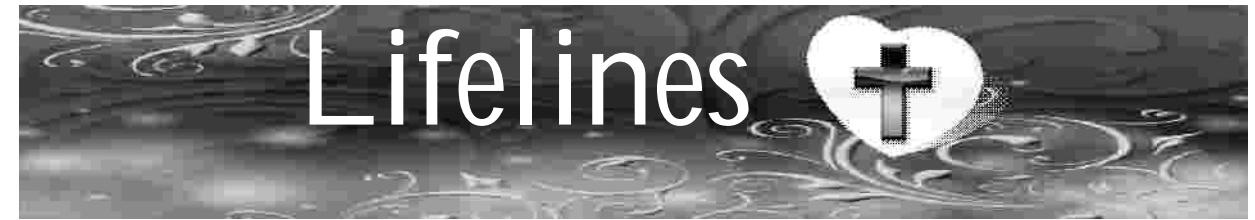


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Find Favor in the LORD's Eyes

Too often, Bible students consider the story of the flood (Genesis 6 – 9) as a child's story. That's sad. It's true that children enjoy hearing about God's sparing a few righteous people and animals. The story touches all of the emotions of drama and gives us plenty of trivia to entertain ourselves with. But I believe God wants these passages to provide enduring lessons for all ages.

For one thing, how many of us would be able to live so close to God in this perverse generation (with all of its evil influences a temptation to sin) and find favor in His eyes? Noah did (Genesis 6:8). His wife and sons and their wives were spared because of his commitment to live with God – not theirs. And as far as I can remember, there were only two others in the Bible who could claim this compliment; Enoch and Mary. Can you?

For another thing, this story shows God's patience. He waited a long time to bring about His judgment. How long will He put up with your disobedience and lack of faith? Judgment Day will be a lot worse than a flood.

And, in His infinite mercy and love, He was willing to spare a few in order to start all over. Peter likens baptism to this event (1 Peter 3:21) in order to express God's desire to remove our sin and give us a brand new start. Have you had your sins washed away?

On and on the lessons could go: God's protection from the elements, His provisions for their needs during the long journey, His preserving them in a protected environment, His bringing life out of death, His desire to give man a fresh new start, etc. Are you allowing God to do all this for you?

The biblical description of the people's attitude and character in Noah's time is not too different from our own. So a very relevant question needs to be asked of each one of us: "Do you find favor in the Lord's eyes?" Are you a "Noah" in your home, school, office, and neighborhood?

Your baptism into Christ was a declaration of your desire to be rid of sin and to live right in God's eyes from that moment on. Or in other words, to find favor in His eyes. Have you been living up to your original commitment?

Doug

Beautiful Days

The song "Beautiful Day" by U2 tells the story of a man going through some rough times, but even though it seems like nothing is going right, he takes time to look at the beauty in the world to cheer himself up: "See the world in green and blue / See China right in front of you / See the canyons broken by cloud / See the tuna fleets clearing the sea out / See the Bedouin fires at night / See the oil fields at first light / And see the bird with a leaf in her mouth / After the flood all the colors came out / It was a beautiful day / Don't let it get away / Beautiful day..." It's similar to Eleanor H. Porter's book, *Pollyanna*, a story of a young girl whose father had taught her to see all things in a positive light, even when times are rough. It's easy to be happy and positive when everything is going well and there are bright sunny skies above, but when trouble strikes, we can start to feel bogged down and start to lose our positive attitude.

