

OCTOBER 2020

*The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the word of God endures forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4

The above passage has been both a challenge and an encouragement to me through most of 2020. I admit that sometimes I question the possibility of finding joy in times of loss, heartaches, disappointments, and persecution. Add to these things, the challenges brought on by COVID and I find my joy easily threatened and in danger of becoming swallowed up by anxiety, fear, depression, anger and weariness. But God and His Word are teaching me and I pray they are teaching you as well.

The Greek word for Joy is "charan" which contains the root "char" (xar) which means "extended favor, lean towards, favorably disposed, an awareness of God's' grace, favor and joy". Another way to say this is joy is "grace recognized." I like that!

When we think along these lines, we realize that this "pure joy" that we are called to have is not rooted in trials or any external circumstance, but in our deepening relationship with our loving God who is faithfully with us (Joshua 1:9) and is sovereignly working all things for good (Romans 8:28) for those who love Him.

Jesus was very clear in telling His disciples that they would have trouble in this world. But that's not the end of His teaching. He exhorted them and us to take heart because He has overcome the world (John 16:33). If, "God is for us, who (or what) can be against us" (Romans 8:31)? Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is something that Jesus really wants to share with us (John 15:11). He wants us to know His joy. We can face trials (temptations, lapses of faith, hardships) with joy because they, with God's intervention, are producing perseverance and perseverance must finish its work in us that we may be mature, complete and full of Hope (Romans 5:3).

We may be hard pressed for understanding the "whys" of our trials, and they may be unpleasant at the time, but we can rest in knowing that God is good and has what we need and He will use it for good in us... which ultimately brings Him glory!

How have you been responding to the trials of this season of life? Take joy in knowing that you are not alone. God has you covered. Joy in Him, PC



Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave
himself for me.**

Welcome to October! As we will all have good seasons and seasons of struggle, I encourage you to read the devotion below from the YouVersion Bible App study called Courage Under Stress, and to be encouraged and excited because God is with us!

Faithful Endurance Under Suffering

Scripture provides many examples of those who patiently endured suffering. They remind us that the crises we face are not new, and we are never alone. God always notices those who have the courage to remain faithful, even though the fulfillment of his promise to reward us comes in his own time - not ours.

A common picture of tenderness is a mother cradling her infant. She holds him, gently rocking him to sleep. She meets each of her child's needs, singing and speaking words of encouragement. James tells us that the Lord is like that toward us—"full of tenderness and mercy." These are words of truth that comfort us even in the worst of times. Since the Lord uniquely created each of us in our mother's wombs, we can be confident that he will continue to tenderly nurture us as his children. There is no one who loves and cares for us as deeply as our heavenly Father.

Look how God has provided for others in circumstances similar to your own. For example, Jamie is a woman who suffered a severe traumatic brain injury and lives with paraplegia (impairment in her lower extremities). Jamie knows suffering intimately. Every morning she endures fears and pain that threaten to control her . . . until she stops to spend time with Jesus. Calling out to him and experiencing his tender gift of peace for that day, Jamie receives new hope as she clings to her faith moment by moment.

Whatever your stress—large or small—our kind and merciful God sees and cares. He challenges you to put your troubles in his hands.

What do you have to lose?

James 5:10-11 AMP

"As an example, brothers and sisters, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord [as His messengers and representatives]. You know we call those blessed [happy, spiritually prosperous, favored by God] who were steadfast and endured [difficult circumstances]. You have heard of the patient endurance of Job and you have seen the Lord's outcome [how He richly blessed Job]. The Lord is full of compassion and is merciful."

For information about Fusion events please find us on Facebook at Fusion Youth Ministry, email us at fusionfbcg@gmail.com, or you can call or text Faith or myself.

God Bless, Pastor Matt & Faith :)

"Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love."

- Thomas O. Chisholm

October Sunrise - Confederate Avenue, Gettysburg NMP - Photo by Whitney Myers



AWANA BEGINS

@ FBC

Wednesday, October 21st

6:00-7:15pm

Life Groups Join one now! (more to come)

Van & Kristen Weber Home Tuesday Nights @ 6:30pm

"A harmonization of the Gospels" - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John will be studied together.

