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Psalms 12:1 . Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

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The Bride Of Christ

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The message to the church at Corinth is a misunderstood message in our day as understanding the relationship of Christ and the church. The church is the Bride of Christ, not the Wife of Christ. Espoused in modern terms means engaged or betrothed which means promised to marry. Notice as well, Paul tells this church that he wanted to present them to Christ as a chaste virgin. Virgins are not married and are not mothers of children, if a woman has a child she is certainly not a virgin and if she is not married her children are illegitimate. That is why Joseph was minded to put away Mary as she was his espoused virgin. **Matthew 1:18** *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.* If a man and woman are married they live together, eat together, sleep together, and talk together. Right now the Lord is seated in heaven and the church is here on earth. We are not together physically although as individual believers He dwells in us and we are spiritually joined together. **1 Corinthians 6:16-17** *What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.* The separation is shown in the salvation of the believer in that right now inwardly (spiritual man) we are completely born again, washed in the blood, new creatures. But outwardly we are still in a body full of sin and death UNTIL the Lord comes with a new body that will allow us to be face to face with Him. So it is with the church which is still physically here we are waiting on our Bridegroom. John the Baptist said of Christ in **John 3:28-29** *Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.* We have not had the ceremony yet but it is promised. **Revelation 19:7-9** *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.* It is often said that now the church is the mother and that without the travail of the mother no children can be born The big problem with that is if we are to be an espoused virgin we can give certainly not give birth to any children. The Old Testament scripture of the travailing of Zion was speaking of the area and the mount around Jerusalem and is certainly in reference to the nation of Israel not the church.

This is a misunderstood passage of the reference by many of the “mother church” which is **Galatians 4:24-26** *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is*

Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. The scripture is plainly saying that this is a contrast of the 2 covenants. The Old Testament was an earthly covenant with earthly promises. The New Testament is a heavenly covenant with heavenly promises. **Hebrews 9:17-20** For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. Notice that that blood covered an earthly tabernacle and an earthly people. **Hebrews 9:23-24** It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: The Lord took his own blood and sprinkled it on the mercyseat in heaven to enact a heavenly covenant for a heavenly people. We are not born again of the world, but our names are written in heaven to show where our citizenship is. God needs no help from any assembly to birth people into his family. Certainly not from a woman who is a chaste virgin.

Bro Ron Black



The Help Mate The Gardener

The Footprint of a gardener shall not spoil the soil. In the four gospels, we are told of the journey of Christ when he walked on this Earth for 33 ½ years. The seed of David reached out and brought life and hope to those who would, in faith, receive the precious gift of eternal life. Those who closely walked with him, witnessed the wondrous works and truly believed he was all that was needed. I can't help but think of when Mary was lingering around that empty tomb, and in her grief and deep sorrow for the divine Savior, she supposed him to be the gardener. Was she wrong in her presumption? For he was the first fruit of the resurrection that gave him victory over death, hell and the grave. *But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. (1 Cor. 15:20)* What do we do now after we have been saved by his grace? What type of life do we live? Is it a healthy, steady walk? Are we growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ? Let's consider a flower or vegetable garden as some examples and compare them to a Christian walk. When the gardener works with the soil and it has been properly cultivated, the seed is then sown and then the seed springs forth into a beautiful plant. It is so exciting because there is evidence of life, which is an enriching fulfillment to the gardener. This is very pleasing to him for much love and dedication has been showered upon the seed. Is the labor of love over now? Absolutely not! This is just the baby stage of the plants life. When a child is born, he or she is not able to stand on their own. The infant must have proper care to grow healthy. The same applies to a Christian and a plant. The nurturer works carefully to provide a healthy life. With all of this love and care it enriches the root system, which are there for taking in the necessities of life. These roots are underground and unseen by others. Just as our prayer life and our Bible study time with God. The roots act as a reservoir which stores the much needed nutrients and moisture so the plant will have the support needed to stand strong. When the fierce wind blows, the plant will not be destroyed. A Christian who trusts in the Lord *"shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river (Jer. 17:7,8).* This trusting soil is collecting life giving water. *The River of Life, which flows from the throne of God, fulfills any thirst so that soul shall never thirst again (John 4:14).* There are many qualities that do come from a healthy tree. First, the tree will bear fruit faithfully, even in times of a drought, because of the nutrients, God's Word, that have been stored. The deeper and more faithful in God's word we are, the deeper our roots will be. *A tree planted by the waters shall not be moved.*

