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August 24 - looking for articles

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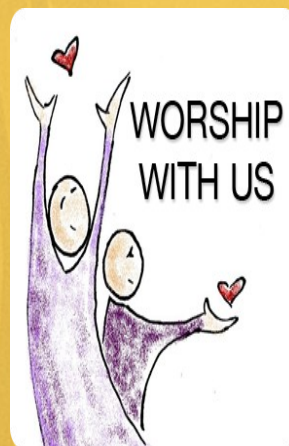


Please inform the church of your email address . The newsletter can be sent to you instead of mailed. Also, notices can be sent.

Meals on Wheels Sign up

Dates are August 3rd thru Sept. 11.

I will bring the sheets to worship at Tommy Turtle Park and will have them at the church or you may call me at 228-8123.



Church Services will be at Tommy Turtle Park at 10:00 a.m.

on August 2, 9th and 16th.



by Joel E. Smit

As the pastor of my local congregation, I raise my hands each Sunday and pronounce the benediction on the people of God, often using the Aaronic blessing from Numbers 6: “The LORD bless you and keep you . . . the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace” (vv. 24–26). Yet, everyone leaves the worship service and enters a world that is anything but peaceful. Our personal lives are chaotic, stressful, and filled with worry, and almost immediately, those words of blessing seem to fade as we navigate our days, trying to juggle what life throws our way. We love the idea of peace, but it is often elusive and seemingly far from us.

Typically, people’s sense of peace is based on how they are feeling, or it is dictated by their circumstances. This wrong metric leads to people thinking that more peace can be achieved simply by self-effort or by obtaining better life conditions. However, the peace that the Bible speaks of has little to do with the daily experiences of life—or how we feel about them.

The familiar Hebrew word for peace, *shalom*, conveys the idea of wholeness; it refers to wellness in both body and soul. The New Testament writers, while maintaining the idea of *shalom*, rightly emphasize the need for harmony and unity in our relationships with one another. These two concepts together demonstrate that neither the internal peace within nor the external peace without is innate in this fallen world. Rather, each is a “good and perfect gift from above” ([James 1:17](#)). The Holy Spirit imparts the gift of peace as a fruit of true belief and a benefit of our redemption in Christ.

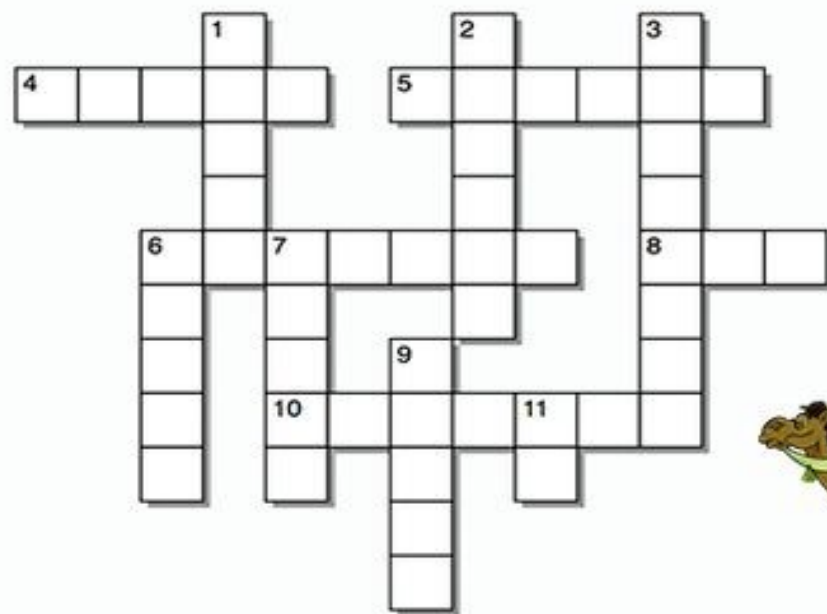
So, how can we reclaim this gift in our lives? Again, the solution is not to look within or to conjure up peaceful, easy feelings but rather to look externally to God and recognize who He is. He is the God of peace, the source of all that we need. He will give in abundance so that none of His children will lack. Here are several reasons that our peace is secure and should abound more and more.



Bible Pathway Adventures

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ABRAHAM'S JOURNEY



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- 4) After Abraham left Egypt, he settled in this place. (Gen 13:1)
5) After Abraham left Haran, which land did he enter? (Gen 12:5)
6) Name of the place near where Abraham built an altar. (Gen 12:6)
8) Name of Abraham's nephew. (Gen 12:4)
10) Yahweh sent these on Pharaoh and his household. (Gen 12:17)

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- 1) Name of Abraham's father. (Gen 11:26)
2) Name of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
3) "By you all the _____ of the earth will be blessed." (Gen 12:3)
6) Lot pitched his tents near this place. (Gen 13:12)
7) Because of a famine, Abraham traveled to this land. (Gen 12:10)
9) Name of Abraham's wife. (Gen 11:31)
11) Place where Abraham lived before he settled in Haran. (Gen 11:31)

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Young Priest Tries A New Religious Approach



"Pastor, about this idea to reach teens..

Father Brian, an elderly Catholic priest, was speaking to Father Karl, a younger priest, saying, 'You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now.'



Anniversaries

- 2 – Larry & Karen Larson
6 – John & Peggy Gregg
11 – Doug & Leann Bremner
15 – Robert & Brenda Marquardt
17 – Noel & Amy Sand
26 – Samantha & David Hertzberg
30 – Mel & Bev Hammes

Father Karl nods, and the old priest continues, 'And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n' roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the rafters.' 'Thank you, Father Brian,' answers the young priest. 'I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth.' 'All of these ideas have been well and good,' comments Father Brian wisely. But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional.' 'But, Father Brian,' protests the young Father Karl, 'My confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!' 'Indeed,' replies the elderly priest, 'And I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign,



Too 'n Tell or Go to Hell" cannot stay on the church roof.'

August Birthdays

- 5 – Troy Marsden
21 – Donna Reinholz
23 – Luella Bjornseth
27 – Lloyd Nelson