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MATTHEW 4:19 - AND HE SAITH UNTO THEM,
"FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

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Welcome

January 2023

Welcome to our fourth edition of The Fishermen Ministry newsletter. We will be putting out a monthly newsletter in order to keep you up to date on what's happening. We will post everything from featured messages, announcements, travelers corner, birthdays and much more.

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FEATURED MESSAGE

Self Esteem vs Self Confidence (By: Richard Eutsler Sr.)



TFM TX Sunday 2014-02-16 - RICHARD EUTSLER SR (DAVY)
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Confidence vs Self-Esteem





Texas Sunday service 2014-02-16

Davy's Self Esteem vs Self Confidence sermon – it is only 11:29 minutes long. Texas Sunday service 2014-02-16 - "In this message, Brother Davy gave an important message on self esteem vs confidence. Self esteem is all about you, your flesh, what you want, your feelings. It has nothing to do with reality. Confidence is tangible, based on a track record. How to go from self esteem to confidence? Davy tells us how in this powerful and timely message."

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South Carolina News



Photograph from the Walthall family.

Cottageville, South Carolina

The individuals in the SC fellowship continue to move around and get out and about.

After the shocking events at the local high school where Micah was attending school, he decided to resume homeschooling. Emanuel, Brad's son's house burnt down and they lost everything. The Capshaws had a yard sale which raised enough money to get a place to rent for the month as well as some clothes and personal items for themselves and the children. They await the results of investigations into the fire before the insurance will pay out which might take some time. Lisa and the boys also went to New York City for 5 days to spend time with Brad's niece Kayli. Lisa's first experience of the city was one of friendliness and a sense of safety contrary to that which she expected. She and JC resume their studies in the new year.

Christmas weekend celebrations:

- Phil & Hope hosted Christmas Day at their house which various people joined them for including the Capshaws and the Perrys.
- Carter spent Christmas Eve in Lynchburg with James & Rose.
- Maggie and the children went up to Maryland to visit with her family for a week.
- Big Edmund and Angie went to Oklahoma to visit with Triston.

Angie went to Florida to meet Rick for some iguana hunting with Gamo. They had the opportunity to practice preaching the Gospel as they went about their hunt.

The children are stepping up leading PE activities with the smaller group, learning how to lead with love, not holding a position of "power" but rather caring about those who are under them.

Young Nolan made the basketball team and is practicing dribbling and shooting, but most importantly, ball control.

Young Lydia is currently playing basketball too.

Ongoing events:

- Despite the notably smaller crowd, children's Bible study continues every Friday morning at 10:45 a.m. Contact Maggie [\(915\) 246-6136](tel:9152466136) or [Email Maggie](mailto:Maggie)
- Children's PE takes place after children's Bible study at 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. If you're interested in knowing more about it, please contact Angie at [\(843\) 860-8824](tel:8438608824) or [Email Angie](mailto:Angie)
- Sunday evening Bible studies are at 6 p.m. and any who are inclined to join together for a meal beforehand will be welcome at 5 p.m.

People to contact: if you have questions about the ministry in South Carolina, or how you can participate, here's the list of who to get in touch with.

The South Carolina fellowship:

- Contact Carter: [\(303\) 257-5470](tel:3032575470) or [Email Carter](mailto:Carter)
- Contact Philip: [\(843\) 217-2644](tel:8432172644) or [Email Phillip](mailto:Phillip)

The music team and how you can be a part:

- Rose [\(803\) 387-9910](tel:8033879910) or [Email Rose](mailto:Rose)

Ministry opportunities in Lynchburg, SC, contact:

- James [\(706\) 283-2688](tel:7062832688) or [Email James](mailto:James)

Grace Ranch - Texas News



Times have been interesting at Grace Ranch, and we are very pleased to welcome back Robin, Charles, and Karen from their respective trips. For those that know the ranch, you know that we are “way out” and that visitors are the exception rather than the rule. That tide seems to be changing. The Lord has brought a few folks through the ranch, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to minister the Gospel in the Love of Christ with the folks that are coming by.