Sean & Adrienne Fitzgerald Home Friday Nights @ 5:30pm bring food

A book of the bible (to be named later) will be studied

The Gallimore Home Tuesday Nights @ 6:30pm (begins Oct 13)

Will be watching and studying "The Chosen"

Jennefer Harris - Women's ZOOM study of 2 Peter meets every other Tuesday @ 6:30pm

Josh and Jess Blair - ZOOM book of Hebrews Monday Nights @ 7pm

Pastor Carl - 2 ZOOM Studies book of Isaiah Thursday @6:00am & Thursday @9:30am bible study



There are children all around the world; Children just like me.
Children ev'rywhere on earth, Across the land and sea.
They need to hear that Jesus died
And lives to set them free.
Who will go, And let them know?
Oh, Lord, Send me!

Words and music by Evelyn Pulkin



Have you ever thought, "O Lord, Send Me" ?

Perhaps you have never been able to go to other countries telling of the Good News of Jesus Christ, but your heart aches to tell others.

Here is your chance to be part of the team sending "Little Missionaries" to places where non-natives cannot go and help spread the Good News to others.

These little shoebox missionaries have been used by God to bring his message to others in closed countries and to share Christ with those who have never heard all around the world. Because of these little shoebox missionaries many children and adults have heard the message of salvation and believed. Churches have been built. God's message has gone forth.

You can be a part of this by equipping and sending others. It starts with a shoebox and prayer.

Come and help pack shoeboxes to be sent with Operation Christmas Child to children around the world. We will pack the shoeboxes on **Saturday, October 10 from 1 – 3** in the church pavilion. Come one – Come all and be part of the great commission of Matthew 28:18-20



BIBLE STUDY



- **Thursdays:** 9:30am **ZOOM** study led by Pastor Carl
Small Groups starting up soon!

Let's Dig In together

The
CHOSEN

VIDANGEL  ORIGINAL

THINK YOU KNOW HIM? LOOK AGAIN...

CHECK OU THIS GREAT SERIES ON VIDANGEL OR YOU CAN WATCH
SEASON ONE ON YOUTUBE



W2 Group

The Men and Women of W2 Group are having a special gathering on Sunday, October 25th under the pavilion following the second service. Everyone should bring their favorite board game and their own lunch. If the weather does not cooperate, you will be contacted with a new plan. Come out and have some fun!



**"In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth."**

Genesis 1:1



**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.**

Psalms 136:1

Answered Prayer

Unknown Confederate Soldier (pg. 527 in our hymnal)

I asked God for strength,
that I might achieve,
I was made weak,
that I may humbly obey...

I asked for health,
that I may do greater things,
I was given infirmity,
that I might do better things...

I asked for riches,
that I might be happy,
I was given poverty,
that I might be wise...

I asked for power,
that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness,
that I might feel the need of God...

I asked for all things,
that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...

I got nothing I asked for— but everything I hoped for;
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all men most richly blessed

W2 Group

This group of Widows
and Widowers meet
on the last Sunday of
each month after
2nd service to
support and love
each other. All are
welcome!

Can You Guess The Hymn?

O what emptiness
without the Savior
Mid the sins and sorrows
here below!
And eternity,
how dark without him,
Only night and tears
and endless woe!
What though I might live
without the Savior,
when I come to die,
how would it be?
O to face the valet's gloom
without Him!
And without Him
all eternity!



"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:58

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Submitted by Whitney Myers



"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

Psalms 32:1

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Three Patriarchs, Zion National Park, Utah, USA Submitted by Whitney Myers

