



The Shofar

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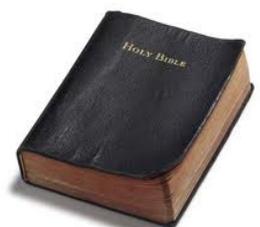
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FROM THE PASTOR

At the end of 1772, an Anglican priest in England sat down to prepare his sermon, and after reflecting on his previous life, wrote the words to “Amazing Grace. His name was John Newton and “Grace” was an amazing part of his life. He wrote it also in response to his sermon message concerning 1 Chronicles 17:16-17 which said; “Who am I, Lord God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?” Most of the words of “Amazing Grace” can be sung now by memory, but a couple of verses are not known so well and say this;” And when this mortal life shall fail, and flesh and sense shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.” These words, by John Newton, were actually made famous in that great American book, “*Uncle Tom’s Cabin*” and were used to give hope and courage to the slaves.

As 2014 starts to unfold, may we all be reminded of God’s Amazing grace’ for ALL of his people and may we be emboldened to live lives that reflect that Grace!

Pastor Brock





What does LOVE look like in your home?



BURNED BISCUITS A Lesson We All Should Learn

When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed? All my dad did



was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly, burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing, never uttered a word about it?

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said, "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Mom put in a hard day at work today and she's really tired. And besides - a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've proven over the years is that learning to accept each others' faults and choosing to celebrate each others' differences is one of the most important keys to creating healthy, lasting relationships.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
Begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
Belleveth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish
But have **E**verlasting life.
John 3:16

SHAKE IT OFF AND TAKE A STEP UP?

(By Kerwin Rae)

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well need to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what washappening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Moral:

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up. Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the six simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred—Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries—Most never happen.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from yourself.
6. Turn everything over to God in Prayer!



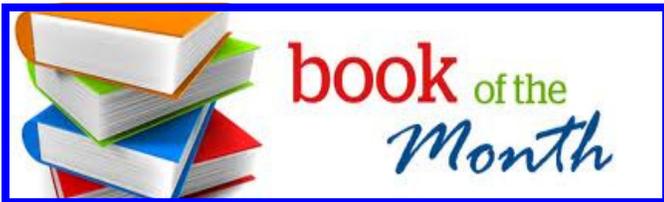
SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Psalm 100:2

Moses was 80 when God appeared to him and Abraham was in his mid-seventies when the Lord called him. Many of us hit our sixties and feel we must surrender God's promises to the next generation. Not so. The promise of the Holy Spirit is that while young men see visions God will give old men (and women) prophetic dreams - words of divine assignment and fulfillment for their future. **Is God is moving in you to serve?**

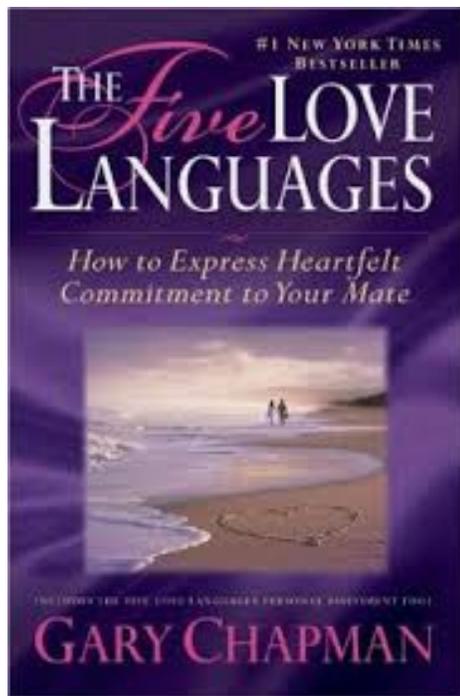
but as for me
and my house
we will serve
the Lord





Have you read any good books lately? Have a favorite book? This is the place to share that book. Each month we will feature a book that you recommend.