Matthew is a young man who has moved out to the desert recently. He’s a former truck driver and is looking to create a self-sufficient living experience on his property which is about 15 miles south of the ranch. He’s been to several services and stays afterwards to fellowship and discuss various topic with folks at the ranch.

Most recently the Lord brought Rashad and Vanessa across our path as they were lost trying to either find or get back to their property, which is about 10 or so miles to the northwest of the ranch. Cheryl was able to get Bob who helped them get where they needed to be. Rashad is an IT professional who works in the cloud computing space. He grew up in the church and was a drummer for their worship team. We are looking forward to breaking out the drum set when I get back to the Ranch. Vanessa is a full-on “New Yorker” with a personality to match. She’s a bit of a force of nature. Rashad is looking to take his 87 acres and create an off-grid tech retreat for his industry. Not sure what that looks like, but both he and Vanessa are super excited to learn from our successes and failures of establishing a functional beachhead out in the West Texas Desert.

The last cold spell hit the ranch hard. The water froze in the Chapel, Steve’s Office, campers, Bob’s place, the bathroom at the animals and animals water. The chapel cabin had full functionality and once I got a heater in Steve’s bathroom for a while, that was also back and working. The kitchen’s hot water was out of commission for over a day, as was the chapel. As things began to warm up on Saturday and Sunday, we were able to better assess any damages. By God’s grace only one valve broke, which Bob was able to patch until we get the needed replacement parts. At last report, all the campers survived as did all the other locations that were either totally frozen or partially frozen. Thank you Lord!

Christmas day was a wonderful day of fellowship. Not only amongst ourselves, but also with the new folks that have been coming out. Matthew came for service and stayed long after I had gone home to pack, chatting with Robin and others. Rashad and Vanessa came around 4ish with barbeque ribs in hand. Rashad used to run a food truck many years ago and he's promised some good eats in the future. We had some great food and watched some football and just had a great time enjoying one another's company. I pray everyone was blessed.

Lastly, as some may know, Sue and I dropped Naomi off at Civil Air Patrol Encampment Tuesday the 27th and we pick her up after graduation on January 2nd. We are very excited for her and look forward to what the Lord is going to accomplish through her time there. Sue and I will be working on new year projects for the TFM website launch, Grace Ranch website revamp, and other work-related project timelines, as well as trying to just get a bit of a vacation. I'm also getting to see some clients and sponsors while I'm out this way (East Texas) which is nice.

On a personal note, these past few years have been hugely challenging for me personally and I'm sure for Sue and Naomi as well. From the CLL diagnosis to open heart surgery and many other challenges, it's been a crash course in learning to put all my trust in the Lord. It's easy to focus on things and situations around us and feel subject to them, i.e. job, clients, markets, gas prices, inflation, food prices, COVID, etc. You name it, there seems to always be something of the world that's trying to impose "its" will against the walk of faith. In a recent conversation, I expressed to someone that all my hope and provision is in Jesus. Every bit of everything I needed, my next breath and next heartbeat, my hope and assurance of God's perfect provision for it all was in Christ. That's the walk of Faith. When you are in that place, (I don't claim to have attained, but it is what I go after) then the things of the world DO grow strangely dim and the control they seek to exert against you is swallowed up in Christ's Victory. Does anyone ever remember Dad worrying about gas prices on a revival trip? I remember him saying that the Lord had already provided what we needed to get where He needed us to be. Dad certainly had a handle on trusting the Lord for everything. The walk of Faith that's founded in the awesomeness of the almighty God has no limits. That's where I want to be. I hope you all do as well!

Happy New Year!

