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"FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

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Welcome

December 2022

Welcome to our third 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

The Valley of Baca (By: Steven Atherton)



TFM TX Wednesday 2017-12-13 - STEVE ATHERTON
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THE VALLEY OF BACA





Texas Wednesday service 2017-12-13 - The Valley of Baca - Psalm 84:5-7

Back in 2017, Brother Steve preached an important message from Psalm 84 called The Valley of Baca. It is in the Valley of Baca that we go from our strength to God's strength. We can pass through most anything if we have the right attitude, the right perspective. This message gives us an understanding of this passage (using the examples of Moses, Abraham and the Apostle Paul) to show how the Lord will take

South Carolina News



Cottageville, South Carolina

There was a great ebb and flow to the activity in the South Carolina fellowship this month with many people venturing farther afield than the 4-mile radius in which we all live, walking in accordance with the Great Commission "...*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*" Mark 16:15

Charly & Karen brought the Mini-Taj for a couple of weeks, plugging in both literally with their camper and physically into the Body there. They participated in preaching, Thanksgiving, and spending some time in fellowship with others before heading to visit James & Rose and then continue on their journey home.

Angie was out of town for Airgun Expo at Grace Ranch in Texas and again for a duck hunt with Shoot Like A Girl. Her time at the ranch was an opportunity for the Lord to free her of some chains so that when she then went to the duck hunt, He was able to move through her mightily in ministering to others. She also got to observe the Lord's love moving through people she didn't know love Him and are inclined to serve others. She returned home strengthened in her own faith with examples to help her deal with situations that crop up in her life and interactions with others. Another work opportunity for her is an upcoming iguana hunt in Florida with Rick & Gamo in December.

Steve & the children continued in their preparations for their trip to South Africa without skipping a beat in the Civil Air Patrol activities they're part of, nor the ministry in Cottageville. Carter took them to the airport on November 19th for their flight across the Atlantic Ocean, which the children especially enjoyed, filling their

time with their choice of movies.

Phil, Hope, & their children spent Thanksgiving with Phil's mom, taking in some hikes, exploring nature, and enjoying the time with family.

Thanksgiving took place with a smaller crowd in Cottageville, but all who were present enjoyed the time of fellowship and giving of thanks to the Lord while enjoying a feast.

Young Nolan is trying out for basketball and has been practicing dribbling, drills, and shooting. He and Maggie should know whether he's going to be picked for the team within a week or so.

The Capshaws had a huge scare earlier this month when the school where Micah is attending had a lockdown, with no one entering or leaving, 30 police cars rushing to the school, and they were unable to contact Micah whose phone had been stolen a couple of weeks prior. Apparently there was some gang-related violence that got out of hand with a lynching on that traumatic day, possibly in retaliation for the murder of a high school student from the opposing gang a week or two beforehand. The incident highlighted the need for some changes in the crime and safety department of the school as well as the need to deal with the almost daily occurrence of a criminal offense on school property. Brad & Lisa attended the school board meeting where they got to speak about concerns regarding safety of the students and the lack of accountability and discipline measures for inappropriate behavior. 2 people apparently resigned or were fired but it is yet unclear who they were, and the Capshaws are not yet sure how they are going to deal with Micah and school at this point. Please keep them in prayer. The incident highlights the trouble our education system is in and the dire need for change and improvement on many fronts: for the safety of the students, let alone their education!

Ongoing events:

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

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

The South Carolina fellowship:

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

The music team and how you can be a part:

- Contact Rose Eutsler: [\(803\) 387-9910](tel:8033879910) or [Email Rose](#)

Ministry opportunities in Lynchburg, SC:

- Contact James Eutsler: [\(706\) 283-2688](tel:7062832688) or [Email James](#)



Welcome again from Grace Ranch. It was a relatively quiet month here at the ranch. We have been taking a hard look at what we have to offer folks that may want to come out and train. It's been a very good exercise and I believe we are all learning about what the Lord would have us prepare for as we look forward to a revised Grace Ranch website, TFM Website, and Elijah School. (You'll have to take a look at the revised Grace Ranch website once it's completed!) Beyond the technical, some of our biggest challenges center around infrastructure and larger maintenance items. Many of our buildings are due for a fresh coat of paint and other general upkeep. Please join with us in lifting all this up to the Lord for His guidance, strength, and wisdom. We need hands on deck, time, resources, and weather to all come together to get these things done.