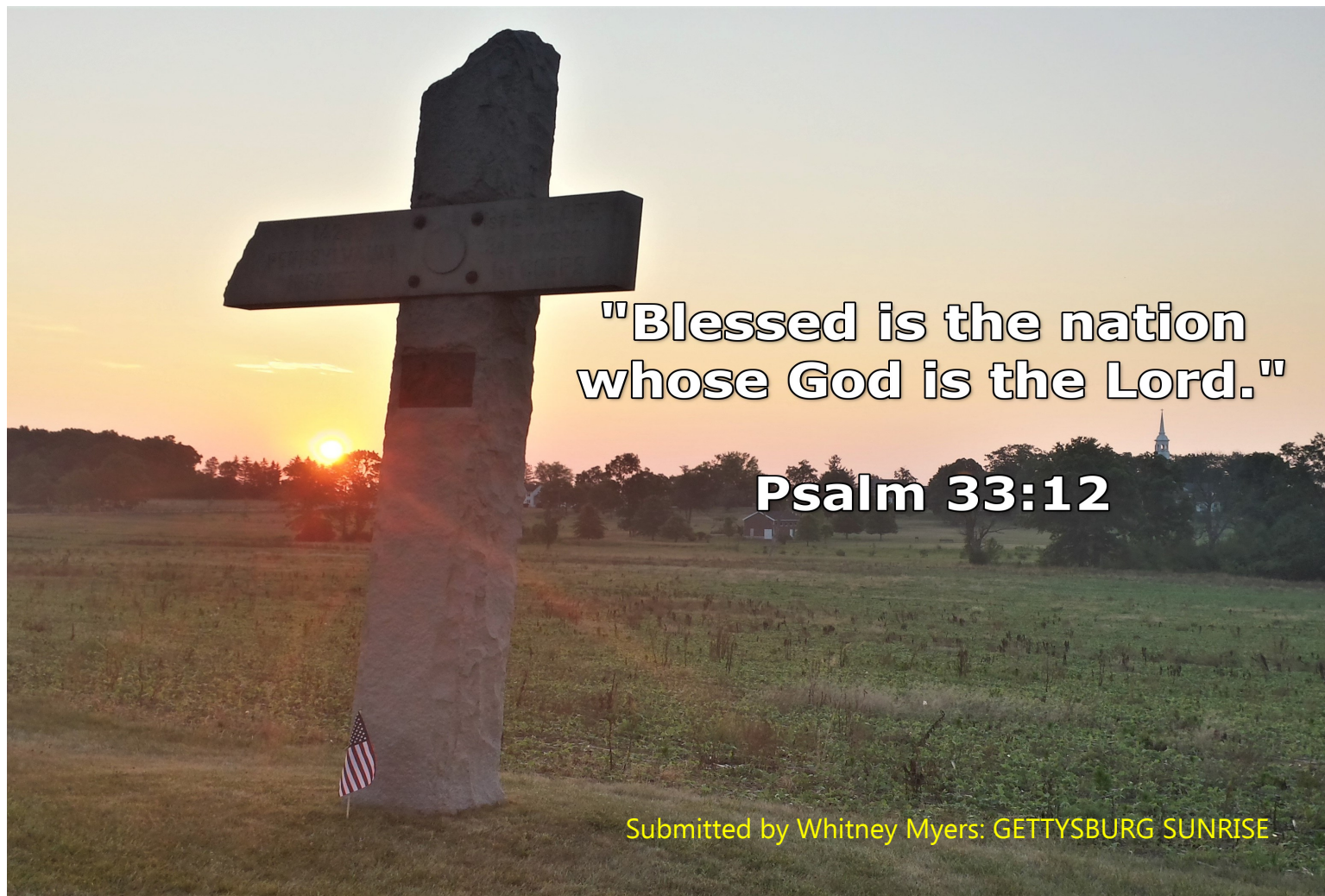
Mission Board Update

and **Sat7** News

The mission board remains active during this uninvited “downtime” with limited church activity. Our meetings have continued with zoom and two in person with social distancing in place. Our August meeting was via zoom and our special guest was Dennis Weins from Kansas City. He is the USA Church Relations Director for SAT 7. He spoke to us concerning the unprecedented challenges SAT 7 is facing in the 25 + years of television Christian Ministry to the Mid East and North Africa. Listed below are the numerous methods they have implemented and some of the responses to presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, along with promoting peace, comfort and education, to a fearful world looking for hope.

