

Capitol Baptist

CAPTIONS

Church Activities

MARCH 3, 2017

- › MARCH 4-MARCH 25
We will be distributing *John and Romans* in Wilmington every Saturday through March 25! Meet at CBC at 9:00 AM. Expect to return around 1:30 PM, after a stop for lunch. We are working to get out 25,000 *John and Romans* before the get-acquainted meetings!
- › WED., MARCH 15
A group from Ambassador Baptist College will be visiting CBC during the 7:00 PM service.
- › TUE., MARCH 21
“Balanced Beauty” Ladies’ Meetings with Mrs. Moore resume at 6:30 PM

Weekly Events

SUNDAY

Early Service	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Choir Practice	4:30 PM
Missionary Prayer Time	5:30 PM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

TUESDAY

Ladies’ Ministry	6:30 PM
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WEDNESDAY

Teen Meeting	6:15 PM
Children’s Service	7:00 PM
Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 PM

SOUL-WINNING & VISITATION

Wednesday	3:30 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM

THE CAUSES OF A CIVIL WAR - PART 3

Judges 12:1-7 | Pastor T. H. Moore

Judges 12 gives us the continuing story of Israel’s 8th judge, Jephthah. When chapter 11 ends, Jephthah has just led the nation of Israel to victory over the children of Ammon. But when Jephthah comes home from the battle, he finds himself facing another battle. The tribe of Ephraim approaches Jephthah and begins to contend with him, and their contention will result in an all-out civil war!

One of the things that God desires is for His children to dwell together in harmony. We read verses like Romans 12:18, “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” Psalm 133:1 reads, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” If believers will simply allow the Bible to be their authority and yield their lives to God, unity is possible. But when we yield to our flesh, civil war is inevitable!

As we look at this story, we see several things that brought about this civil war. The first thing we saw was:

I. Selfish Motives (vs. 1a)

This week, we will look at a second thing that will cause a civil war:

II. Sinful Reactions (vs. 1b)

We read in verse 1, “And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.” Ephraim was so upset that Jephthah did not ask them to go with him to battle

against the children of Ammon, that they said that they wanted to burn down his house ... while he was in it! They responded with anger! Unrestrained anger is certain to cause a civil war!

In every area of life, we are going to face problems. We will face problems in our marriages, homes, jobs, and our church, and the goal is not to vainly try to eliminate problems out of our lives. The goal must be to deal with those problems biblically, in a Christ-like manner. The way that you and I respond to things is critical, because sinful reactions will start civil wars.

When a Christian responds in anger, it is because his heart is not right with God!

The Bible has a lot to say about how we react to things. For example, we read in Proverbs 15:1, “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.” In other words, when someone comes to us in anger, we must respond to them with a soft answer. But how often do we do the opposite? How often do we “fight fire with fire”? How often do we “give them what they gave us”? We read in Proverbs 25:15, “By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.” The Bible tells us that patience and a soft answer will accomplish more than anger and a harsh answer. Isn’t this the way Christ dealt with things? We read in 1 Peter 2:21-23, “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye

should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.” The point is this: Our reactions to things will either promote or prevent a civil war. And an angry reaction will do nothing but make matters worse and will never bring glory to God. Proverbs 29:22 reads, “An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.”

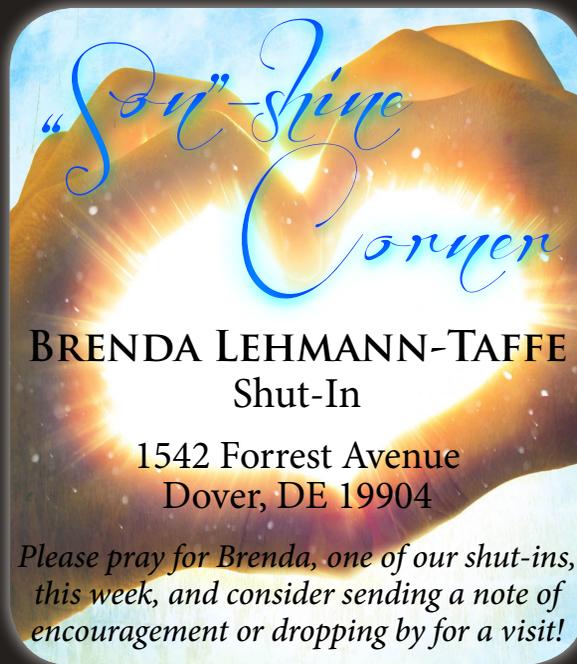
Anger is one of the things that is spiritually killing our children in Bible-believing homes and churches. When Christian fathers erupt on their wives and families or Christian mothers erupt on their children, it results in strife, contention, and discord in our homes.

When Christians respond in anger, it is because their hearts are not right with God. Something is amiss in their walk with God. Galatians 5 tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. When we are walking with God and yielded to the Spirit, we will still face things that will make us angry, but we will “be ye angry, and sin not” (Ephesians 4:26).

It was said that Julius Caesar, when provoked, would repeat the whole Roman alphabet before he would allow himself to speak. Perhaps as Christians, we should stop for a moment before we respond, silently pray, and yield our tongues to God! Unbridled, sinful reactions are certain to cause a civil war!

