

Zion Lutheran Church
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The FOCUS



May and June 2013

Reaching out and sharing God's Love with all
 ...through worship, service, teaching, and caring.



JUNE

May	June
2 National Day of Prayer	2 Sunday Worship
5 Sixth Sunday of Easter Fiesta Potluck/Debi's birthday bash	5 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
6 Mary Circle	6 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
7 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.	9 Sunday Worship Coffee Hour High School Graduation Celebration
8 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.	11 Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
9 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. Ascension Day	12 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	13 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
14 Page CXVI, Concert of Hymns 7:00 p.m.	14 Flag Day
15 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.	16 Sunday Worship Father's Day
16 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.	18 Sarah Circle, 6:30 p.m.
19 Pentecost	19 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
21 Sarah Circle, 6:30 p.m.	20 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
22 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.	21 First Day of Summer
23 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.	22 No Host Pizza Party, adults only
26 Holy Trinity Sunday	23 Sunday Worship
27 Memorial Day, Zion office closed	30 Sunday Worship
29 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.	
30 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.	

Adult Bible Study: 8:15 a.m.
 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

STAFF

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 Mike Mustain
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 Rod Voss
 Jonathan Bowman, Sr.



Page CXVI

Presents a Concert of Hymns.
 Tuesday, May 14, 2013
 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us in Zion's Sanctuary to enjoy a concert of sacred hymns, presented and arranged to appeal to all age groups. There will be no charge to attend, but a free-will offering will be taken.

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GOT JOY?

As spring is bursting out all over; the sun is shining, and it's getting warmer, the Church continues to celebrate Easter during a spiritual springtime, a 50-day period that began on Easter Sunday. This time invites us to remember that Jesus told His followers to "Remain in prayer, and the Holy Spirit will come upon you to empower you and energize you to speak the Good News of My life, death and risen life to all the world" (Acts 1:8 paraphrased)! Those first followers of Christ had no idea how this was going to happen; they didn't have the benefit of 2000 years of the great news of the **JOY** of Jesus' risen life spreading to the whole world. Nonetheless, they had heard the words of Jesus, "I have spoken these things to you that your joy may be full" (John 15:11)!

They were facing almost certain (their fears of suffering like Jesus were soon to be realized) death for sharing Jesus, but as Arthur Gossip speaks of the joy of early Christians, "They have caught the **JOY** of Jesus; their eyes are always shining; their hearts dance and exult in the sheer delight of what they have **found**--the splendor and **JOY** of knowing Jesus. They coin new words; they do what they never thought they could do; they invent superlatives--in the end, they frankly confess that they have no idea what they are doing" (Jesus is doing it through them, of course!).

I want a joy like that, a radiance that lets the world know that Jesus is **RISEN FROM THE DEAD**, don't you?! We can always choose--thoughts and words of the hope, joy and love of the risen Lord and confess them and feel better and do better and have an impact on others! Jesus is "The light of the world; they who follow me will not be in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). We can have **JOY**, light, love, encouragement, energy through the Holy Spirit just as surely as the days are becoming longer, brighter, warmer as spring shares God's loveliness in all creation.

This Easter season and springtime, **"MAY THE LORD BLESS AND PROTECT YOU; MAY THE LORD'S FACE RADIATE WITH JOY BECAUSE OF YOU; MAY HE BE GRACIOUS TO YOU, SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR AND GIVE YOU HIS PEACE"** (Numbers 6:24--26).

Easter **JOY** to you and yours; God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Cyril

(More of these uplifting, energizing, heart-warming thoughts can be found in *Jesus, Man of Joy* by Sherwood Wirt, pp. 139--143.)







MEMBERSHIP is a special way of saying, "I'll be here; I'm committed to participating in the mission of Zion to share Jesus and His saving grace with my/our world; **Count me in!**" If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Cyril. The opportunity will be given to celebrate **membership** monthly.

