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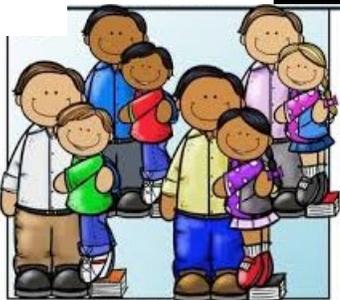


From Lillie Glenn's idea to Terri Moore's implementation, to the speakers, cooks, fashion director, models, and the people in charge of the 'break out' sessions—all made the **Be Brand New Workshop** on forgiveness a grand success. Thank you also to everyone who attended as well. We did not think big enough! Many people worked very hard and were absolutely delighted at the turn out.

All those long months we have just experienced with our forced quarantine made this outing a special delight. Not only to get out of the house and gather with other Christian women, but also to be inspired by them and hear enthusiastic praise for our Lord and the work He has done in their lives.



Happy



Father's Day

Sunday, June 20th

The *Talk*, since 1974, has been a monthly newsletter for the Forest Hill Church of Christ and is dedicated to Christian unity. The usual deadline for submission of articles is the last Sunday of every month with the exception of December.



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We certainly have some dedicated, intelligent, strong Christian women in our circle, and I am glad their voices had a chance to be heard!

Each of the speakers kept to an approximate 15 minute time to share what they had to say and then we broke for lunch. Delicious sandwiches, chips, desert and drinks were offered and since there were women attending we hadn't seen in a while it was great to catch up. The fashion show entertained us while we ate.

Break out sessions conducted by Kip Thornton, John Moore, and Pat Aaron were next; then we ended the day with thanks and a dismissal prayer.

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A very Happy Father's Day wish is sent out to all our dads who are trying so hard to get it right! May God bless your effort with success and may your children one day recognize how hard you tried, how much you gave but most of all how much you love them.



Our own Matt Hale is off to a conference in Nashville. We pray this will be an uplifting and inspirational time for him as he meets others in his profession. After the past year and half I'd say Matt deserves a little 'vaca.'



Agnes Lucas' grand nephew is still very ill and the prognosis is not good. The family is trying to get him into St. Jude's in the hope that they'll be able to do something. Please, everyone, pray for this little toddler. Mary Parks is recovering well from surgery and would like continued prayer for healing. Jackie Moore, John Moore's brother, is still recovering from

COVID. Jami Smith has health issues that require our prayers. Pray for anyone you know who has graduated this spring. Everything was harder during quarantine but school was especially challenging for our youngsters. So congrats to those who made it through.

Hey if you haven't returned to church—what are you waiting for? We are getting back together, and we miss you. Until further notice we're doing about an hour on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:30. If you are not vaccinated yet just wear your mask.

*Forest Hill Ladies Class,
every Sunday at 5:00*



A Ladies Class has begun on Sunday afternoons at 5:00. Please come! We are reading through Esther and discussing all sorts of things. It is a lovely time, but *we miss you*.

Men who kneel before God stand before anyone.

~~Anonymous

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers, and singers of song.

~~Unknown

OF INTEREST...

Did I Get Lazy?

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I really did not think it would be so difficult to ‘get back out there.’ When the pandemic first began and we were told to stay home I felt as if my heart would break if I could not get to church and fellowship with all of you. It felt so odd, so wrong to stay home Sunday mornings.. It continued to be hard for me throughout the approximately year and half, and I can’t tell you how my heart soared the first time I came back to worship at Forest Hill.

I suppose as human beings we adjust and must inevitably get used to whatever our living situation is. Last summer I remember Kip and I sitting out on our deck on a Sunday morning to watch Matt conduct the worship service over the Internet. It lifted my heart so to be in nature and to sing and praise God. That and not having to dress up were only small serendipities from staying home on a Sunday.

But *nothing can replace* that face to face and the hugs (when we were allowed) of my church family! For that and for the privilege of worshipping together I will get my old body up out of the bed and dress and be to worship on time because I don’t want to forget the heartbreak I felt last year when we weren’t allowed to gather. I heard that same heartbreak in your voices too as you told me how good

it was to be back ‘home’ again.

I think I’ve become lazy, though. I just have to force myself to get up and go to things even though I know I’ll enjoy them once I’m there. I still don’t like going in to the grocery when Instacart screws up my order. I find myself rationalizing that I really don’t need ‘thus & so’ and/or I can wait to get that another day.

“Let us hold fast the confession our hope without wavering for he who promised is faithful, and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, *not neglecting to meet together*, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Heb. 10:23-25

As we begin to ‘normalize’ our lives again many things will have changed. It will be much easier for those who want to remain hermits. But that is not our calling. Jesus calls us out into this world to share what we know to be truth and a better way to live. For myself I think I just have to keep reminding myself of that—*God needs me out there!* So many are hurting and completely clueless as to the ultimate solution.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age.”