Life can start to feel like a chore when there are so many bad things to deal with. We get busy just trying to get through each day until we start to think that the world is conspiring against us to make us miserable. This is one of Satan's best tricks. "The lights are turning red on purpose to make you late; OShe purposefully drank the last of the coffee so that you'd have to make more; OHe knows the TV show drives you mad and watches it on purpose..." However, by taking time to build a relationship with God and praying for His guidance, He will help us see through Satan's lies. And when we spend more time in God's presence, we will be able to realize that this world and its troubles are temporary, and nothing Satan does can harm us. Kind of makes everything seem a bit brighter, doesn't it? "But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful... Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death." (Psalm 68:3, 19-20)

Service Schedule:

Sunday:
 Bible Class 10 AM
 Morning Service 11 AM
 Evening Service 5 PM
 Tuesday PM:
 James Group
 Dinner at 5:30
 Bible study at 6:30
 Wednesday:
 10 AM & 7:00 PM

Elders:
 Dave Chaffin
 John Magness
 George Price
 George Westerman Jr.

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 Bob Blair
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Sunday, Jan. 30, 2012
 Worship: 127
 Contribution: \$3199

2012 Budget

The elders request that every family take a copy of this year's budget—copies of which can be found on the table next to the kiosk.

If you need a letter for tax purposes from the church verifying your contributions, please see George Price.

Messaging Service

We will be using a new service to send messages. If you get a message from the Church and have any questions, you can call 877-226-3080 or the Church Office.

If you prefer, you may also receive these messages via text, by texting "Churchoffice" to 292929.

New Church Email

The Church Office has a new email address:
 rosevillecoc@gmail.com

Attention Men!

The next men's prayer breakfast will be on Saturday, February 11th at 8 AM. We will be hosting this event here at Roseville. We can use help setting up and cleaning up afterwards. If you are free that morning, please plan on attending and helping out.

Ladies' Ministry

The Rose of Sharon Women's Ministry will be held Thursdays, at the Maple Street House.

All Ministries 1pm—4pm
 Class 4pm—5pm
 All Ministries 5pm—8pm.

If you have any questions, call Susie Donaldson at (586) 350-9504.

Care Center Worship

We are scheduled to conduct the worship assembly at the Church of Christ Care Center this Sunday Feb. 5th at 3:30 PM. We will be at the Assisted Living building, on the 3rd floor.

New Phone Numbers

Rochelle Spencer has a new phone number: 586-876-4372
 Susie Donaldson's Cell: 586-350-9504

2012 Directories and Mailboxes

The 2012 Church Directories have been completed and are in your mailboxes. If you would like an extra or a Large Print directory, please let Andrea or Doug know.

The Mailboxes have also been reset. Please take the time to check and see where your new mailbox location is.

There will not be a fellowship potluck / luncheon after morning assembly this Sunday, Feb. 5th.

Next Week's Bible Reading

Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7
Exodus 35-38	Exodus 39-40	Leviticus 8-10	Numbers 3, 7, 8	Numbers 9, 1-2	Numbers 3-4	Numbers 10-11

On Our Prayer List

Josie Carnali continues to recover in Mt. Clemens Regional Hospital in the ICU.

Helen Hickey was released from St John Moross Hospital and is back at the Church of Christ Care Center to continue therapy.

Randy Milam is scheduled to have triple by-pass surgery this Friday. He will be at Henry Ford Hospital downtown.

Bill Green—his leg wound continues to heal.

Betty - an injection for arthritis has provided some comfort.

Helen Whitty is scheduled for back surgery on February 15th.

George Westerman Sr. is home recovering from successful knee surgery.

Jillian Washington has asked for prayers for Spiritual Strength.

UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK:

Waurine Radke, Darlene Bailey and many others.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Shirley Deckard, Dorothy Sloan, Lavada Underwood, Carol Michael, Nell Chamblee, George Westerman Sr., Justine Arnold, the Osterhoudts, The Carnalis, The Holzhausers, The Greens, Shirley Huddleston, Alene Hathcock, Mark and Cheryl Frost, Vera's mother.

THOSE WITH CANCER:

Lucille Gorski (Loyal's sister), Karen Watson, Barb Clemmons (friend of Darlene's), Len Desmarais, John Gurjack, Jerry Jenkins, Nancy Bond (Lu's sister).

OUR SHUT-INS:

Jean Ballard, Darlene LaCharitie, Anne Redmond, Mildred Wilson