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Our Best Intentions

“I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:15), so spoke the Apostle Paul. Somehow, he could not translate his best intentions into the actions he wished to do. This is the dilemma that has afflicted all Christians who sincerely want to do God’s will.

Peter experienced it too. *“Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death”* (Luke 22:33), he declared, and he meant it. His best intentions were to stick with his Lord, no matter what. Yet Peter denied knowing his Lord, and, along with all the disciples, fled in fear the night of Jesus’ betrayal (Mark 14:50). What he wanted to do, he failed to do. What he wanted not to do, that is what he did. We understand the dilemma well. Like Peter, we weep when faced with our failures. But we do not despair, for we have learned that, while on our own we fail, but with God we can do great things.

Christ went to His death on Calvary in order to buy us back from sin, death, and the devil. We are no longer captive to sin and immobilized by it. *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us”* (Romans 8:37). Jesus lived the perfect life for us; He shed His blood in payment for our sins; He suffered in our places; and He gives us grace that forgives our failures and gives us more opportunities to bear the fruit He called us and chose us to bear. Truly, with God we can do great things.

In the fellowship and love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg



Stewardship Corner - Many situations in life require mediators. Two parties at odds with each other can be brought together by one who is skilled in helping each one see things from the other’s point of view. Christ was just such a mediator. Sin had separated us from God. A great chasm lay between us. The just and holy God could not tolerate sin and we helpless humans could not keep from it. From the Apostle Paul we read, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). God has redeemed and restored us into new people of faith who desire to live in and for Him alone (Romans 8:18-23). Thanks be to God for giving His Son to bring about reconciliation between us and our Heavenly Father!

A Wonder to Behold

By Valerie Winston

*A wonder to behold, is what you are going to be,
Your future is truly bright, and that I surely see.*

*A wonder to behold, you're destined to be so great,
You'll be so amazing, and we just cannot wait.*

*A wonder to behold, Jaida, that is what you are,
With the mind that you have, I know that you'll go far.*

*A wonder to behold, Steven, you know that it's true,
Your creativity and art are so uniquely you.*

*A wonder to behold, Mateo, your talent is so sweet,
Your brains and athletics, a combination that can't be beat.*

*A wonder to behold, Evan, you're a leader, you cannot deny,
Your abilities are so awesome, your aspirations will reach the sky.*

*A wonder to behold, Blessing, your name says it all,
You face every challenge with grace while standing tall.*

*A wonder to behold, Amaru, with your charm and winning smile,
Your destiny is waiting for your grace and your style.*

*A wonder to behold, as you stay the right course,
Whatever you choose to do, I know you'll be a force.*

*A wonder to behold, as you receive all the love,
Because God will surely shower you, with His blessings from above.*

Congratulations to the Class of 2024

Jaida Brim, Evan Burks, Amaru Davis, Blessing Gerard, Mateo Jimenez, Steven Stewart

Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

June - Promise

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Set aside time to read the bible on a daily basis.

Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day’s reading.

Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

June Birthdays

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| 1 - Trina Bozzi | 14 - Amelia Kahne |
| 1 - Jelisa Washington | 18 - Patricia Washington |
| 9 - Taylor Balslew | 20 - Jake Mitchell |
| 10 - Scott Mazanek | 29 - Philbert Wilcox Sr |
| 12- Chloe Karpierz | 30 - Arianna Pena |
| 13 - Manny Lepe | |

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month. Please pray for both their known and unknown needs. *School Families in italics.*

1. Marilyn Weeks
2. Randy & Michelle Weeks
3. Welch Family
4. Dorothy Westphal
5. Philbert Wilcox Sr.
6. Philbert Wilcox Jr.
7. Brett Willis
8. Valerie Winston
9. Tina Alicea
10. Ron & Barb Arndt
11. Susan Arnold
12. Taylor Balslew
13. Bell Family
14. Jennifer Bettin
15. Jeffrey Bettin
16. Karen Bimler
17. Blair Family
18. Christine Bost
19. Bozzi Family
20. Ruth Anne Brendemuhl
21. Bob Brown
22. Doretha Brown & Rashaad Smith
23. Joe & Lisa Chioda
24. Detrall Dearbone
25. The Deombeleg Family
26. Laprika Duff & Jayla Pernell
27. Arlene Gasperich
28. Lisa Gasperich
29. Stella Gonzalez
30. The Hadler Family

AS WE PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, GOD’S LOVE IS SEEN IN AND THROUGH US.

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me” (Matthew 25:40).

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POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL

Important Dates:

June 8 - Pantry Distribution, 11:00am

June 21- Informer Submissions Due

June 22 - Church Clean-Up Day, 9:30 a.m.

June 30 - Voters Meeting, 11:00am

Summer Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*