

God's Love in Jesus

Next Sunday I begin preaching a 3-part series on Romans 8:1-17 titled *The Life of the True Repenter*. I will be in Romans 8 for several months and am very excited about it. **“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** *Romans 8:39*

God's love in Jesus is undefeated and undefeatable. It cannot be overcome. Do you believe that? Or do you live on edge, frequently worried about being separated from God's love? Is your relationship with God fragile or unmovable? Is it weak or strong? Is it something you've achieved or something God has achieved? Are you in Jesus, or outside of Jesus?

Will God leave you and forsake you or will he never leave you or forsake you? Has he given you eternal life or temporary life? Is your house of faith built on the sand or on solid rock? Are you sustained by the Holy Spirit of power and grace or by your human self of weakness and sin?

Salvation is the Lord's. He is faithful and strong and kind. Romans 8 discusses the WORK of Jesus to achieve salvation and the WORK of the Spirit to affect salvation to the believer. Since salvation is God's WORK, and God does not fail in his WORKS—nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus. It is an undefeated and undefeatable WORK!

True repenters are recipients of God's love in Jesus. They have genuine faith in God. They turn *from* sin and they turn *unto* God. As they await eternal life they experience salvation in the nooks and crannies of the present life. Their lives look a certain way because God is now in control. Isn't that what faith is—being fully given to God's control? Romans 8 shows us *The Life of the True Repenter*. I hope that you come to see what the Lord has done. It is marvelous!

In Love, *Mati*

The Elders Encourage Everyone To Sign Up For Prayer & Fasting This Month

Be Prepared for a BIG Announcement Next Week about the church's focus for the year.

Tonight: 6:00 PM, The Young Adult group: will be meeting at the Cooper's home in Pitman. **Carpooling from our building at 5:30.** See Matt Fortunato for details.

Friday: 7PM **Youth Group:** will be at the building
8PM Everyone is invited to help prepare sack lunches for the poor.

Sat.: 10:30AM Meet here to serve lunches in Camden.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

Right After Worship Service:

We will be having “Sloppy-Joes”, salad, desserts, & drinks. The Bill C. Small Group will be coordinating and supplying the “Sloppy Joes”. Please **sign-up on the bulletin board to bring food.** Thanks!

Elders, Preachers, & Deacon's Meeting: is coming up Monday, January 25th at the Perazzelli home at 6:30PM for dinner & 7PM for the meeting.

Cleaning Group Correction: The **bulletin list is correct.** The **calendar list is not correct.** This week is Hardee's **Green Team** (clean by the 16th), next is Bill C.'s **Orange Team** (clean by the 23rd), then the Schoener's **Purple team**, (clean by the 30th).

Winterfest: Parents & teens attending Winterfest are encouraged to begin turning your money in to Becky Finn as soon as possible. Also, please let us know if you are interested in a t-shirt (what size?) and if you plan on going to the concert. These are optional and cost \$12 each. Questions? Call Becky.

Ladies, Please Mark Your Calendars:

- **Celebration of Bella Joy Fortunato** at the Nunez' home on Saturday, January 23rd from 1-3. See the insert.
- **Bridal Shower** for Sonya on January 24th right after Worship Service. She's registered at Macys & Target. **Are you able to help with food?** Lillian is coordinating the food so please contact her today or by 17th (258-4536). Questions: Wini, Bibi, Lillian or Becky Fortunato.
- **Ladies Spring Retreat:** will be held in Lancaster County, PA on **March 5-7**. There is a **rooming list** posted on the bulletin board and everyone is encouraged to **sign up**. As usual, the cost will be determined by the number of people staying in your room. Please pick up an **information sheet in the foyer**. See Nancy Swinehart or Becky Finn with any questions.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: David Williams

Main Prayer: Sydney Francis **Closing Prayer:** Matt Fortunato

Lord's Supper: Josh Henderson, Bill Gill, Justin Henderson Tony D.

Greeters: Tony Sr., Dave Cook, Debbie Powers, Margaret

Nursery: Lillian & Tiana Next Week: Pam & Amanda

Green Action Team cleans this week. Hardee coordinates.

LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Worship.....	128
Mark Finn - Evangelist	Bible Class 83
Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister	Wednesday 50
Church Office- (856) 854-0197	

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856-986-4876)

Tony Ceraso, Jr.	Contribution.....	\$3,549
Jack Swinehart	Budget Goal.....	\$4,175

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“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Aryn & Johnny Are Engaged!