



JANUARY 28, 2024

Stalled

Scripture

- 1 The whole earth had the same language and vocabulary.
- 2 As people migrated from the east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- 3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make oven-fired bricks." (They used brick for stone and asphalt for mortar.)
- 4 And they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky.
Let's make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered throughout the earth."
- 5 Then the Lord came down to look over the city and the tower that the humans were building.
- 6 The Lord said, "If they have begun to do this as one people all having the same language, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.
- 7 Come, let's go down there and confuse their language so that they will not understand one another's speech."
- 8 So from there the Lord scattered them throughout the earth, and they stopped building the city.
- 9 Therefore it is called Babylon, for there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the Lord scattered them throughout the earth.

Genesis 11:1-9 CSB



Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Genesis, Winter 2023/2024; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org;
Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Genesis, Kenneth A. Matthews*

Connect Church Notes

Date

Speaker

Key Verses

Key Points

Questions/Reflections



God's Word - Devoted to Him

"The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them." - Genesis 11:6

I recently went into a store to purchase a duffle bag, and because of the size of the store, I could not find it. I asked a clerk for help locating the duffle bag aisle, but I discovered he did not speak English. The language barrier between us created a problem because we could not understand each other. He eventually found another employee who could understand, and once we were on the same page speaking the same language, he led me right to what I was looking for.

In Genesis 11, we encounter the Tower of Babel. This is a remarkable event that illustrates what can happen when there is unity, and a common language. God acknowledged when people work together with a shared language and goal, nothing is impossible. This profound verse teaches us valuable lessons about the significance of unity, communication, and the limitless possibilities that arise when we align ourselves with God's purposes.

There is incredible power in a unified body. Imagine what a church or any group of believers can accomplish when they set aside personal agendas, preferences, and differences. Imagine this same body focused solely on the work of God's kingdom for God's glory. Can you see the influence a group of believers like this can have on our society? The impact is limitless.

However, this only works if we unite around the right things. As great as unity is, if we unite around the wrong causes or agendas, we can still have a significant influence. It will just be in the wrong direction. This happened at the Tower of Babel. That's why we must unite around God's Word, kingdom, and glory. As followers of Christ, here are some things we should unite around.

Loving God with all our hearts / Loving our neighbors as ourselves / Kindness and compassion towards one another
Being willing to show grace and extend forgiveness / Being quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry
Pursuing righteousness and holiness

I could go on, but if we just did these things, then we would become a formidable force that can bring change to this world. A unity based solely on our shared faith in Jesus Christ, where he is the most important common ground, will transcend our culture. This is a language every follower of Christ should want to speak.

Communication is a vital element if we are going to break down barriers and become one. For communication to work, it is important to focus on what you say and how you say it. In the story of the Tower of Babel, their unified voice allowed them to accomplish great things.

As followers of Christ, we must communicate with God and those around us, whether they are fellow believers or not. We need to establish clear channels of communication with God through prayer and the study of His Word. These are the essential building blocks of cultivating a relationship with Him. As we align our hearts with His purposes, we become attuned to His guidance and direction. This sets the stage for how we communicate with each other. If you are in tune with the Holy Spirit, you will communicate with others in love and humility. You will listen attentively and speak with grace.

From: Crosswalk Devotional

*"We need only to recognize God intimately present with us,
to address ourselves to Him every moment."*

