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One Way a Small Church Makes a Big Impact

Living in the bible belt of the every corner. These churches are traditional, and contemporary, but God of our Father. This variety in to evaluate their denomination and important to them. Gill Creek amazing combination of the Gill Creek Baptist Church was the Civil War and has stood the test community. The leadership of Gill beginning, the need to be placed on it. Being Christ centered, the foundation of Gill Creek. old while also establishing new and enabled our church and its and small. One of God's greatest leadership.

Throughout its history, Gill Creek Baptist Church has been blessed with 17 God fearing, spirit led pastors. This blessed leadership has seen us through the nineteenth century, twentieth century, into the new millennium, and presently in the twenty-first century. Gill Creek Baptist Church has been blessed by the Lord to see many souls saved and has served the Lord faithfully as a body of believers. It has also weathered many storms and has been brought through by God's grace, His love, and His hand of protection. This has helped Gill Creek to realize God's promise to always be with them. As Gill Creek Baptist Church moves into its 147th year, the church felt

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James C. Woodley, Pastor

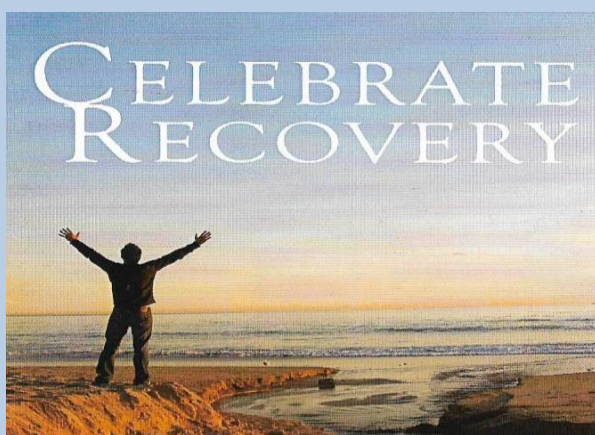


South, one will find a church on many things: new, old, big, small, all are purposed to uplift and glorify churches allows for the parishioner them seek out what is most Baptist Church provides an previously mentioned *many things*. birthed out of the fires surrounding of time as a rock within the Creek has realized from its responsive to the call the Lord has Holy Spirit led, and Bible based is Maintaining valued traditions of contemporary practices have ministries to respond to changes big blessings to us has been anointed

led to continue to strengthen its faith by developing this year's vision: ***"A place where one can be revived, restored and refreshed by the Spirit of the Lord."*** This vision, helps Gill Creek Baptist Church to understand that all believers and non-believers are in different places in their walk with Jesus. Therefore, it presents an environment that reflects this understanding; allowing the fire within to be revived in Christ, restored onto a Godly path and refreshed in the spirit.

Gill Creek Baptist Church is able to accomplish this through the leadership of its Pastor, Rev.

James C. Woodley. Gill Creek Baptist Church, which is lovingly referred to as, ***The Creek***, along with Pastor Woodley, encourages its flock to R.E.L.A.T.E. (**Reach, Empower, Love, Accept, Teach and Excite**) to each other and the community. In fulfilling the call of the Lord upon its congregation, Pastor Woodley and ***The Creek*** develop ministry activities that embrace the contemporary while uplifting traditions to reach all for the up-building of God's kingdom!



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Introduction to Salvation

HOW CAN I CHANGE MY LIFE?

God loved us so much that He did not allow us to die in our sins, but instead, He sent His only begotten Son to pay the penalty for my sins. John 3:16

Plan of Salvation

We are all sinners

There is a price for our sins. Romans 6:23

We need to repent, turn away from our sins. Mark 1:15

Christ paid the price for your sins. Romans 5:8

You must believe in Him. Romans 10: 9-10

Recognize that your sin separates you from God.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...the wages of sin is death.” Romans 3:23, 6:23

Realize that God loves you and believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins. “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son (to die as our substitute), that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”. John 3:16

Christ “suffered once for (our) sins, the righteous for the unrighteous (us), that He might bring us to God.” I Peter 3:18

Take the first step ...

Receive Him into your life by faith

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned...whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.”

John 3:17-18,36

Get involved in a Bible-Teaching Church

If you do not belong to a bible teaching church, don’t wait to get involved. They can help you develop to be a mature Christian through bible teaching and fellowship. In Hebrews 10:25 and Acts 2: 42-47, the word admonishes us not to forsake “the assembling of ourselves together...” You are an important member of the body of Christ. Allow God to grow in you and work through you by being fed the Word of God through regular church attendance.

