

Horizons

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Pastor's Message

Being Content

The Facebook status for my niece, who currently resides in Germany, "It's snowing again. I thought we were over that!" Shortly after reading her comment I read another person's update bemoaning the cold and snow, and I thought, "It's only January, March and April are going to be a long time coming for some folks."

Now, it's not that I am particularly fond of winter. I think I may be happiest when the temperature is in the mid-sixties to mid-seventies. Where it's not too hot and not too cold and I don't have to think about putting on a coat when I leave home and I don't have to run an air conditioner to feel comfortable in my skin. That, for me, would be a little slice of heaven. I've braved the cold winters of Montana, Wisconsin and Michigan and experienced suffocating heat and humidity of southern Texas and the strange variations of heat, humidity and cold here in New Jersey. Yet, in all my wandering about the United States I haven't found that perfect place where the temperatures and the humidity are perfectly balanced.

Now, I could spend my life in search of this place of weather perfection. Spend countless hours searching internet weather reports; spend lots of money traveling to check places out to see if they matched my specifications; then lots of time wondering if I could find a way to support myself and my family if I found said perfect location. However, I'm not sure that's use of my time and whatever talents God has given me. I'm reminded of Paul's statement from Philippians, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Paul, who had been beaten, threatened with stoning, and spent time in prison, found a way to be content in spite of the circumstances. He had found, through the life and words of Jesus, God's unlimited resources of peace, hope and love. These things were not dependent on external circumstances. It was the condition of the internal, the heart, mind and soul that enabled Paul to see beyond the circumstances and find contentment.

How did he do this? Paul knew Jesus. Not as a flesh and blood person, he knew Jesus through the words of others, through prayer, the scriptures and his own experiences. It wasn't a matter of rote memorization, but of allowing the essence of Jesus to speak through the words and experiences of those who knew Jesus. Paul excelled in understanding of Hebrew scripture through his training as a Pharisee in the knowledge of scripture. It was his experience on the road to Damascus and in the lives of the Apostles and believers that took that learning to the next level. It went beyond just knowing to living a life permeated by the Spirit of God and the written word.

We too, can learn contentment. It comes when we step away from the noise of our lives. In those moments when we allow the still small voice of God to whisper words of love into our hearts. I am learning that this

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takes practice, a conscious choice on my part to slow down, even stop for a few moments each day and be still. If it has been a particularly busy, or when a lot is being asked of me, I may need to step away for longer. I have found there are a number of rather meaningless ways that I spend my time and I am slowly but surely replacing them with quiet times. I am finding a deeper sense of peace and renewal permeates my world. If you aren't already cultivating time apart I encourage you to check it out. Start with just a few minutes and work your way up to 15, 30 minutes, perhaps even longer. I'll be praying for the Spirit of God to meet you and bring you refreshment and contentment.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Teresa

HAMILTON SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
GIVING CALENDAR 2011

Offerings collected 2nd and 3rd weeks of each designated month, unless otherwise noted

MONTH	MISSION	SPECIAL INFORMATION
January	Retired Ministers & Missionaries	
February	Love Gift	
March		
April	America for Christ	3rd / 4th Sunday
May	Missionary Program/Dinner	Sunday
June	Blanket Sunday	In honor of Women's Sunday
July	Vacation Bible School	
August		
September	One Great Hour of Sharing	
October	CROP Trenton Psychiatric Hospital	
November	World Mission Offering	October 31st November 7th
December	Christmas Stockings Other Seasonal Offerings	@ Hanging of the Greens As appropriate



Our sincere condolences to the family of Joseph Monople, who passed away on January 23, 2011. Our thoughts and prayer are with you.



Sincere condolences to the family and friends of *Donald Black*, who passed away on January 15, 2011. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Endless Grace Christian Coffee House is perking!

Praise the Lord and pass the cupcakes! We had a fantastic kick-off of our Endless Grace Christian Coffeehouse on Friday, January 21, 2011. The turn out was more than expected for a frigid winter night and our entertainers soon had us all warmed up and forgetting about the weather outside anyway. Consummate professional and local musician, Bob Orłowski, began the evening with his beautiful voice and uplifting testimonies. Saved From Today, a three-piece contemporary praise band out of Newark, Delaware and Elkton, Maryland had us enthralled with their exciting beat and skills on guitars and drums. They, also, had a strong message of the saving grace of our Lord.

Freshly ground coffee, an over-abundance of baked goods (is there such a thing?), cozy lighting, it was a really lovely evening. We are looking forward to many more third Friday events and have already booked for **February 18 and March 18**.

In February, we will enjoy the message and songs brought by **JQ**, a local area pianist/vocal performer. His sincerity, skills on the ivories and love of the Lord should make for a great time. We are also so excited to have **Michael Maione** perform. Michael has been performing for the Lord for a number of years now and his style is a combination of contemporary and country influences blended with that old gospel feeling. All of the songs he performs are Biblically inspired and his testimony will knock off your socks.

So, please spread the word to everyone you know and even better, people who you don't know! Third Friday, every month, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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**HAMILTON SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
3752 NOTTINGHAM WAY - HAMILTON SQUARE NJ**



ENDLESS GRACE CHRISTIAN COFFEEHOUSE

When: The third Friday every month

Time: 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

**LIVE MUSIC and ENTERTAINMENT!!!
GREAT COFFEE - FABULOUS BAKED GOODS!**

All are welcome - Free admission

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

**HSBC-NJ.ORG
605-587-8585**

We are always looking to book performers, singers, musicians and entertainers.

Contact us: hamiltonsqbapch@optonline.net

!! WANTED !!

New homeowner for well-maintained single detached home on 54' X 110' lot on quiet street in The Evergreen at Hamilton 55+ Adult Community.

2BR, 2 Full baths, open floor plan with cathedral ceiling in LR and DR. Large eat-in kitchen with center island. Covered front porch and rear patio. Full basement. One car garage. Asking price \$275,000. Kindly contact Jeanette (Tyndale) Robinson at (740) 361-3892 for further details.

ABCNJ Church Prayer Campaign

From Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, Executive Minister and Senior Regional Pastor, American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

Prayer changes things! That's why we are praying for each of our churches throughout 2011. One church or regional ministry is highlighted each day.

Go to www.abcnj.net and select the *prayer calendar* and click the church name - you'll see a short but detailed description of each church and their expressed prayer needs.

You can also find the weekly prayer calendar printed in your Sunday Bulletin.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARY FRIENDS

Our version of Extreme Home Makeover Continues - Jan 07, 2011

Hi Everyone,

Here are some photos from the trip we took Friday to the other side of the river. We're building a house for a father and his three children. Please pray for the salvation of this family. We'll send more photos as the project progresses.

We miss all of you and pray that God blesses each and every one of you this upcoming year.

Blessings,
Cindy and Antonio

To see more photos, click on the link below. Or copy this address into your web browser:
<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=259617&id=569636447&l=f19147fd82>



This house will get torn down as soon as the new one is built.



Bruno and the kids for which we're building the house (Meide, Jussara, and Marcio)



All in a day's work

January 2011

Dear Rev. Teresa and church family at Hamilton Square Baptist Church,

Antonio and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the gift we received last month. We were blessed by your generosity and the way in which you've embraced us. We were deeply impacted by the warm reception we received when we visited the church in August of last year.

When we visited with you, I shared the story of Kunhajuvi, a young Indian girl who was being mistreated and rejected by the other indians in the village because of the fact that she is the daughter of a white man. She was removed from the tribe at the end of August 2009 and has been living with a missionary family here on the YWAM base. They have received guardianship (valid for 6 months) and have begun the process of adoption. Please pray for this family and those involved in the case.

Please continue to pray for us as well as we start a new work amongst the Kulina Indians. I've attached the newsletter which tells about the river trip we took and the direction God has given us in respect to our work in the tribes.

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and generosity.

Cindy and Antonio Soares da Silva



WOMEN'S CIRCLE MEETINGS

WORLD CIRCLE - February 2nd - 2-4:00pm in Burke Lounge - We will be working on tableware settings for TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen). Please join us!

SUNSHINE CIRCLE - February 23 - 7:00pm - We will be working on bandages for White Cross and Quilts for TASK - Please join us!

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Thank you to all those members of the choir who sang solos or provided special music during the recent Christmas Season and a special thank you to Jeff Shropshire and J.T. McQuigg for their very special solos. The choir would love to have new members, if you can add your voice to ours, we would love to have you join us. We practice on Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 and "warm-up" on Sunday morning at 10:30.

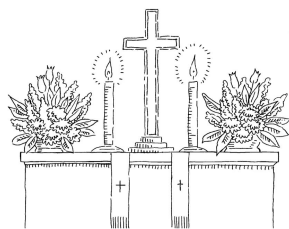
Any questions, call/see our Minister of Music, Karen Schenck at 570-5024.

Volunteer Needed!

We are in need of someone to coordinate requests for Sunday Memorial Flowers.

**If interested,
please contact Nancy Glitz at 587-5354**

Without your help, we may find it difficult to continue this service.
Please consider volunteering.



Pulpit Flowers



To activate the prayer chain,
please call Emma Bates at 587-5185
or email Anna Venettone
at bcae-1@verizon.net

The Monople, Black, Walter, Sonjor, Palmer,
Wright, Scott, Phillips, Soto, & Harrison Families,
Dean Nichols (Janell Wassum's brother-in-law),
Al Fullman,
Hamilton Robinson Sr & Jr. (Jeanette Robinson's
Father-in-law & husband),
Cindy & Antonio Soares de Silva,
Barry Barlow,
Fran Walter's brother & his family,
Bobby Zeiter,
Kathleen Elbertson & Audrey McGee (friends of
Janet Kendall),
Edwin Sonjor,
Marcus Sonjor,
Cheryl Glitz,
Margaret Trout,
Bill & Pat Losey,
Jim Gafgen,
Devon Gamble.

May we also pray for our home Baptists: Verna
Carlidge's sister Dorothy, Betty Bretz, Dot
Reichard, Arleine Meyer, Bea Stadler, Maggie
Hoxie, and Bette Dobronte.

Kyle McGonigal (Walter's grandson in Germany)
and all our service men & women overseas.

Those seeking employment.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Scott Johnson
3 Jason Cohen
4 C. Elmer Carson
4 Brandy Moncada
4 Lois Stuller
7 Conrad Hawkins

Anniversaries

17 Sonny & Nancy Losey
23 Armit & Charlotte Harrison

Pastoral Care

Please remember if you are in need of a
ride to your doctor's appointment or a
local bank or grocery store, we are always
willing to share a ride.

Please contact Emma Stype at
609-443-0308

Newsletter Dead-
line

Serving Us In February

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Leader: Emma Stype

Greeter: Harry Bittner

Communion Setup: Denise Niclas

Servers: Denise Niclas & Ed Niclas
Anna Venettone & Lois Stuller

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Leader: Elma Scott

Greeter: Lois Stuller

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Leader: Lois Newhart.

Greeter: Al Seaman

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Leader: Fran Walter

Greeter: Betty & Elijah Hutchinson

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study in Youth Rm

9:30 am - Adult Sunday School in ABCNJ

11:00 am - Worship Service

Children's Sunday school during service

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:30 Trenton Area Soup Kitchen 7pm - Prayer	2 2-4pm World Circle - Burke 7:30pm Administrative Comm. Mtg.	3 6:30pm Choir	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 6:30pm Youth Group	7 9am- Pastor Teresa @ River-view Chapel Service 5pm - Children's Choir Practice 7pm - Worship Comm. Mtg- Burke	8 7pm - Prayer	9 7pm - Executive Board Mtg.	10 6:30pm Choir	11	12
13 Love Gift Offering 6:30pm Youth Group	14 5pm - Children's Choir Practice	15 7pm - Prayer	16	17 6:30pm Choir	18 8-10pm Endless Grace Coffee-house - McCabe Hall	19
20 Love Gift Offering Fellowship Coffee Hour After church 6:30pm Youth Group	21 President's Day 5pm - Children's Choir Practice	22 7pm - Prayer	23 7-9pm Sunshine Circle	24 6:30pm Choir	25	26
27 6:30pm Youth Group	28 5pm - Children's Choir Practice					



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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 9 @ 7:00 pm

LENTEN PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICES

Beginning, March 15, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

Every Tuesday evening during Lent

Burke Lounge



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