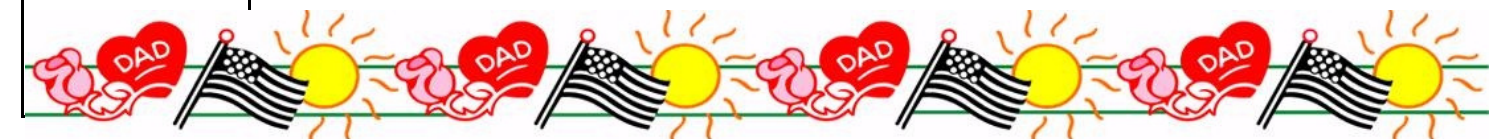
LEGACY-- a way to ensure that your faith will live on when you go to your heavenly reward is to remember Zion Lutheran in your will. Thank you for helping your church to continue its ministry when you're gone to your heavenly reward! Please remember Zion in your will.

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2013 JUNE

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Monday--Friday.
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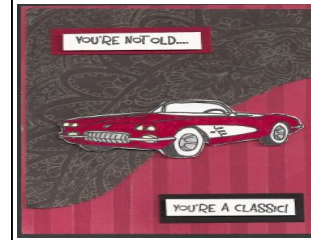
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May Activities

“I’m sixty years of age (that’s 16 Celsius).”

Debi’s turning 60 on May 6th,
so we’re having a 60th Birthday Bash for Debi,
Sunday, May 5th, 2013, following the Worship Service.



There will be a Mexican Fiesta theme.

Señors, Señoras, Señoritas, Niños, and Niñas, Hola! ¿Cómo esta usted? (Hello, how are you?)

Bring your favorite Mexican style main dish, appetizers, or salads and your Mexican cuisine appetites.
Birthday cake and drinks will be provided.

Adiós to all you Señors, Señoras, Señoritas, Niños, and Niñas. See you there!!!
If you have any questions, see Debi or Sandy.

For something near and dear to Debi’s heart, bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry.

“You know you are getting old when everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work!”
“You know you are over the hill when your broad mind and narrow waistline trades places.”
“You know you are getting old when your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.”



June Activities

“Class of 2013”

Congratulations Rebecca Bowman on your high school graduation!!!

There will be a coffee hour celebration in Rebecca’s honor, Sunday, June 09, 2013 after the Worship Service.

If you have any questions, see Jonathan, or Rozeana.



