

Capitol Baptist CAPTIONS

Church Activities

AUGUST 3, 2017

- MON.-FRI., AUGUST 7-11
Youth Camp at New Life Island for
Grades 4-12
- SAT., AUGUST 12
Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- SAT., AUGUST 19
Ladies' Summer Tea
2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- SAT., SEPTEMBER 2
CBS Parents' Orientation - 9:00 AM
- TUE., SEPTEMBER 5
CBS First Day of School

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

SAMSON'S RIDDLE - PART 3

Judges 14:5-20 | Pastor T. H. Moore

Last week, we began to look at the first recorded event in the life of Israel's twelfth judge, Samson. In Judges chapter 14, as Samson journeyed to the city of Timnath, he encountered a young lion that "roared against him." In verse six we read, "And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand." We learned from this event that the source of Samson's power was not physical strength, but divine strength. It was as Samson was empowered by the Holy Spirit of God that he could accomplish great feats. This week, I'd like to continue on with this story. We saw:

I. The Power of Samson (vs. 5-9)

This week, may we consider:

II. The Plan of God (vs. 10-14)

We read in verse 14, "And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle." When Samson and his father arrived in Timnath, they made a feast. This was a wedding feast. Samson was about to marry a Philistine woman. At this feast, thirty Philistines showed up, and Samson put forth a riddle to them. He told them that if they could tell him what this riddle meant, he would give them thirty sheets and thirty changes of garments. But if they could not, then they would give him thirty sheets and thirty changes of garments. He then put forth the riddle, which says, "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." What does this mean? Let's take it in two parts.

Part I. "Out of the eater came forth meat." No doubt, the "eater" is referring to the lion that he faced back in verse five. As Samson was walking, this lion sought to devour Samson. This lion was an "eater"—he was hungry. But out of this "eater" came forth meat—something that I eat.

I believe the application is clear. Over and over again, the devil sets his sights on God's children. He will do anything he can to ruin our lives. He desires to wreck homes, families, and children. He seeks out and destroys (John 10:10). And often, when we face this attack, we think that the worst possible thing has happened to us. But if we face those attacks with eyes of faith, keep our eyes on the Lord and trust the Lord through it, we will find out that what we have called the worst thing in the world, turns out to be something that God uses to nourish and strengthen us.

Samson's riddle is a summary of God's plan for our lives.

Perhaps one of the greatest examples of this truth in the Old Testament is Joseph. Joseph faced things in his life that could have destroyed him. He was attacked by his brothers, thrown into a pit and left for dead, sold into slavery, falsely accused, wrongly thrown into prison, and for some time, forgotten. Yet "out of the eater came forth meat." God used for good what the devil intended to

use for destruction. Out of the eater came forth meat! We could say the same of Calvary. When the Lord Jesus Christ hung on the cross of Calvary, no doubt the devil thought that he had won, but "out of the eater came forth meat." Praise God for Calvary! While the devil says, "I'm going to destroy you and wreck your life," God says, "No, I'm going to use you for my glory." Trouble born in the spirit of Jesus Christ will produce Christ-likeness.

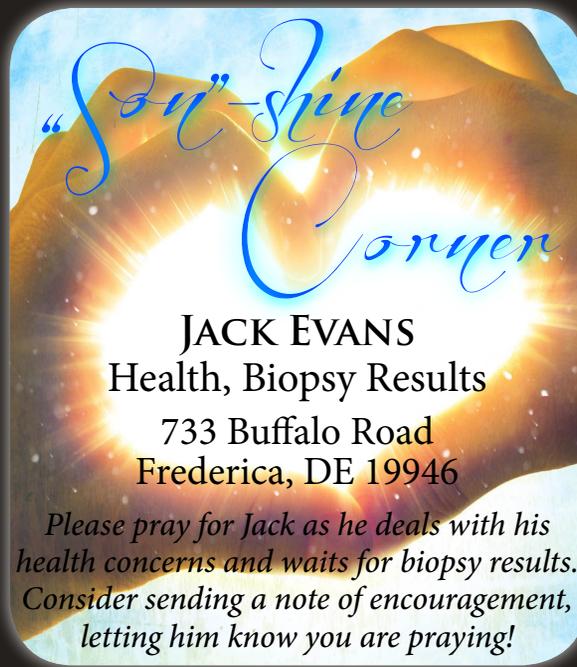
Part II. "Out of the strong came forth sweetness." There is a sweetness in our lives that trouble produces, a sweetness that is a reflection of Jesus Christ. Many of us like to be "tough guys," and toughness can come across as meanness to people. Many men, fathers, and preachers could be better Christians if we had some sweetness in our lives. God has a way of breaking us of this, and he uses trouble and trials and heartaches to do so.