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CHECKLIST FOR ENCOURAGERS	Reference	Example	Suggested application
The command to "encourage" others is found throughout the Bible. In 5:11-23, Paul gives many specific examples of how we can encourage others.	5:11	Build each other up.	Point out to someone a quality you appreciate in him or her.
	5:12	Respect leaders.	Look for ways to cooperate.
	5:13	Hold leaders in highest regard.	Hold back your next critical comment about those in positions of responsibility. Say "thank you" to your leaders for their efforts.
	5:13	Live in peace.	Search for ways to get along with others.
	5:14	Warn the idle.	Challenge someone to join you in a project.
	5:14	Encourage the timid.	Encourage those who are timid by reminding them of God's promises.
	5:14	Help the weak.	Support those who are weak by loving them and praying for them.
	5:14	Be patient.	Think of a situation that tries your patience and plan ahead of time how you can stay calm.
	5:15	Resist revenge.	Instead of planning to get even with those who mistreat you, do good to them.
	5:16	Be joyful.	Remember that even in the midst of turmoil, God is in control.
	5:17	Pray continually.	God is always with you—talk to him.
	5:18	Give thanks.	Make a list of all the gifts God has given you, giving thanks to God for each one.
	5:19	Do not put out the Spirit's fire.	Cooperate with the Spirit the next time he prompts you to participate in a Christian meeting.
	5:20	Do not treat prophecies with contempt.	Receive God's word from those who speak for him.
	5:22	Avoid every kind of evil.	Avoid situations where you will be drawn into temptation.
	5:23	Count on God's constant help.	Realize that the Christian life is to be lived not in our own strength but through God's power.

Can We All Get Along?

There are many opportunities to bring about unity where there is division. First, we must look at what has caused disunity among those that were once united:

- Politics (Democrat/Republican)
- Religion
- Race (Black or White)
- Sex (Male or Female)
- Economic Statuses (Rich or Poor)



Do any of these sound familiar to you? I’m sure most if not all will. Yes, it is true there are many mountains that were formulated from mole hills and many small foxes that destroyed many great vines.

The Tower of Babel and a city were constructed because the people worked together as one. They spoke one language, had one goal and mission (reach heaven) and one mind (let us). As a result, their mission was being accomplished. God had to confuse their language and scatter them upon the face of the earth to prevent disaster (Genesis 11:1-9).

Ultimately disunity is a result of the lack of love. If we love the Father we have never seen, we should be able to love our brothers and sisters we see always. Love will keep us together (Romans 12:9-10 “Let love be without dissimulation (real not fake or hypocritical). Abhor that which is evil (hate evil as God does and withdraw from it); cleave to that which is good (latch on to it firmly). Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love (let the love of Jesus bind us in Christian love) in honor preferring one another”. We can, be Reunited. We can, Love again. We can, Trust again. How? One soul at a time. Can God count on you?

While we are going along, we might as well get along!

By: Shelia McNair
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(Colossians 3:15)



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Do you need eyes to see the need for UNITY?

Do you need ears to Hear the CRY?

Do you need your heart to COMPEHEND IT?

I appeal to you on the basis of love. **Philemon 1:9 (All churches)** Encourage one another, build each other up. **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ALL PEOPLE; Christians and Non-Christians)** How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! **Psalms 133:1 (Enlarge your circle of Love)** Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. **Matthew 18:19-20 (The Lord is with us as we gather in His name)** See, I am doing a new thing! I am making way in the desert. **Isaiah 43:19 (God makes preparations for His people)**. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation". **Mark 16:15 (Our great commission)**. Come, follow me, I will make you fishers of men. **Matthew 4:19 (drawing others to Christ)**

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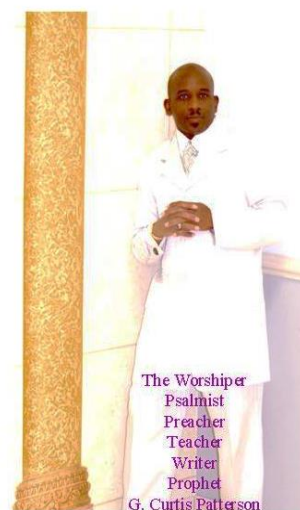
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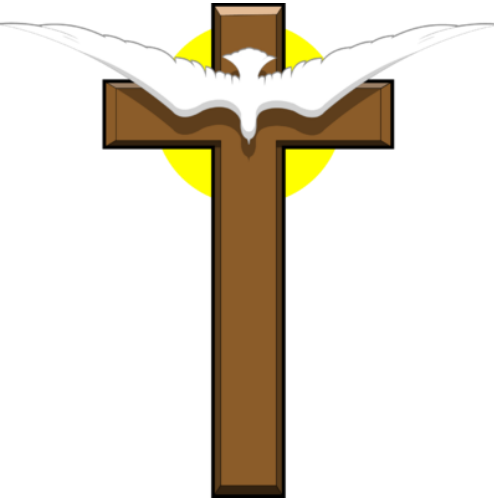


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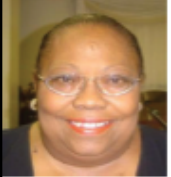
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by Jim Troyer

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If you desire to kick cigarette smoking or other strong habit, begin with very small steps. When feeling the urge to light up, work towards your goal by delaying your gratification. For example, delay lighting up for the longest time you believe you can handle. For some, this may be 10 seconds, for others one minute. Over the course of the next couple months, slowly stretch delays to longer times. However, if you find yourself regressing, then your goals have become too lofty. The solution is to reduce the delay so you can reach your goal.