**No Host
Pizza Party
Adults only**

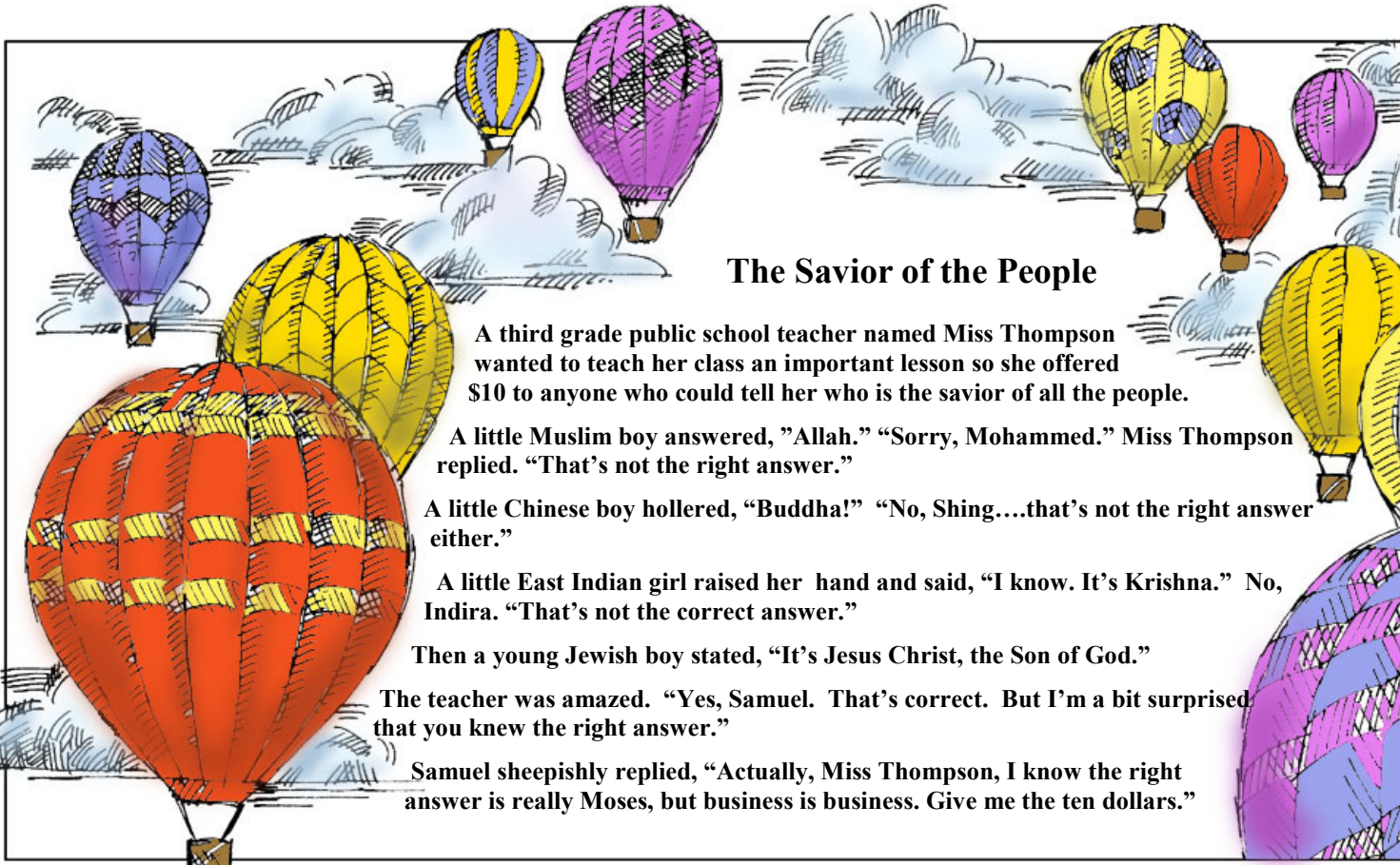
Saturday, June 22, 2013
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Jackson Creek Pizza Company,
317 East Main Street, Medford

Come and join us for good food,
fun and fellowship!

If you have any questions,
please see Debi, Karen, or Sandy.

Sunday School and Youth



The Savior of the People

A third grade public school teacher named Miss Thompson wanted to teach her class an important lesson so she offered \$10 to anyone who could tell her who is the savior of all the people.

A little Muslim boy answered, "Allah." "Sorry, Mohammed." Miss Thompson replied. "That's not the right answer."

A little Chinese boy hollered, "Buddha!" "No, Shing....that's not the right answer either."

A little East Indian girl raised her hand and said, "I know. It's Krishna." No, Indira. "That's not the correct answer."

Then a young Jewish boy stated, "It's Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

The teacher was amazed. "Yes, Samuel. That's correct. But I'm a bit surprised that you knew the right answer."

Samuel sheepishly replied, "Actually, Miss Thompson, I know the right answer is really Moses, but business is business. Give me the ten dollars."

Calling It a Day

God: "Whew, I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on earth."

Angel: "Oh yeah? What are you going to do now?"

God: "I think I'll call it a day."



Cities

It's been said that the Bible story "begins in a garden and ends in a city." A number of cities mentioned in Scripture have symbolic names. Can you give the proper name? Hint: one appears more than once.

1. The City of David _____
2. The Cities of the Plain (2), KJV _____
3. The City of Truth, KJV _____
4. The Holy City _____
5. Cities of Refuge (6, name 2) _____
6. The Great City _____
7. The City of Palm Trees _____
8. The City of Waters _____

*The answers may be found on page 7.