- Via internet, SAT 7 is able to bypass boundaries and borders to reach the earbuds of 30 million homes.
- Documented research reveals 2 million homes in Saudi are watching SAT 7 kids
- Digital broadcasting to church meetings in Iran
- Increased viewing in Turkey by 60%
- Using different interactive media, there has been a 719% engagement increase on Saudi YouTube.
- Started having global devotions for SAT 7's 200 employees
- Closure of the Egyptian studio due to a positive Covid 19 case gave incentive for others to take equipment to their homes and continued to produce programs.
- Continued with “My School” productions in Syrian refugee camps.
- Women in camps in Egypt and Lebanon, who had never received an education are now learning to read and write in their homes.
- Arab people in the USA are connecting with SAT 7 because of fear from Covid 19 and are looking for hope.
- Churches and/or groups can sponsor a day's programming for \$640.
- Although SAT 7 teams do not publish newsletters for security reasons, there is a lot of information on SAT 7 USA website, SAT 7 Facebook page, and SAT 7 YouTube channel.
- Lebanon is one of the most open countries to freedom of religion. Their currency is deflated 7,000 to 1 US dollar.

Dennis thanked FBC for being a longtime and faithful supporter of the work and ministry of SAT 7. FBC began supporting SAT 7 in 2006.



**"Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord."**

Psalm 33:12

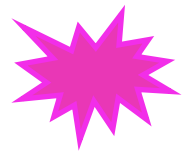
Submitted by Whitney Myers: GETTYSBURG SUNRISE



OCTOBER IS STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH AT FBC. OUR STAFF WOULD LOVE A CARD OR NOTE OF APPRECIATION OR EVEN TAKE THEM OUT TO LUNCH! WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, JUST SHOW OUR STAFF LOVE AND APPRECIATION AND MAKE THEM FEEL SPECIAL ♥



20 Questions



1. How many apostles did Jesus have?
2. Which book tells about the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus?
3. Who wrote the book of Acts?
4. How many gospel books are there?
5. Who wrote the book of Revelation?
6. Who said “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand”?
7. How many times did Peter deny Jesus?
8. Who was shipwrecked in the New Testament?
9. Which New Testament book tells about Paul’s conversion?
10. Where did Jesus grow up?
11. Where was Paul when he went blind?
12. How many wise and foolish girls were in Jesus’ story?
13. Who wrote the most books in the New Testament?
14. Name one book that tells of Jesus’ birth?
15. Who was the governor that tried Jesus?
16. How many loaves of bread did Jesus use to feed five thousand?
17. Who said “Peace, be still?”
18. Who said “He is not here. He is risen.”?
19. Who betrayed Jesus?
20. Which apostle was a tax collector?



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ANSWER TO HYMN: If I Gained The World

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.

SEPTEMBER

Answers to 20 Questions

1. On what day of creation did God create man? SIXTH DAY
2. What was the name of Adam's third son? SETH
3. What was the first of the Ten Commandments? YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
4. At the time of the census conducted by Moses in the first chapter of Numbers, which of the twelve tribes of Israel was the smallest? MANASSEH
5. Who was the mother of Samuel? HANNAH
6. What kind of bird brought Elijah food while he hid in the Kerith Ravine, east of Jordan? RAVENS
7. Which of the following is NOT a book of the old Testament? ENOCH
8. What is the last word in the Old Testament? CURSE or DESTRUCTION
9. How many books are in the Old Testament? 39
10. In what language was the Old Testament written? HEBREW
11. What relation was Jacob to Abraham? GRANDSON
12. How many sons did Jacob (Israel) have? 12 -THEY FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL
13. From which country did Moses help the Israelites escape from their lives of slavery? EGYPT
14. Which tribe of Israel looked after the religious aspects of life? LEVI
15. On which day of the year could the High Priest enter the Holiest Place, the inner most part of the temple where the covenant box was kept? DAY OF ANNONEMENT
16. Which of following was not a judge? LABAN
17. Israel split into two kingdoms after the reign of King Solomon, with Israel in the north, but what was the name of the southern kingdom? JUDAH
18. Who was king of the southern kingdom when the northern kingdom of Israel fell to Assyria? HEZEKIAH
19. The southern kingdom eventually fell, but to which great power? BABYLON
20. After the exile, the Israelites returned and started to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, but which other prophet along with Zechariah was sent to encourage the completion of the partly built temple? HAGGAI