E-mail or give Debbie Brinley the book title with a brief synopsis of the book. She needs the information NO LATER THAN the 15th of the month. Happy Reading!



It is important to be able to express love to your spouse in a way that they can understand. Love is something we do for someone else. So often couples love one another but they aren't connecting. They are sincere, but sincerity isn't enough.

The number one emotional experience reported by people is feeling the presence of God in their lives. The emotional high of being in love is the second highest emotional experience that people reportedly have.

After the first or second year of marriage many couples find their "love tanks" are empty. The best way to fill your spouse's love tank is to express love in their love language.

Gary Chapman's Five Emotional Love Languages:

- 1) Words of Affirmation 4) Acts of Service
- 2) Quality Time 5) Physical Touch
- 3) Gifts

Ask one another "How is your love tank?" If, on a scale from zero to ten, it is less than 10, ask "What can I do to help fill it?" You will be amazed at the results.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MISSIONARIES

Youth for Christ—Stacy Morales, Mary Ann Draghi &
Johanna Ralsten—Homestead, Florida
Church Planter—Javier Gill—Cali, Columbia
Medical Missionary—Manchester Family—Kenya, Africa
Traveling Missionary—Al McElheran—Honduras



Speedway Church has the privilege of supporting many missionaries and the work they are accomplishing to further the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Please take the time to read the names above and see who we support and spend time praying for them.

SPEEDWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Prayer—Sunday Mornings 9:15-9:45 a.m.
Small Group Fellowship - 2nd & 4th Wednesday Nights, 7:00 p.m.—Church, 183 NE 8th St. (Feb 12 & 26)
Holy Communion - February 2 & 16, During worship service
Choir Practice - Saturday Mornings, 9:30 a.m., Shiffer's Home
Men's Breakfast - Wednesday Mornings, 7:30 a.m. - Bobby Jo's Diner, 1320 N. Krome Ave., Homestead
Women's Bible Study - Tuesday nights, 7:00 p.m. - Shiffer's Home
OWL Ladies Group - 2nd Friday (February 14) - Bobby Jo's Diner, 1320 N. Krome Ave., Homestead

DAILY SURVIVAL KIT...

To help you each day -

Toothpick.....to remind you to pick the good qualities in everyone, including yourself.

Rubber band.....to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want, but it can be worked out.

Band-Aid.....to remind you to heal hurt feelings, either yours or someone else's.

Eraser.....to remind you everyone makes mistakes. That's okay, we learn from our errors.

Candy Kiss.....to remind you everyone needs a hug or a compliment every day.

Mint.....to remind you that you are worth a mint to your family and Me.

Bubble Gum.....to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.

Pencil.....to remind you to list your blessings every day.

Tea Bag.....to remind you to take time to relax daily and go over that list of blessings.

Wishing you love, gratitude, friends to cherish, caring, sharing,
laughter, music and warm feelings in your heart.



***Never retaliate when people say
unkind things about you.
Pay them back with a blessing....
And God will BLESS YOU!***

1 Peter 3:9

Did you know that we have people in our congregation that are self-employed?

Help us support them and their business.



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Majorie Doughty 305-230-2987
Al Jacobson 305-230-6147
Ron Mongole 786-423-4041
Mercy Rice 305-338-8383
Joel Ann Shiffer 305-975-0851

Mary Kay Cosmetics
Baker—Casual Creations – Desserts Like Grandma Made
Realtor—Remax Advance Realty, II
Author
Fishing Trips
Lightning & surge protection—Complete Energy Solution
God’s Girl Ministry
Insurance Agent—JA Shiffer Agency

If you are not on this list and you have a talent or trade that you would like to share with the congregation, please let us know so we can add you.

As seen on a Bumper Sticker:

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Kris Burns
- 10 Brock Shiffer
- 10 Peggy Allman
- 13 Jim Dahne
- 23 Irma Cappelletti
- 26 Lou Jones



Is your blessing jar overflowing yet?

Let's Leave Homestead Better Than We Found It

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