Happy Father's Day!!



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May 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
May 5	Ellen Cullmer	Bud Cullmer	Rebecca Bowman	Brandyn Bowman
May 12	Jim Ashby	J.J. Bowman	Sandy Knutson	Steven Rader
May 19	Youth	Brady Williams	Myrtle Petruck	Zack Williams
May 26	Linda Mustain	Jerry Thomas	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn

June 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
June 2	Diane Lewis	Jerry Lewis	Debi Bowman	Brandyn Bowman
June 9	Wayne Bennett	Paul Hansen	Sandy Knutson	Rebecca Bowman
June 16	Youth	Brady Williams	Myrtle Petruck	Zack Williams
June 23	Nancy Swan	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Steven Rader
June 30	Rod Voss	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Brandyn Bowman

Please call Karen at 541-664-4433 if you are unable to assist at the scheduled time. Thank You!

Bulletin Assistants:

May and June

Bob & Barbara Simmons



Offering Counters:

May and June

Debi and Sandy

NEWS Notes

What is God calling *you* to share by way of ministry?

Please pray about our continuing ministries here at Zion. Are there any changes or new things that we want to do as individuals or as a congregation?



Church Secretary

Newsletter
DEADLINE

April 15th

Pastor continues to do home visitations — and home blessings. If you desire one or the other or both, please notify Pastor or Penny.

Baptismal Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, take me away from myself anew this day. Use me as you will, where you will, with whom you will, for I would belong to you and not to myself.

(This is to be said aloud, morning and evening, and is a long-term "snowflake prayer" which will pile up over the months and years!)

Zion Church Council 2013

Pastor Cyril Hunkler

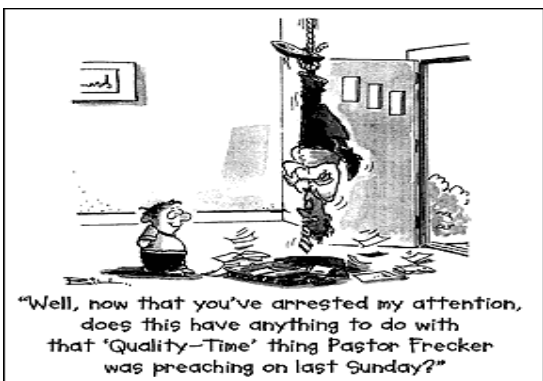
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Vice President: Bud Cullmer

Treasurer: Karen Thomas

Secretary: Shannon Magda

Bob Simmons, Jonathan Bowman, Linda Mustain,
Mike Mustain, Rod Voss



To all Members and Friends of Zion:

The Church Council decided, at its June, 2010 meeting, to keep everyone informed of our financial situation.

The shortfall in our revenues to expenses every month is being covered from the generous gift from Nancy Cherrier. The Council decided to make note of this, as some may not have been present at the annual meeting when this was explained.

We wish to thank everyone for their support of our work here at Zion Lutheran!

The Church Council.

"Diane and Jerry Lewis express their heartfelt thanks for all the expressions of concern and condolences received from the congregation upon the passing of Diane's Dad. Your support has been deeply touching and very much appreciated."



- A reminder that Pastor's sermons are recorded on CD weekly and will be sent to any who request a copy, just for the asking.

Prayer requests: If you would like to be included in our speedy email alerts regarding prayer needs, please let Penny know.

Email: office@lutheranswired.org

Mention that you'd like to be included on the list. That's all you need to do.

HUGGING

Hugging is healthy. It helps the body's Immune system and keeps you healthier; It cures depression; It induces sleep; It's invigorating; It's rejuvenating! It has no unpleasant side effects, and hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug!

Hugging is all-natural. It is organic, naturally sweet, has no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients, and is 100% wholesome!

Hugging is practically perfect! There are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic checkups.