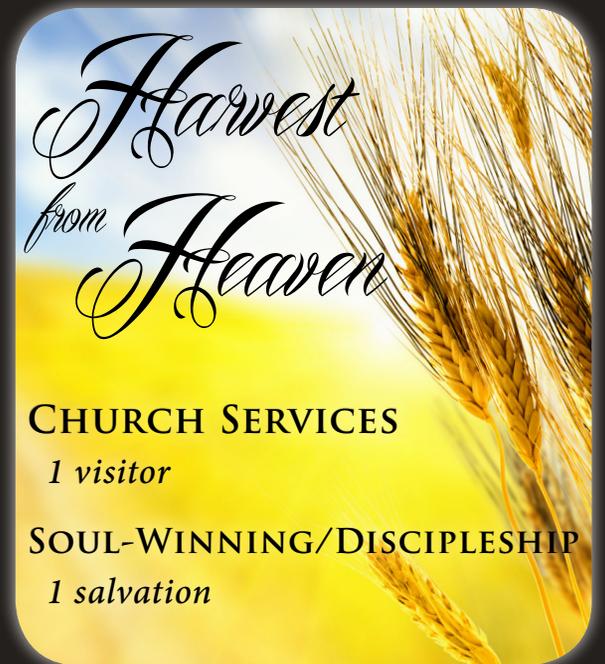
Join us in prayer for...

- **EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH:** financial needs
- **WILMINGTON CHURCH PLANT:** deputation travels; financial support (currently at 96%); Sunday afternoon services at 2:00 PM; John & Romans distribution; Get-Acquainted Meetings this month; official start on April 2
- **MAYFAIR PARK PROPERTY:** continued progress towards land swap
- **KATRINA BISH:** grade 4 glioblastoma brain cancer; radiation & chemotherapy
- **KIM CARROW:** foot surgery recovery
- **S.M. DAVIS:** malignant prostate cancer
- **JOHN HASKINS:** cancer
- **DORIS HUTCHINSON:** recovery at home
- **GWEN LEYS:** colon cancer; medical scans on March 20
- **TERRY MEDLIN-JOHNSON:** hip replacement surgery recovery, at home
- **HEATHER REECE:** back trouble, getting cortisone shots



BRENDA LEHMANN-TAFFE
Shut-In
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Dover, DE 19904

Please pray for Brenda, one of our shut-ins, this week, and consider sending a note of encouragement or dropping by for a visit!



CHURCH SERVICES
1 visitor

SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLESHIP
1 salvation



JOHN & ROMANS
Distribution

Saturdays in Wilmington
February 25 - March 25

Meet at CBC
at 9:00 AM.
Return around 1:30 PM,
after a stop for lunch.



FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH
GET-ACQUAINTED MEETINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - THURSDAY, MARCH 30
SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.

CBC IS ORGANIZING TEAMS TO HELP RUN THE SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SERVICES.

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From the Mission Field

SETH & MELISSA ACREE - GHANA

November 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Regarding Ministry: We have been missionaries for over seven years now, and it is difficult for even me to comprehend and express the blessings (and struggles) that the Lord has sent our way over this time period. We were able to minister to churches while on deputation, encouraging the body of Christ in the area of missions and even privileged to see some profess Christ as we traveled abroad. Thousands of miles, thousands of phone calls, hundreds of churches, and two children later, we arrived in Ghana to work alongside a veteran missionary Frederick Kearney in Tema, Ghana. It was here that we were able to act as furlough replacement missionaries, ministering to Lighthouse Baptist Church while the Kearneys took a year-long furlough. When they returned, we spent some time taking survey trips to various parts of Ghana looking for a place to minister while focusing on learning the language of Twi. God led us to partner with John Sommers and Andrew Aaron in Kumasi, Ghana, where we have immensely enjoyed the fellowship and ministry opportunities over this past year.

We were planning on returning for our first furlough this coming May, and as such, have only recently begun our preparation for such a trip (mostly since our last prayer letter). Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to push up our furlough dates by about five months and will be flying to America in December. Surprise! (We certainly are.) We will be spending the next month and a half preparing for our return and trying to finish up the home school semester for our three oldest children. There is much to do. Among those items that will need to be addressed is the fact that I will be calling supporting churches to schedule

'report' meetings. With our furlough being unexpectedly pushed up, I can foresee difficulty scheduling meetings on a shorter-than-normal notice, but God is in control! If any supporting church pastors would like to preemptively invite us to come (instead of waiting for a phone call from me), please feel free to contact me.

About the family: We want furlough to be a time of great benefit for our children. The plan is to place our three oldest into the Christian school that I attended growing up. This will allow them to acquire some needed friends and American culture that would be different from what they would see living in Ghana. Even our youngest was born in Ghana. Please pray that this experience would be very beneficial for our Missionary Kids (MKs).

Praises:

- A very successful first term! We were able to accomplish many of the goals we set out to do.
- God's leading in future ministry (there is still more info we need, but He is clearly working).

Prayer Requests:

- Sell of our vehicle for a fair price
- Scheduling "report" meetings on short notice
- Acquisition of items necessary to live in America during our furlough
- Smooth transition into furlough

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
Seth Acree & Family

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