For questions regarding the Grace Ranch, Texas fellowship:

Contact Rick:

(928) 302-9078 or **Email Rick**

Contact Robin:

(915) 307-0514 or **Email Robin**



Africa Mission News

A message from Brother Lawrence Tsimese

December has always been very eventful and busy as many people gear up to fulfill certain missions and goals before the end of the year. People are very tenacious in their preparations for Christmas and New Year and sometimes tend to lose focus of things that really matter i.e. the essence of Christmas. Most the interactions I've had had been to urge believers who have been overtaken by the festive fever to apportion some of the fervency of preparing for the yuletide to the second coming of Christ. Is it not interesting how we diligently prepare for trips, vacations and events such as birthdays, weddings festivals etc. and don't really apply same efforts and energy towards the second coming of Christ? We should help to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ by the way we live, the example we show to others and the willingness to let others know how our faith brings us joy. The joy of Christmas is not only for the day or the season but also for the promise that comes with it.

Discipleship Front

Regular discipleship appointments were honoured by **Pastor Korsah** whose progress is worthy of note. He has requested to increase the meeting frequency to at least twice in a week from January 2023 for which I have obliged him to select another appropriate day within the week that would not conflict with my already very busy schedule. Let's see how it goes.

Very interesting to note that **Brother Alexander** and **Pastor Zachariah** from Kenya also made contacts within the month. In the case of Brother Alexander he said he only called to say hi but for Pastor Zachariah he wishes to resume discipleship once again and prefers appointments on weekends instead of weekdays. He used the opportunity to announce the demise of his mother who has since been buried. Let's keep him and his entire family in prayer for the Lord to console them.

Pastor Augustine is finally back in town and has made contact with me. We even went to church together with Pastor Korsah on Sunday (Christmas day) at the Higher Glory House Ministry where they were given opportunities to exhort the congregation whilst I gave the main sermon.



Pastor Wilson also made contact when some financial difficulties were addressed. He is still in the deep rural home village in northern Uganda and has resorted to farm vegetables to support himself and the family, despite obvious challenges such as lack of tools and climate – lack of adequate rainfall to cater for all season farming all year round.

He is hopeful that he could be resourced to set up an irrigation system for himself and his neighbors.

Let's remember to lift him up to the Lord on these fronts. Some of the vegetables he cultivates are onions, tomatoes, cabbages and eggplants.

He has not problem with the land tenure system since the parcel of land he farms on belongs to his family.

What's Going on in South Africa

South Africa as a country and a people is in a troubled state, not too dissimilar to the U.S. The Athertons have visited with many families – some only once at this point, but most have had 2, 3, or even more opportunities to get together, sometimes surprisingly so.

The people in South Africa are here for various reasons. For most, they have nowhere else to go; nothing to recommend them to another country. But there are some who stay by choice. The reason they have verbally given Steve and Megan is, "I want to be part of the solution."

Crime is an issue here, and everyone is affected at some point whether personally or because they know someone who has been directly affected. These are some stories that have taken place (or been heard about) in the last 3 months or so with people Steve and Megan have met.

- While visiting with old friends from London in the last week of the year, the husband's mother called to say that she had just been robbed of her keys outside their home. Thankfully her life was spared and they changed the keys on their locks.
- The same woman from London's' parents were robbed fairly recently on 2 successive days in the same week.
- A visit between Megan and an old friend 2 months ago was cut short by a call from her husband who, while on a 25km training run, was robbed of his

phone, headphones, and watch. Again, thankfully his life was spared.

- Several years ago the neighbor was shot in the neck, arm, and chest at almost point blank range in his driveway. The Lord kept him, even deflecting bullets from vital organs. He lives to tell the tale of the scars on his flesh and such as remain in his heart.
- The list goes on... While many have a story like this, and they'll talk about them if asked, few actually focus on that.

Visits have taken place with lawyers, doctors, security-related people, people employed in management positions, entrepreneurs who own their own businesses, IT folks, teachers, those working in marketing, and others. They've also visited with whites, blacks, and coloreds (no Indians yet.) Most profess Christ as their Lord. Many have questions but no answers. Some see issues and want to find solutions to the poverty, crime, lawlessness, and underlying dissension that occurs between the peoples of South Africa.