It requires low energy consumption and gives a high energy yield. It is inflation proof and non-fattening; requires no monthly payments or insurance coverage, is theft proof, non-taxable, non-polluting, and, of course, is fully returnable!

Have you hugged someone today?

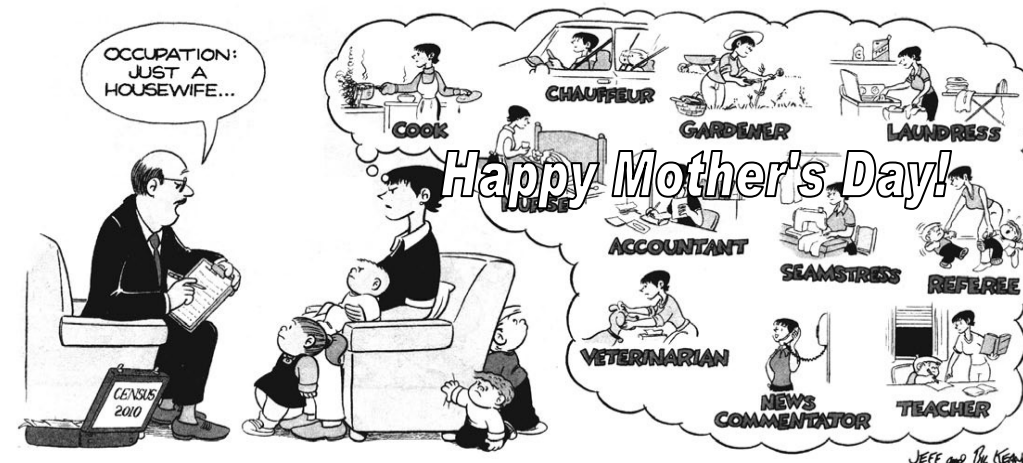
Can you help?

The Food Pantry is in need of the following: egg cartons—1 doz. Size, plastic grocery bags and paper grocery bags. Right now we no longer need plastic medicine bottles.

A father asked his little son what was the highest number he had counted. The boy replied, "973." The father asked the boy why he had stopped there. The boy replied, "Because church was over."

—Holly Sutula
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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Mary Circle May and June 2013

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., in the Church Library for Bible Study and fellowship.

May 6
10:00 a.m.

Mary Circle
Will not meet during the months of June, July, and August

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Swan at 541-770-1689 or Diane Lewis at 541-772-1710.

Sarah Circle May and June 2013

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., for dinner and Christian fellowship.

May 21, 2013
Thai Bistro
535 Stevens Street, Medford
541-772-6200

June 18, 2013
Rosario's
2221 W. Main St., Medford
541-773-2230

All ladies are invited to join us!
If you have any questions, contact Karen Thomas at 541-664-4433.



May

5th: Mexican Fiesta Potluck
12th: Sandra Knutson
19th:
26th:

June

2nd:
9th: Jonathan & Rozy Bowman
16th: Sandra Knutson
23rd:
30th

May

5th:
12th:
19th:
26th:

June

2nd:
9th:
16th:
23rd:
30th

As of this newsletter publication these are the only dates taken for May & June Coffee Hours and flowers. Please let Penny know if you can fill in any of these dates. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you.

Famous quotes from various mothers:

Jonah's mother: "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

Mona Lisa's mother: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, that's the largest smile you can give us?"

Columbus' mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You still could have written!"

Happy Mother's Day!



June 18
10:00 a.m.