For thanksgiving we had our normal afternoon dinner with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, broccoli apple salad etc. We had the added blessing of some guests from over the hill joining us. Sam and Nathan, they moved out here a couple of years ago, have been coming around for a while and Bob has been instrumental in connecting with them to make sure they get what they need. Sam and some of the children, have been to a few services. It was very nice to have their family here for a meal and we look forward to getting together with them again.

Robin returned from her trip late last week and it's certainly good to have her back in the mix. Charly and Karen should be back in a few weeks and then Sue, Naomi, and I will be heading out later in the month.

We continue to have a lot of moving pieces. Please keep us in your prayers as we do have a lot to complete over the winter and a lot to work towards as warmer weather approaches. May the Lord keep you all.

For questions regarding the Grace Ranch, Texas fellowship:

Contact Rick:

[\(928\) 302-9078](tel:9283029078) or [Email Rick](mailto:Rick@graceranch.org)

Contact Robin:

[\(915\) 307-0514](tel:9153070514) or [Email Robin](mailto:Robin@graceranch.org)

Mission Progression

By Brother Lawrence Tsimese

As has been the case most times, the month in retrospect has been a very eventful one with reference to ministry activities. Discipleship interactions have also been fruitful in many respects to the disciples even though some have encountered some tough situations.

Pastor Wilson of Uganda, who is now domiciled in the village (deep interior rural) due to lack of accommodation at the town of Lira where he used to live, has been having difficulties connecting on appointed days mainly due to lack of strong internet networks and also very scanty budget for purchasing data. But the good thing is that he is constantly making efforts to connect even for just 10 minutes. He says it's because he values the discipleship relations such that he feels very unfulfilled if he misses a week of appointment. Last week I sent him more documents that we shall be studying in our subsequent appointments. Please let's keep him in prayer.

Pastor Augustine who started very well has asked to be excused for a month to go deal with some personal issues before he continues with the discipleship appointments. He could not share with me the issues he is having but whatever it is we trust the Lord to pull him through so that he emerges stronger than before. Let us keep him also in prayer.

Pastor Korsah is still very active in discipleship studies and much awed by what the Lord has been showing him. He is very thankful he took the advice to 'empty himself in order to receive'.

Appollonia Church Visit

I call it the Apollonia church because that is where it is located. It is the branch church of Higher Glory House Ministry where I used to minister regularly. This branch was opened and commenced services in the last quarter of 2021 with pastor Emmanuel in charge. You may recall that during Steve's visit last year we visited the site with brother James, Pastor Padi and some of his leaders. Steve anointed the cornerstones of the land, generously donated by a local chief, to be used for the church. He also anointed Pastor Emmanuel for fortitude to do the work in grace.

During this second visit of mine to the place, I noticed that the structure is now refined and firmly in place. Pastor Emmanuel had actually put in a lot of hours of work on the structure. They have also started to attract dedicated adults to their membership. My main message to them was encouragement to persist in the work of the kingdom of God despite the challenges they face. One of the members with a baby tucked at her back was given the chance to exhort the congregation. To me that was very interesting as such sights are rare to behold in churches. I believe the work would advance beyond what it pertains now. Please let's keep them in our prayers.



What's Going on in South Africa

Megan spent 7 weeks in South Africa ahead of her family. They were full weeks with friends and family, seeing old familiar faces and meeting new ones. Staying in different places every 3 or 4 days made for a busyness that is different than having the family back together again.

Steve & the children joined Megan in South Africa on November 20th after an uneventful flight full of snacks, tasty food, and a lot of movie-watching. They spent most of the first week getting adjusted to the different time zone but are now all living on South African time. Hopefully they never quite go “African Time” which generally means some time, any time, usually today but maybe not. Let’s just say that punctuality isn’t part of African Time!

The first two weeks in South Africa were full of firsts. Of course everything related to this trip has been a first, except for being in a plane (and even flying one before being a passenger!)

- Steve, Megan, children, and grandparents together at one time
- New country, new continent
- Meeting Megan’s family, other than the grandparents and Sue
- Driving on the other side of the road
- New people. Lots of them! In fact, all but 5 are “new” people they’ve never met
- Surprising Oupa on his birthday

The weekend after they arrived, the Athertons hosted Thanksgiving at their temporary home that proved to have ample room for the 26 people who attended, to whom Steve gave a brief history on the origin of the Thanksgiving holiday before they tucked into the meal. Megan knew all except 2 of the guests, but everybody else had plenty of new faces to get to know. And they set about doing just that, gathering in groups here and there, no one being left out, talking, laughing, even wielding a cricket bat and throwing a rugby ball around.