Coloreds are a mixed race usually between Afrikaans and black people. They almost universally speak Afrikaans rather than English or the native tongue of one side of the family tree. During apartheid (which literally translated means separation), whites received the most favor followed by Chinese, Indians, Coloreds, and Blacks at the bottom. With BEE (Black Economic Empowerment), the roles have been reversed so that the Colored peoples remain on "the wrong side of the railroad tracks," something that is based on the railway line that divided the white and black/colored areas. Despite it all, the Coloreds are cheerful folks, full of life and laughter, despite the fact that they aren't generally as academic as other races in S.A.

One Colored man they talked to spoke of his racism meter being so sensitive that he can pick it up if there is even a hint of racist preference with people he meets. He heads a church, is a practicing doctor, and a driven academic man who still, after all this time, has to choose to forgive and choose to put off the sensitivity he imbibed as a youth with the "wrong colored skin."

Looking ahead into January, they have an appointment on January 4th to see to visa issues with a Nigerian lawyer they met and had over for lunch with his family after Christmas. The visit was a blessed one that may produce a visit to Nigeria by Steve and possibly his family at some point. Megan and Joseph head back to the U.S. for the last 2 weeks of the month (returning to S.A. to head straight down to Cape Town as a family in the first week of February), leaving Steve and the 3 youngest children in South Africa. For those who watched the 50-odd minute testimony of the Zimbabwean farmer whose farm was taken from him by the Zim government, he has invited the Athertons to stay with him on their journey to Cape Town.

Many of you are receiving Megan's Daily Diary Newsletter which has photos and some information on the family's activities, meetings, outings, observations, and experiences. Because of the wide range of people receiving it, the content is intentionally somewhat generic, showing more about life and the country than specific individuals. For those wanting more "meat on the bones", you can find it [here](#) or feel free to get in touch with Steve and Megan directly with questions, comments, etc.

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Megan can be contacted at: (802) 485-8624 or [email Megan](#)

If you aren't receiving the Daily Diary newsletter and would like to, please email her to be added to the list at: matherton@shalaw.com

Please pray for Africa, South Africa in particular. As with all peoples, Jesus is their answer and someone has to bring Him to them. Please pray that the Lord would prepare the hearts of the people for Himself, and that He'd move through the Athertons individually and as a whole to the full accomplishment of His will, and to the blessing of each person involved and His glory.

Megan has been documenting her experiences with Facebook posts, and photos and info in an almost daily emailed newsletter. If you aren't receiving the Daily Diary newsletter and would like to, please [email Megan](#) to be added to the list.

Some photos from Megan's newsletter





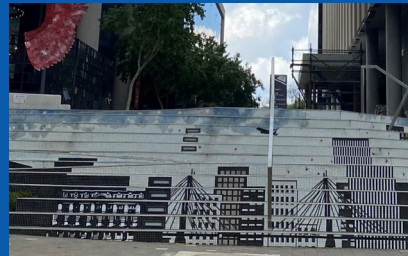
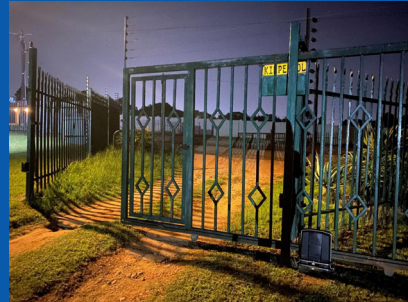