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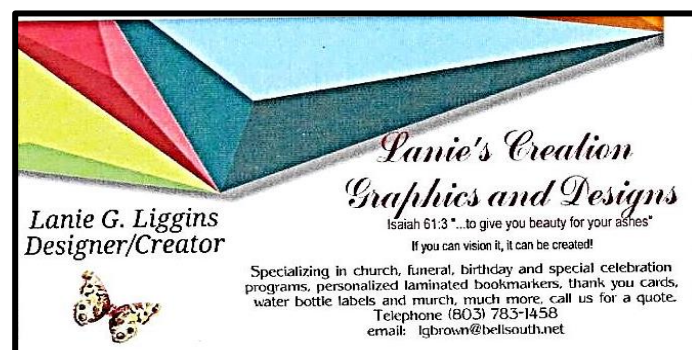
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As your ability increases with practice, you may notice some changes. Achieving your small goals brings about satisfaction and happiness. To increase emotional intensity and duration, celebration is necessary. Be grateful and thank yourself for your effort, not just your successes. Also, accept the fact that you will have setbacks and failures. Keep failures in perspective, do not expect to be perfect or fast in changing. Be grateful that you have put effort into it. Every little step forward is still one step closer to your destination; sometimes the load you carry prevents fast progress.



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Punishment	Because God is holy, he requires his people to treat others justly. He promised to punish Israel, Judah, and other nations for faithless immorality and idolatry. True faith had degenerated into national pride and empty religious rituals.	We must trust in God alone and fulfill his commands. We cannot forsake justice nor give in to selfishness. If we harden our hearts against his message, punishment will surely come to us.
Salvation	Because God’s judgment is coming, we need a Savior. No man or nation can be saved without God’s help. Christ’s perfect sacrifice for our sins is foretold and portrayed in Isaiah. All who trust God can be freed from their sin and restored to him.	Christ died to save us from our sin. We cannot save ourselves. He is willing to save all those who turn from their sin and come to him. Salvation is from God alone. No amount of good works can earn it.
Messiah	God will send the Messiah to save his people. He will set up his own kingdom as the faithful Prince of Peace who rules with righteousness. He will come as sovereign Lord, but he will do so as a servant who will die to take away sins.	Our trust must be in the Messiah, not in ourselves or in any nation or power. There is no hope unless we believe in him. Trust Christ fully and let him rule in your life as your sovereign Lord.
Hope	God promises comfort, deliverance, and restoration in his future kingdom. The Messiah will rule over his faithful followers in the age to come. Hope is possible because Christ is coming.	We can be refreshed because there is compassion for those who repent. No matter how bleak our situation or how evil the world is, we must continue to be God’s faithful people who hope for his return.

First Baptist Church of Lexington
Celebrate Recovery

Written by: Sharon Pfost
 Did you know many Christians feel alone and secretly struggle with a variety of hurts, habits and hang-ups? Some are paralyzed by shame for what occurred in their past, while others hide the choices they are making. Our struggles come in various forms, such as addiction to porn, prescriptions drugs, illegal substances, or alcohol, and the inability to overcome feelings of isolation, insecurity, inadequacy, anxiety, anger, grief, or depression. If you are identifying with any of those areas, whether you are a Christian or not, there is hope and help for overcoming them! Celebrate Recovery is a national, faith-based, 12-Step program that uses the Beatitudes and the proven benefits of community to help those in need of recovery. We rely on Jesus to give us the power to change our lives. We invite you to come; take that first step, and we will greet you at the door! First- time visitors will be invited to attend Newcomers 101 to learn more. Those who have already taken that scary, first step, completed the 12-Steps, and have celebrated at least one year of recovery, serve as facilitators for our issue specific small groups.

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Day 5	Matthew 14:31	Day 20	Mark 16:15
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Day 7	2 Samuel 17:14	Day 22	1 Chronicles 4:9
Day 8	Psalms 109:21	Day 23	Luke 15:25
Day 9	Isaiah 22:20	Day 24	Malachi 3:10
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Breaking Life Cycles



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Many times when negative and self-destructive patterns are part of our life choices, we often do not consider the “stake holders” who are being impacted by our poor choices. Sometimes these individuals may not have the skills necessary to help us. Therefore, they come across as being too difficult or not understanding, yet their heart’s desire is to see us free from the negative behavior patterns. If you are being impacted by someone who is continually engaging in destructive patterns in their life, I suggest you consider the following approaches in trusting God for their breakthrough:

Consider where they are in their relationship with Christ and pray accordingly: The only remedy for “sin” is grace. Therefore, the saving grace of God is the entrance into the arena of power that overcomes any condition in life. *(Eph. 2:1-10)*

Connect with others who have skills and proven success in dealing with such matters: The Bible speaks of the benefit of Godly counsel and the benefit it brings to life. *(Psalm 1:1-3)*

Commitment to a role of healthy involvement and not of an enabler: Sometime we can mean well, but we may be hindering what God is bringing to past through his loving discipline *(Prov. 3:11-12)*.


If you have to endure having to live with the impact of negative patterns of others, know that God is there to keep you in a state of peace while you are interceding in prayer in the behalf of that person(s). *Galatians 6:9 (NIV) says, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*



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