Steve and Abby both seem to have contracted pink eye, so the plans for the second week to stay with Joan and see the town in which Megan grew up were postponed. Hopefully all will be recuperated by the weekend so they can

attend church with a family from Thanksgiving, ride go-karts at Robbie's sons' buggy park, and maybe attend a carol service in the evening with another group of new faces.

The landlords have proven to be wonderful hosts and have gone out of their way to make sure the Athertons have what they need in their home, including several kitchen items Megan needed for cooking and baking. The house in which the Athertons are staying shares a wall and the entry gate with an engineer who has spent several evenings visiting with Steve & Megan over dessert and coffee at their house. All 3 of these people (landlords & the neighboring engineer) are Afrikaans-speaking by nature, though they speak English fluently with their new American neighbors, and are professing Christians who evidently love the Lord.

Looking forward into the month of December, braais are planned at various people around the city each weekend, because most of the folks Megan knows or has made plans to introduce her family to, work. This means the weekdays will be spent focusing on the children's schoolwork and a field trip a week in the area before their departure from the Jo-burg area for Cape Town in late January/early February.

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.

Steve can be contacted at: (802) 371-8220 or satherton@shalaw.com
Megan can be contacted at: (802) 485-8624 or matherton@shalaw.com

Please pray for Africa, South Africa in particular, as the Atherton's journey there is beginning, that the Lord would prepare the hearts of the people for Himself, and that He'd move through them individually and as a whole to the full accomplishment of His will, and to the blessing of each person involved and His glory.

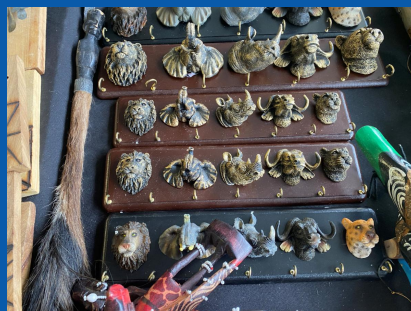
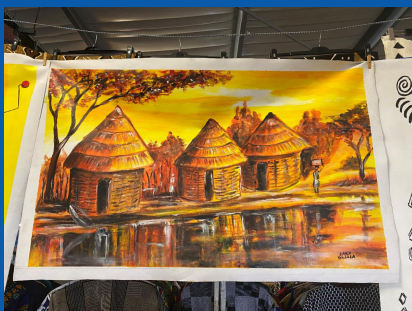
Please keep the Athertons in prayer, that the Lord would protect them and keep the enemy at bay so they can fulfill all that He has for them to accomplish during their trip. Since Steve & the children arrived, various of them had colds which meant they had to keep their distance from the very people they specifically came to see. The latest is that Steve, Sam, Ruth, and Abby all have strep tonsillitis and are on antibiotics, meaning the plans to visit with 4 different groups of people the first Sunday of December had to be canceled.

Below are just a few of the photos Megan has shared.

Some photos from Megan's newsletter









Atherton family arrive in South Africa

Steve and the children arrived safely in South Africa on November 20th. They were greeted at the airport by Megan's parents (as seen in this photo). Feel free to contact them in their absence. The free app WhatsApp ([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](#)

Megan: [\(802\) 485-8624](#) or [Email Megan](#)

Hockers Homeward Bound

Charles and Karen Hocker expect to be heading back to Texas before the end of December. Give them a call if you'd like to meet up during their travels.

Charles: [\(802\) 777-7529](#)

Karen: [\(802\) 829-8874](#)



MESSAGES TO REMEMBER

**Teaching on Joshua is Coming
1987-03-06**

This message from Richard D. Eutsler, Sr.



came on the heels of his message Shields of Gold Shields of Brass. It describes the difference between the ministries of Moses and Joshua. The time is at hand for believers to walk in the power and glory of Jesus Christ and Jesus is going to do it all, even as Israel did during the time of Joshua and the believers did in the Book of Acts. There is one body, there is one Jesus. How do we walk in the anointing, power and Spirit of God? Richard answers this question.

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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

December

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GODSON TSIMESE BIRTHDAY

December

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NATALIE PERRY BIRTHDAY

December

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JOHN VAN DOREN BIRTHDAY

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