Matt.28:19-20

Prisoners currently in our Ministry: Jose Agosto, Michael Bell, Terrance R. Boyd, Larry Duncan, Dean Dupont, Glen T. Evans Sr., Michaellyn Hutchins, Israel D. King, Christopher Konkel, Albert Lacy, Derrick Lartdale, Latrina Lewis, Chris Love, Scott Markel, Ralphonzo Martin, Bradley Mason, Thomas McCarthy Sr., Leon Napier, Lakiesha Phillips, Melvin Reardon Jr., Antonio Spates, Thomas E. Stephens, George Weaver, and Timothy Wilson. **Also, for those released—** Kenneth Anderson, Nicholas Bowers, Greg Breville, Tony Campbell, Alfred Cleveland, Leonardo Frazier, Emmanuel Gonzales, Willard Hall, Tyrell Havergne, Keith Hume, Mark Slayton, Jewell Trischler.



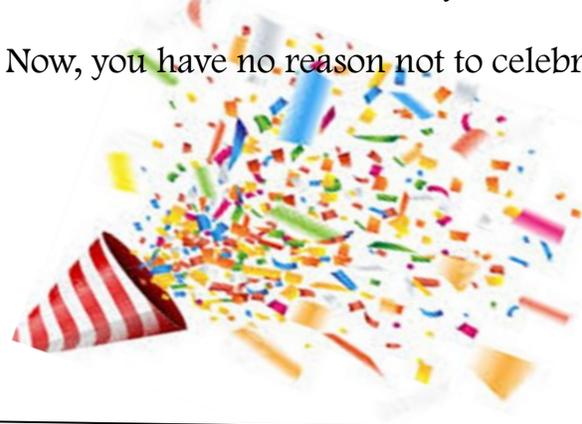
None of these people *want* to be behind bars. They made a bad choice and that is where they ended up. Some have chosen to make their time ‘inside’ less bad by giving themselves to Jesus. Praise God for that. Be praying they can face their challenges with God by their side helping them.

Holidays in June:

- 1—National say something nice day
- 4—National hug your car day
- 5—National donut day
- 6—D-day
- 8—National best friends day
- 9—National Donald Duck day
- 12—National loving day
- 13—National children’s day
- 14—Flag day
- 16—National fudge day

- 19—Juneteenth
- 20—Fathers Day
- 21—Summer solstice
- 21—National take your cat to work day
- 23—National pink day
- 27—National sunglasses day
- 30—International asteroid day

Now, you have no reason not to celebrate!



We have learned that Jeannene & Derwood Smith plan to move to North Carolina to be near their daughter, Karen. Departure date July 8. The year of COVID has shown them it is time to be closer to family. My heart literally breaks at the thought of not seeing them every week, but I totally understand the want/need to be near family. *With our whole heart we wish them happiness and peace in their new venture!*



The delight and happiness we felt on June 5th as we watched Phillip Hawkins get baptized cannot be measured. This is Tom & Darlene’s grandson and Andy’s son. Andy did the honors and the hug son and father shared afterwards would make stones cry. Phillip and his family live in New Mexico now, but he grew up here and especially wanted to be baptized at Forest Hill. So pleased at Phillip’s decision and here’s hoping he has a long and fruitful time of service to our Lord!

F.Y.I. HEALTHSPOT...

Have fun and stay safe this summer by practicing these safety tips from Infection Prevention Medical Director Cynthia Snider, MD.

What is the number one thing we can do to keep ourselves safe from COVID-19 this summer?

"So, the one word is vaccines. We know that folks older than 65 - we've had about 75% of that population vaccinated, fully vaccinated, and now we need to work on those who are 18 and older, and even kids who are now approved- who are 12 and up can get the vaccine. And the faster we can get those shots in our arms, I think the easier it is to resume a life of what we considered as being normal over a year ago."

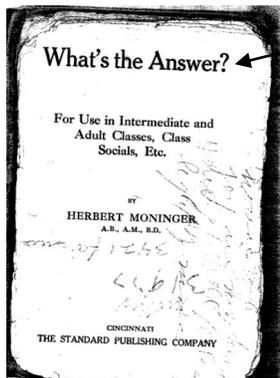
"And the cases are so reassuring right now. You know, we've had a 30% decrease over the last 2 weeks in the cases in North Carolina and hospitalizations. So, there's so many good things happening, and we really need to take advantage of the tools we have to protect our community."