Brother Lawrence

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Promised

Main Passage for February 4 – Genesis 12:1-5; 13:11-18 CSB

Monday - Genesis 12:1-3

Wednesday - Genesis 13:11-13

Friday - Genesis 13:16

Tuesday – Genesis 12:4-5

Thursday - Genesis 13:14-15

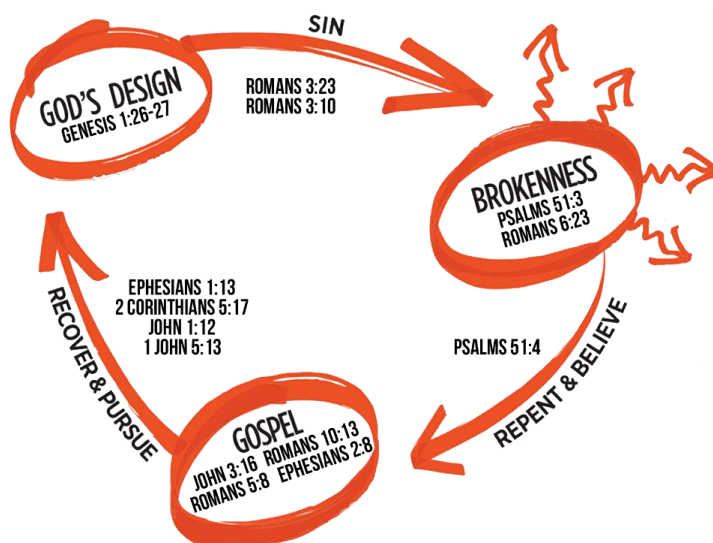
Saturday - Genesis 13:17-18

Memory Verse: Genesis 12:3

*"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ





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Attendance & Offering

On Campus & Online	897
Offering	\$ 30,175.31

Sacrificed or Redeemed

We find an important financial precedent established in the thirteenth chapter of Exodus. In this passage, God says:

Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine (Exodus 13:2)

Here, God plainly declares that the firstborn "is Mine." It belongs to Him.

It is vital that we understand something about the principle of the firstborn. According to Old Testament law, the firstborn was to be either sacrificed or redeemed. There was no third option. Every time one of your livestock animals delivered its firstborn, you were to sacrifice it, or if it was designated unclean, you had to redeem it with a clean, spotless lamb.

With that in mind, think about the account in the New Testament in which John the Baptist meets Jesus on the banks of the Jordan River.

John was baptizing one day and looked up to see Jesus walking toward him. At that point, John cried out, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

With that inspired declaration, John perfectly defined the role Jesus had come to fulfill. Jesus was God's firstborn. Jesus was clean - perfect and unblemished in every way. On the other hand, every one of us was born unclean. We were all born sinners with a fully active sin nature.

Now think back to the principle of the firstborn in Exodus....Do you see the symbolic parallel? Jesus Christ was God's firstborn Son, and He was born clean... But every one of us was born unclean; therefore, Jesus was sacrificed to redeem us.... He was literally a first fruits offering. In a real sense, Jesus was God's tithe.

To be continued...

From *The Blessed Life*



Connect Church Prayer Request



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Adults - 6:30 PM - Richard Cooper: richruth142@yahoo.com

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THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS

MasterLife



Men's Bible Study

Disciple's of Jesus - Growing Together
Prayer, Bible Study, Sharing Life

Tuesdays

7:00 PM

Activity Center



**MasterLife - Disciple's Cross
Workbook Available for Purchase
in the Resource Center**

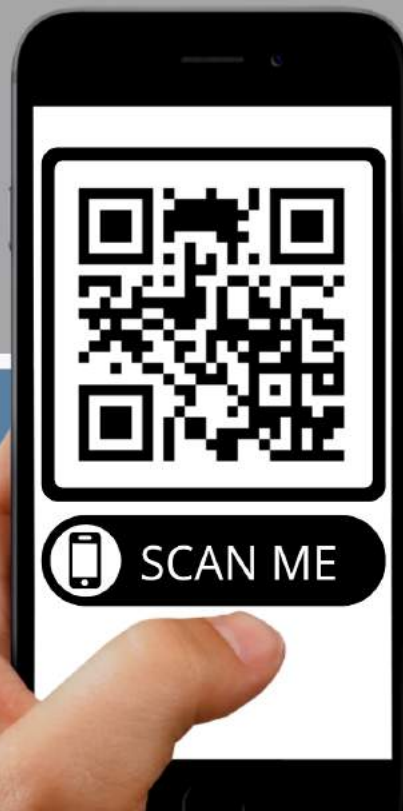
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Refreshments on
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Following
the Service!*