It is when we are seated at the side of the bed of a sick and dying loved one, or have our hearts broken over a child that has gone astray, or receive news in our own lives that our bodies are bearing some disease or illness, that we are able to take out of that "eater" the honey and give it to others. It is in those times that we are broken, that the strong man becomes sweet—our hearts become tender and compassionate towards others.

In some ways, Samson's riddle is a summary of God's plan for the life of every believer. Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. Are we allowing God to do this work in our lives?

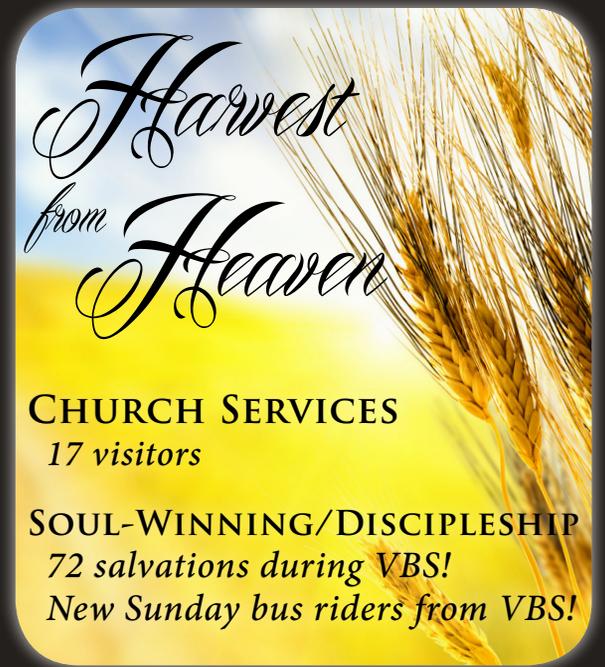
Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH
- FUTURE CHURCH PLANT
- MAYFAIR PARK PROPERTY: approval from the Department of the Interior
- KATRINA BISH: grade 4 glioblastoma brain cancer, surgery recovery, chemotherapy, continued memory and speech improvement
- PATTY BULT: multiple myeloma cancer to the plasma cells, chemotherapy
- LILA CHILDRES: surgery recovery, in Capitol Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Room 112A
- CAROL CHURCH & CAROLYN LANE: bereavement - loss of Carl Church, travel to Kentucky
- RON COMFORT: pneumonia
- MRS. D'ARCHANGELO: inoperable brain tumor
- S.M. DAVIS: prostate cancer, upcoming surgery
- APRIL DOLYNY: bone cancer treatments, shingles
- JACK EVANS: health, biopsy results
- JOYCE FINNEY: health
- CRAIG GSELL: dialysis complications, needs a new kidney donor
- HAMPTON FAMILY: bereavement - loss of Minnie; funeral on Friday, August 11
- DORIS HUTCHINSON: health
- RAY MEGONIGAL: COPD
- NANCY PERETIATKO: in rehab, in Harbor Healthcare in Lewes, Room 110



JACK EVANS
Health, Biopsy Results
733 Buffalo Road
Frederica, DE 19946

Please pray for Jack as he deals with his health concerns and waits for biopsy results. Consider sending a note of encouragement, letting him know you are praying!



CHURCH SERVICES
17 visitors

SOUL-WINNING/DISCIPLESHIP
72 salvations during VBS!
New Sunday bus riders from VBS!



YOUTH CAMP
AUGUST 7-11 AT NEW LIFE ISLAND

CAMP SPEAKER:
Evangelist Joe Kaiser

*Remember now thy Creator
in the days of thy youth...*
Ecclesiastes 12:1

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From the Mission Field

DAVID & KELLY OWENS - GUYANA

July-August 2017

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We praise the Lord for your faithful prayers and support. We are grateful we can continue to serve God here in Guyana. The following is an update according to each church.

Bible Baptist Church, Bush Lot, Essequibo Coast

- Attendance has been up and down recently. Pray that the attendance will stabilize and grow.
- 83 salvation decisions in the church's ministries
- Vacation Bible School was moved to August. Pray for all the planning and for many salvations.
- Pray for Bro. Andrew Glasgow. He seems to be afraid of committing to serve the Lord.

Faith Baptist Church, Queenstown, Essequibo Coast

- Recently celebrated 4 years since the first Bible study, which later became Faith Baptist Church
- Anniversary service was overflowing with people sitting outside under a tent.
- Attendance has increased at Sunday and Thursday night services.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Jainaraine and this church.

Adventure Baptist Church, Adventure, Essequibo Coast

- We will begin services here on July 9.
- Services will be held on Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evenings.
- Pray for this church to grow.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance as we endeavor to reach this area for Christ.

Please continue to pray for the following requests:

- Souls saved
- Strong, faithful men
- Workers for the ministry
- Property and building for the church in Bush Lot

Because He Lives,
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