Altar
Guild



May:

- 3 Linda Mustain, Todd Wearne
- 6 Debi Bowman, Pastor Mark Gilderhus
- 10 Nancy Swan
- 14 Virginia Garner
- 15 William Wearne III
- 17 Kyle Nelson
- 19 Diane Lewis, Joy Proper

June:

- 4 Stormy Jahn
- 6 Eric Olson
- 12 David Cullmer
- 17 Emily Cushman, Pam Garrett
- 18 Al Olson
- 22 Doris Evans, Ava Rader
- 29 Rebecca Bowman, Rozeana Bowman

Anniversaries to Celebrate



May:

- 29 James and Rose Myhre

June:

- 21 Jonathan and Rozy Bowman

Sick/Surgery/Other:

Ariel	Dan McCormack
Ron Bender	Lisa Mustain
Brandyn Bowman	Doug Pierce
Kathy Carboni	Joy Proper
Bob Cordova	Jeannine Reddell
Diane Cordova	Shantil Reid
David Cullmer	Trinity Reid
Steve Dutton	Marilyn Sandau
Karen Fredenberg	Clayton Schneider
Steve Fredenberg	Max Shott
Pastor Cyril Hunkler	Virginia Stanfield
Marie Hutchison	Neal Stanfield
Dale Janzen	Bud Van Vrimm
Jenna Jenkins	Lisa Williams
Jenny Lewis	John Winkler
Patrick Lewis	Florence Yasuda



Shut Ins:

- Ed Andren
- Vonnie Fichtner
- Myrtle Hoover



- Alex Bustard
- Andrea Castagnato
- Carl Franklin
- Chaplain Mark Gilderhus
- Chad Hoover
- Travis Hoover
- Justin Schneider

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
JOHN 14:14, NRSV

Note About the Prayer Lists:

We will be reviewing names monthly on the prayer lists. Names will be removed unless we are informed that they still need to be on the list.

Thanks for your help in keeping our prayer lists up to date.

Baptisms

Paisley Ann Beachler
Born December 12, 2011
Baptized March 31, 2013

Parents:
Joshua Beachler and Shantil Marie Reid

Grandparents:
Tina Grant and David Grant

Great-grandparents:
Jerry and Karen Thomas



Gloria Hannaford
December 13, 1933—March 13, 2013

Ilse Hargrave
- March 21, 2013

Jerry Miller (father of Diane Lewis)
- April 4, 2013

Zion's Broader Community

I am a Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian," I am not shouting that "I am clean living." I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon his name.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace somehow!



Spiritual Reflections

Spiritual Reflections

The following writing is an excerpt from a booklet entitled 40 Days with Jesus by Sarah Young. Presented in the 'voice' of Jesus, she offers this as a tool to help deepen your relationship with God.

I am the RISEN ONE who shines upon you always. You worship a living Deity, not some idolatrous, man-made image. Your relationship with Me is meant to be vibrant and challenging, as I invade more and more areas of your life. Do not fear change, for I am making you a *new creation*, with old things passing away and new things continually on the horizon. When you cling to old ways and sameness, you resist My work within you. I want you to embrace all that I am doing in your life, finding your security in Me alone.

It is easy to make an idol of routine, finding security within the boundaries you build around your life. Although each day contains twenty-four hours, every single one presents a unique set of circumstances. Don't try to force-fit today into yesterday's mold. Instead, ask Me to open your eyes, so you can find all I have prepared for you in this precious day of Life.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' Now I have told you."

Matthew 28:5-7

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, and the new has come!

Answers to Bible quiz on page 4.

1. Jerusalem (Zion), 2 Samuel 5:5, 7, 9
2. Sodom and Gomorrah, Genesis 13:10, 12
3. Jerusalem, Zechariah 8:3
4. New Jerusalem, Revelation 21:2
5. Bezer, Ramoth, Golan, Kedesh, Shechem, Kiriatharba (Hebron), Numbers 35:6, Joshua 20:7-8
6. Babylon, Revelation 16:19
7. Jericho, 2 Chronicles 28:15
8. Rabbah, 2 Samuel 12:27

**Whether you turn to the right or to the left,
Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
"This is the way; walk in it."**

Isaiah 30:21



TOPS
(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS continues to welcome new members and is

great support for losing weight. Anyone interested is invited to visit and check out the group.

We meet Saturdays at Zion, 7:00 — 8:30 a.m.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Sarah Felder, Leader: 541-326-5360