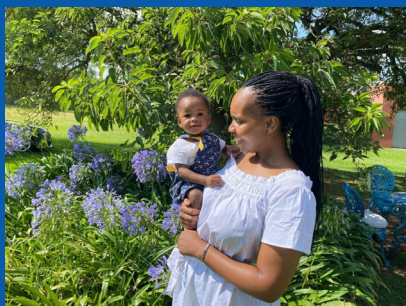




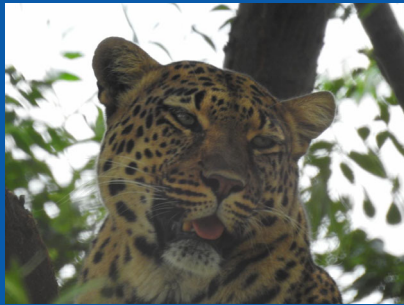
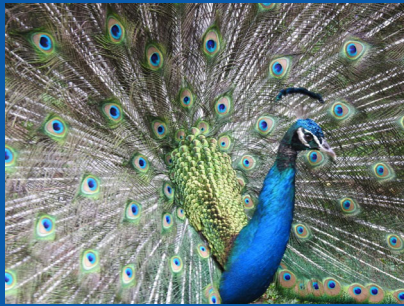
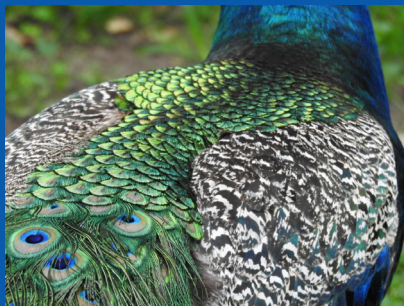
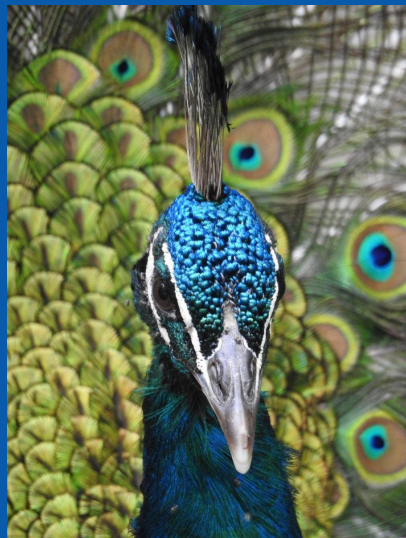












TRAVEL



Athertons in South Africa

Steve, Megan and their children are currently in Johannesburg, South Africa. They will be travelling through the Cape and returning to the US in June 2023. Please keep them all in prayer and feel free to contact them. If you are in South Africa and would like to get together with them, please use the information below to get in touch with them.. WhatsApp is free ([iOS version](#) or [Android version](#)) is the most widely used means to text people in Africa or Europe. Like iMessage it has voice and video call options.

Steve: [\(802\) 371-8220](#) or [Email Steve](#)

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OBITUARIES

Beatrice Ann Reece Squires, 84



On December 7th, Gail Stevens' mother, and Chris Moynihan's grandmother, Bea Squires passed away. Gail and her two sisters, Debora and Michelle, were able to be with Bea for her final few days and were witness to her desire to go home to be with her Lord. In addition to her daughters, she left behind her husband John, who most if not all of us know. Please keep them all in prayer. Gail had opportunities when in North Carolina to minister the love of Christ to the family and continues to stand ready to do so as each person passes through this loss.

Phillip Walthall will speak at a memorial service help in remembrance of Bea's life on January 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Shepherd Assembly Church located at 6720 Old Shallotte Road NW, Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

MESSAGES TO REMEMBER

[2018 VERMONT REVIVAL](#)



The spring and summer of 2018 were filled with revival services held in Georgia, South Carolina, Connecticut, and Vermont. The theme was the same through out that summer and its importance remains to this day.



Hebrews 6: 1-2 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."



It was in the Vermont revival that the fullness of what the Lord has for his people was preached. The church cannot move on unto perfection without being founded upon the principles of the doctrine of Christ. Brother Steve was able to lay this foundation for all so that we can, as the testimony in the Bible shows many have done before, go on unto perfection. This includes one of the least understood doctrines: that of baptisms.



May you listen, for the first time or again, to this important message.

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THE GREAT COMMISSION

Everyone knows the "Great Commission". It was succinctly set forth by Christ and recorded in Mark Chapter 16:

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

UPCOMING TFM DATES TO REMEMBER

January

1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January

2

SUZANNE EUTSLER BIRTHDAY

January

3

JOSEPH ATHERTON BIRTHDAY

January

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