So where is the gardener, our eternal Savior, our Precious Heavenly Father leading us? What vineyard have we been placed in and how will we tend to it? Will we be slothful as the one in Solomon's writing, with weeds growing and overtaking the plant? Or will we be faithful in God's word and prayer to purge the weeds so the plant is the only thing receiving the special nutrients. Whatsoever is sowed, shall also be reaped. *If we so to the flesh, of the flesh we shall reap. If we sow to the spirit, we shall reap life everlasting. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your path (Proverbs 3:6).*

I can hear my Savior calling, take my cross

And follow, follow me.

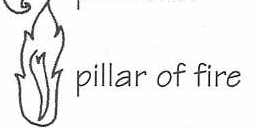
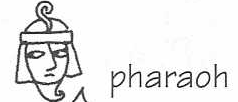
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Sea Crossing

Read **Exodus 14:29** to find out what kind of ground Moses and the Israelites walked on as they crossed the Red Sea.



Announcements

The Old Fashion United Baptist Church of Yorktown, In. will be having their annual Homecoming on Sunday, June 7, 2009.

The Singing Jewell Family from Acton, Indiana will be the featured singers and Bro. Bobby Jewell will be preaching in the Morning Service. Pastor Terry Dobbs and the church invite everyone to attend.



Church Directory

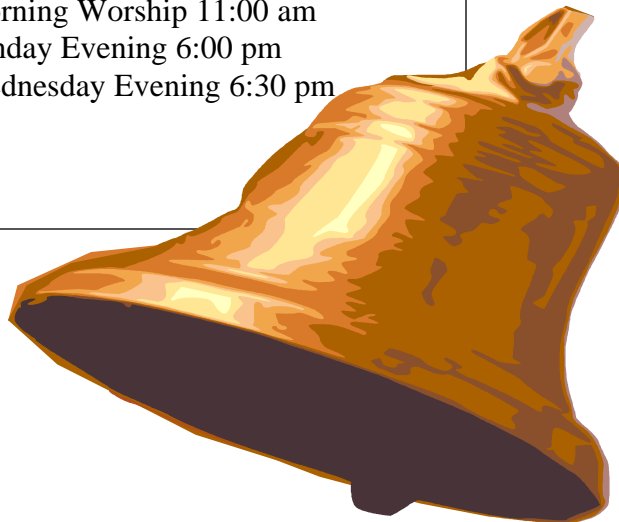
Old Fashion United Baptist Church
9211 W. Arch Street
Yorktown IN 47396
Pastor Terry Dobbs
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Westside United Baptist Church
3021 W. Cornbread Road
Muncie IN 47302
Pastor Larry Waters
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

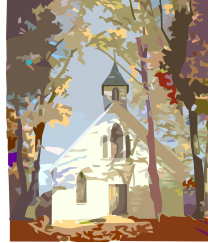
Gloryland United Baptist Church
2001 E. 8th St.
Muncie, IN 47302
Pastor Alvis Sewell
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church
100 Holland Ave
Muncie, IN 47303
Pastor Eric Lambert
Sunday Morning 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Caney Branch United Baptist Church
1457 Travis Groce Road
Albany, KY 42602
Pastor Donald McGill
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm



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Memorial United Baptist Church
 2911 S. Phillip Drive
 Muncie, IN 47302
 Pastor Andy Phipps
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

Riverview United Baptist Church
 6601 E. Black Mill Rd.
 Albany, IN 47320
 Pastor Tony Bilbrey
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

Southern United Baptist Church
 1009 E. 20th St.
 Muncie IN 47302
 Pastor Chris Sewell
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Community Missionary Baptist
 1005 E. 6th St.
 Alexandria, IN 46001
 Pastor Raymond Garrett
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Lower Hickory Grove United Baptist Church
 Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd.)
 Revelo, KY 42638
 Pastor Mark Sewell
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Second Baptist Church
 P.O. Box 1188
 Whitley City, KY 42653
 Pastor Michael Casada
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Faith United Baptist Church
 Brick Church Rd.
 Hagerstown, IN 47346
 Pastor Eldon Denney
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

New Salem United Baptist Church
 2311 E. Washington St.
 New Castle, IN 47362
 Pastor Brett Rains
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm