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“Commitment to
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to Make
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September's Theme: "Fall Back into God's Trusting Arms!"

Church Services

Sunday School (classes for all ages) (Sunday School Closing Exercise)	9:30 am – 10:20 am 10:20 am – 10:30 am
Snack Shack / Meet & Greet	10:30 am – 10:40 am
Sunday Service	10:45 am – 12:30 pm
Fellowship - Coffee Hour	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Youth Night (Every other Sunday)	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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Welcome Guests, please take a moment during service to fill out a visitor card with your name and contact information. **Children can attend nursery ages 0-5, or Children's Church 6-10 years.**

SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

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Sunday's Messenger: Sr. Pastor Dennis Jones

Message Text: *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Title: “HOOKING A FISHERMAN”

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¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Summary: Circumstances change when GOD gets involved. You can also declare that circumstances change when Jesus gets involved.

Introduction: “*God intervenes when*”

- Tragedy strikes
- Disaster occurs
- Circumstances of life threaten
- Our spirit is discouraged
- Failure sets in
- Frustration overwhelms

Examples from the New Testament:

John 9:1-7

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

Mark 5: 24-29

And a great crowd followed Him and thronged about Him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸ For she said, “If I touch even His garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

John 11:38-44

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that You have heard Me.⁴² I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me.”⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The world—changed forever at Calvary.

Me—I got saved!!

Examining the text in Ephesians:

Verses 1-3 speak of **hopelessness** and **helplessness** without Christ.

We have heard people quote, “*God helps those who helps themselves*” but that is not true from this Scripture text. It is the exact opposite!

- God helps the helpless.
- Even more, he helps His enemies who have committed sins against Him.

1. The State of Spiritual Death—*dead in Trespasses and Sins*

Human beings as sons and daughters of Adam enter the world spiritually dead.

- They are not inclined or responsive toward God and no ability to please Him.
- Miserable condition
- All who are in sin are dead in sin.
- They walk the walk of sinful habits.
- A state of separation.
- Cut off from your power source—your source of life.
- Physical death separates you from breath, food, and everything necessary for life.
- Spiritual death separates us from God.

The text mentions “*dead in trespass and sins*” (v.5)

- **Trespasses** are violations of divine commandment.
- Sins are referred to as, offenses against God in *thought, word and deed*.

2. Activities of the Dead:

a. Following the course of this world

- The broad way—the trend. More service for and less service for God.
- Boundaries are removed regarding morality, religion and Christianity.

b. Following the Prince of the Power of the Air

- The spirit which works
- The rebellion
- Disobedience
- Deception
- Moral compass

c. Following the passions of the Flesh

- Desires of the body and mind
- Deeds of the flesh

Verse 2 speaks of “*the prince of the power of the air and a spirit*”

- Refers to Satan as he dominates his human subjects whom the text calls, “sons of disobedience.”
- They belong to the family of those who rebel against God.”

We were by nature, “*children of wrath*”—subject to God’s condemnation.

To escape this hopeless imprisonment requires nothing short of a new birth or new creation.

Just when things look the most hopeless and desolate, here come the familiar phrase used so many places in the Bible:

BUT GOD....

Rich in mercy

- It came *when we were dead*. v.5

God’s mercy on His helpless enemies flows from His own loving heart, not from anything we have done to deserve it.

Not only is He rich in mercy, He is:

- Rich in Love
- Rich in Grace
- Rich in Kindness
- ***Made us alive together with Christ*** (rep & bap)

We were dead! We first had to be made alive before we could believe. And God did that with Christ. This is why salvation is by grace alone.

- ***Raised us up with Christ***—because of Christ’s resurrection, those who believe in Him are given new life spiritually in this age (regeneration).

We will also be given renewed physical bodies when Christ returns (future resurrection).

- ***Seated us with Him in the heavenly places***—God has allowed His people even now, to share in the measure of the authority that Christ has, seated at the right hand of God.

God lavished His love upon His people. We will reflect on His incredible love and kindness for all eternity.
AND NOW.

- ***His workmanship***
- ***Created in Christ Jesus for good works***—(1 Corinthians 3; 1 Timothy)

The good works we do as Christians are the result and consequence of God’s new creation work.

The good works do not come before salvation as many would think.

CONCLUSION:

Illustration: Cholera outbreak in St. Vincent—(“Conquer Death”)

When God intervenes, circumstances change. If He can procure salvation at such a cost for us freely, there is no other circumstances in life that He cannot control on our behalf.

(See Union Park YouTube for the entire sermon <https://youtu.be/VFPPPewC-f8>)

If you would like to share your testimony; update (add) to the praise or prayer lists, let us know your birthday or anniversary, please contact Min. Terri Underwood, 407-454-3315 or email terriunderwood@AllAboutMyFathersBusiness.com.

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CHURCH NEWS

- **September Theme: “Fall Back into God’s Trusting Arms!”**
- **5 ladies attended Women’s Breakfast on Saturday. Great time of fellowship! Focus: “Embracing Super Powers for Christ.”**
- **If you would like to be a volunteer on the Food Pantry Committee, please see Sis. Christiana, Sis. Terri or Sis. Debbie.**
- **Wednesday night’s Bible Study continues on 1 Thessalonians. Everyone is invited!**

Prayer, Praise and Worship Service



Sis. Jenna led the Responsive Reading.



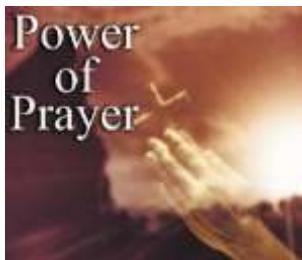
Min. Scheralda gives the Pastoral Prayer.



Pastor Dennis’ Anointed Message.

Prayer and Praise

James 5:13-15 Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out. (Message Bible)



Pastor Dennis, First Lady Christiana and family

(Ephesians 4:11-13)
Rev. Hires Rehab (medical)
Bro. Andee Jones (medical)
Charles Alexandre (spiritual)
Baby Dakota (medical)
Ryan Davenport & Family – Baby Olivia (medical)
Leslie Velasquez's Family (Bereavement)
The people of N&S Carolina affected by Hurricane Florence

We Want to Celebrate Your Special Day!

September Birthday/Anniversary

6 – Rose Powell
9 – Daynelle Jones
9 – Emilia & Jorge A. Rivera
(9/9/98)
15 – Jonathan Gaither (Charles)



October Birthday/Anniversary

5 – Colette Rankine
9 – Leon Gaither
12 – Ezequiel Abraham
14 – Derissa Jones
15 – Renaldo Lugo
23 – Paola Ruiz
25 – Joshua Rodriguez
30 – Kevin Gakono



The Church

In the Bible the word *church* is a translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, meaning “a calling out.” It never refers to a building or meeting place, but always to people, the ones “called out” of the world’s society by God calling them into His service. The *Church* of the Bible is not a cold, stone building, but a group of warm and loving people specially chosen by God.

The Month Ahead

- Food Pantry Committee meeting—Saturday, September 29, 9:00 am
- Alabaster Missions Offering Sunday—September 30
- Food Pantry Dedication—Sunday, September 30 (*after am service*)
- Men's Breakfast—Saturday, October 20, 7:30 am
- Women's Breakfast—Saturday, October 27, 8:15 am
- Pastor & Wife Appreciation—Month of October

Our Fellowship Hour is so Important – It's not just the food – it's the FELLOWSHIP – getting to know our Sisters and Brothers. (If you want to share your favorite dish or snacks, please see Sis. Debbie.)

Come Share the Joy and Love at Union Park Church!

October is Pastor Dennis & Sis. Christiana Appreciation Month!



Throughout the month of October, churches around the world will show their appreciation for their clergy and spouse in a variety of ways.

Our Mission Statement

- ❖ **Seeking** the lost through evangelistic outreach
- ❖ **Providing** for the spiritual needs of our congregation through prayer, Bible study, fellowship and united worship
- ❖ **Commitment** to the work of the local church
- ❖ **Encouragement** to each other in the work of Christ
- ❖ **Benevolence** towards those in need