"I think when everybody heard about the fact that fully vaccinated folks don't have to wear masks now, in most instances, it feels like a lot of relief. We know that being outdoors is very safe and then being with others who are vaccinated is also safe. Still, I would say, being in a larger group or attending a concert or where you have a very large gathering that's indoors, it's still best to wear a mask."

When do you need to wear a mask? When don't you need to wear a mask? "If you are unvaccinated, you should always be wearing a mask, indoors, even when you're going to a friend's house who you don't know their vaccine status. You can't assume that the folks that you're with [have been vaccinated], unless you know. And so I think that indoor settings, meeting up in bars and gyms and restaurants, all that can be very risky if you're unvaccinated. If you're vaccinated, you have that buffer protection, and especially so if you're with others that are vaccinated, it makes the risks very low."

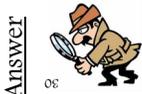
"In terms of all the rates of COVID going down and the vaccine uptake we're having, this is really a breath of fresh air and we need to keep up with that momentum. And the fact that more people have access to getting the vaccine is so important. So, go to your local websites. The vaccine is available at grocery stores and drugstores. And 12 year olds and up can get it. So, we have this very, really crucial time to getting our families and our kids back into like a daily routine of fun - what summer's about!" [This is an article in part. For the whole article see: www.conehealth.com/services/infectious-disease//Fun and Safe Summer 2021: COVID-19 Safety Guidelines]

FOR KIDS ONLY...

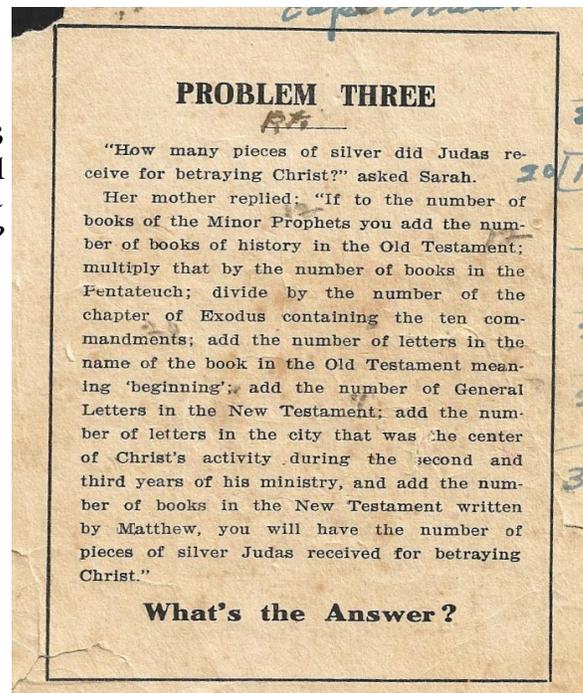


This little book, published 113 years ago was a Sunday School book for intermediate & adult classes. How's your Bible knowledge? Can you work out the answer?

I know you can!



I think they've got it.



RECIPE...

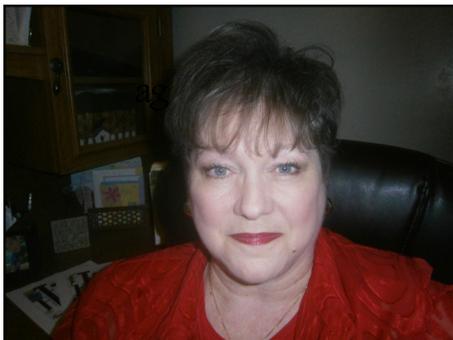
French Silk Pie

- 1 pie shell, baked
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups Cool Whip, divided
- Chocolate curls



In a mixing bowl whip butter and sugar until smooth and combined. Melt unsweetened chocolate and mix into butter and sugar. Let cool a bit. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Mix for 5 minutes. Fold in 2 cups whipped topping. Place mixture in cooled pie shell. Chill for at least 6 hours before serving. Top with remaining 1 cup of Cool Whip and chocolate curls. Keep in refrigerator.

~~www.julieseatsandtreats.com/french-silk-pie/



Thank you again for any contributions you made to the Talk. If you would like to submit something for

the July Talk please get it to me by Sunday evening July 27th. Let us hear your voice! If you have something inspirational or uplifting we can all use a little of that right now. You may hand your article to me at church, put it in my box outside the church office, snail mail it to me at home or email me at: pthorn50@roadrunner.com. Thanks everyone.

BIRTHDAYS...

July

- 3-Art Porter
- 8-Nadalie Harrison
- 9-Alice Turner
- 12-Evelyn Swope
- 15- Alyce Hopes
- 28-Louis Abney



The wonder of you.
The delight of you! So glad it's your birthday soon.

Happy Birthday!

Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink in the wild air.

~~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.

~~Henry James

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

~~John Lubbock

GOOD NEWS...

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:9-11



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