Awana - Soup'er Bowl Night
January 31st

Baptism Class
February 4th, 11th, 18th

Word of Life - Parent Meeting
February 4th

Awana - Team Jersey Night
February 7th

Men's Breakfast
February 10th

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"Soup"er Bowl Night!
Collecting Soup for Ruth's Pantry
January 31st



Baptism Class

3rd - 8th Grade Students and Their Parents

February 4th, 11th, and 18th

9:00 AM



Children's Department

Register Online at cc.today

For additional info. - stacy.gatlin@cc.today



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Word of Life Camp Parent's Meeting

February 4th - 11:45 AM
Children's Worship Room



For more info. - stacy.gatlin@cc.today



WINTER ²⁰²⁴ WEEKEND

FOR ALL OF ETERNITY

February 23rd - 25th
Cost \$75.00

Registration - cc.today
Additional Info. - tristan.nelson@cc.today

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2024 VBS

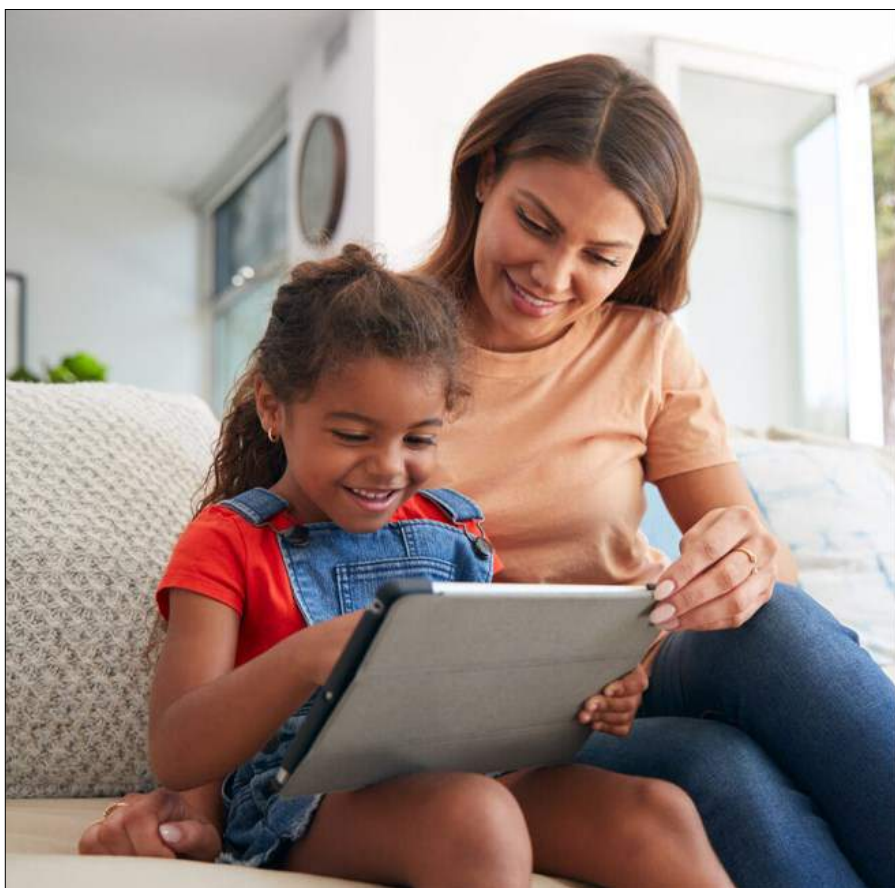
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God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sands

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JUNE 24-28, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS | 03/08/24



Parents Equipped to Train

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Navigating the Critical Issues
Facing Parents Today
Concerning Technology and Social Media
Part Two

April 28th - 3:00 PM
Children's Department





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