior ministry, SWAT, full of action and steam, Coordinating gatherings, interesting trips and outings, working together as a team. Our ultimate mission as we near the end of our journey on earth is to remember why Christ's blood was shed,

It was to save us from sin, to spread the gospel to our families, and doing what Jesus said,

Our testimony from Psalm 37:25 Is "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread."

Betty Smith Lois Hagens Rose Broadnax

## **SAVE - THE - DATES**

### ~ SPRINGFIELD HOMECOMING 2017 ~

### CELEBRATING 151 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LORD

## ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Movie: Walk by Faith

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

6:30PM - 9:00PM





EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF SPIRITUAL & GOSPEL MUSIC SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017 TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

## 151ST ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 10:00AM MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

"MOVING FORWARD WITH RENEWED FAITH, HOPE AND VISION" HEBREWS 11:1-10

~ THE 2016-2017 HOMECOMING COMMITTEE ~





Friday, September 22: Couples' Conference @ 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 23: Couples' Conference @ 5:00 p.m. Garner Senior Center

Friday, September 29: Church Conference @ 7:00 p.m.

October 6-8 (Fri-Sun): Men's Retreat Topsail Island, NC

Saturday, October 14: Bonita Griffis & James Goffney Wedding @ 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21: Women's Ministry Workshop @ 1:00 p.m SBC Community center

Saturday, October 21: Bereavement Ministry Memorial Service @ 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28: Singles' Ministry Event @ 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31: Fall Festival

Sunday, November 5: *Homecoming Service* @ 10 a.m.

Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Service

November 23 – 24: Thanksgiving Holiday, Church Office Closed

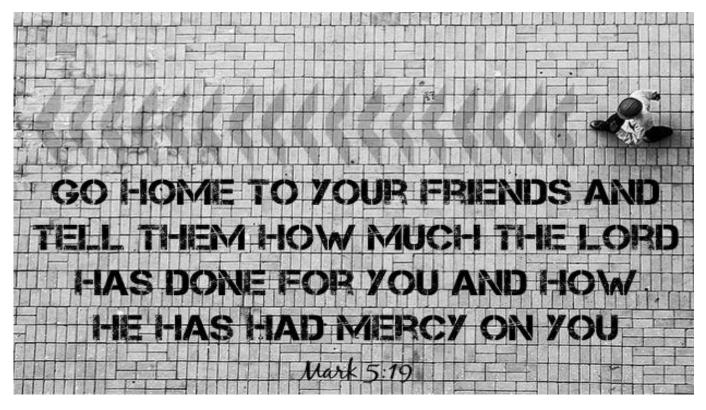
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