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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Men's Fellowship: Free Breakfast is the First Saturday of every month at 9am. Everyone Welcome! See Rev. Richard Abram for more information.**
- **Women's Meeting: Third Thursday of every month. Speak to Sis. Linda Cowart to help or if you have any ideas**
- **Remember our youth: They need our help. Contact Sis's. Melinda Abram or Angela Barnette to see how you can help.**
- **Want to write or help with the newsletter? Contact Melinda Abram  
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## A Message From God

August 3, 2011 — This message was read to the church by Tangy Sims, who received it from the Lord. We have included it in this issue to be certain everyone has a chance to hear it for themselves..

How long will my people wait? Week after week I speak through my servants calling out to a people who will turn to me and turn from those things that they have set up as idols between them and I that take their time from me.

How long must I wait for a people to truly hunger and thirst after me... after righteousness! How long must I wait? My heart breaks for my children to long to be with me more than anything

else in this world! I long for a people to look to me and to trust in me with all their hearts, soul, mind and strength! I am calling out to



a people who will humble themselves, repent and turn from their sins, who will seek my face with their whole heart! For my Spirit, says the Lord, is with you and waiting to fill all those who will draw near to me.

The river of life is flowing for those who truly desire to be with me! Come taste and see the good things of the Lord! How long must I

wait for a people who desire my Will ...not theirs! My heart yearns for this people! Will you hear? Will you open your hearts to my voice and seek me above all else? Will you remove those things from your life that are not pleasing in my sight? Only then will I hear your cry

and come and draw near to you! Repent and wait... taste and see that the Lord is Good!

What a timely message from the Lord our God. It is easy to become distracted by the things of this world. Our Lord is calling to his people, the church. Is he calling to you?

Fellowship of Believers

Word of God

Heart & Prayer

Tend your faith and watch it grow!!!



<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

**Matthew 17:20**

# WOW EPIC Nights

by Melinda Abram- Wow! That is just one of the many words I can say about this past Friday night. The Lord, while never surprising, keeps me in awe for what he can do in the hearts of people, in this case middle school and high school students. In a world where drugs, alcohol abuse, crime, and the promise of a worldly life are running our schools and homes, we can find comfort in knowing that God is still there tugging and constantly fighting for the hearts of his children.

The continued presence of the Lord became hugely evident on Friday night when we held our monthly EPIC Night at the church. While all of our EPIC Nights are a huge success, this one was particularly special. Not only did we have

the biggest turnout ever with thirty total people, but the Spirit moved in a mighty way.

I am so thankful for the Lord moving in



a teens heart to suggest a worship night for the EPIC Nights. We kept the lights low and the music, as teens like it, loud, and began to

worship the Lord sending the praises up and glorifying the One who died for us. Many of our youth sang to Him songs of forgiveness, love, and freedom. Many of our youth found themselves crying out at the altar to the one true God who can love them like no one else loves them. A couple received special blessings from the Spirit and a deeper river now flows over them. A teenager came in having difficulty walking with two sprained ankles. She left with a healing from the Lord, no longer wearing the braces that she came in with, and not having trouble at all walking. Truly the Lord is outpouring his Spirit among the world and tugging at the hearts of youth everywhere.

Continue to pray for our youth, they that were blessed this weekend and well as the youth of our nation that He does the work that only He can do. Amen.

# Subtle Syllogism

by David Abram

**Lust of the Flesh**-Summer is winding down, school is drawing near, and cooler weather is in sight. While we take advantage of what is left of this season, doing whatever it is we do in these hot months, consider some wisdom from the Bible when perusing the aisles of your favorite clothing stores and hitting up those back-to-school sales. The eyes of the world are upon you, your sons and your daughters at all times. School children and teenagers are not the only ones tasked with maintaining a holy appearance each and every day and in all venues, but parents as well must learn to step away from the faddish trends that are forged in the wicked minds of people who daily lead our country further into the terrible condition within which it currently resides. We must do this not only for our sake, but for the sake and salvation of others around us.

For all his faults, unbelief, and misteachings, Sigmund Freud, famously non-Christian, still has some viable conclusions of re-

search to share with each of us that can potentially benefit our walks with God.

The teachings of Freud display a constant battle in all humans between two inner forces: *ego* and *id*. *Ego*, the Latin word for "I," is best described as your "self" or your consciousness that Christians would consider your spirit or soul. This is what envelops your conscience; it not only makes the determination of right or wrong, but also keeps your *id* in check. Freud suggests that our *id*, the

are many times fed by the behavior or composure of other people and can have very strong influences upon the thoughts and actions of the people around. The Bible commands us to avoid putting stumbling-blocks in the way of our brothers and sisters to cause them to fall, and actions such as these can certainly be a hindrance to someone trying to overcome such behavior—this does not only include how we dress, though dress is an easy to target. If a recovering drug addict is forced

or words. The same concept is completely true in the real world. Of course we should not seek out and view these terrible things, but they also should not be available in the first place. Who is to blame here? Those who put themselves in positions of causing others to sin are themselves guilty of being a stumbling-block to their fellow Christians. We must seek holiness in the way we dress, speak, behave, and in all things, such that if a person commits any form of sin they alone are responsible.

Let there be no mistake, it is good and right to be beautiful, but the standard by which beauty is measured in this age has been skewed by our government, our media and our entertainment industry. When dressing for church we wear our best, but recall that the world sees us infinitesimally more than our fellow churchgoers, and we are indeed the church. Also, while Freud does have a good point, his dichotomous explanation of the human psyche was missing one vital element which keeps Christians apart and in line with their beliefs and the word of God—*Sum*, or the Latin for "I AM." Use each day for good, and present yourself not as a stumbling-block to your neighbors, but as a trophy of our Lord.

## Word Learning

**Conscience** - noun meaning the sense of what is right and wrong

**Conscious** - adjective meaning "being aware" or "deliberate"

Latin word for "it," is the force that drives the animalistic tendencies and lusts in humans, and attempts to persuade us to make choices that only benefit us, and are sinful in the eyes of God. The point he is trying to make is that we struggle between the things that make us human and the things that make us nothing more than self-satisfying animals.

Though extraordinarily tough beasts to tame, our inner-selves, consciousness, or even lusts are not always to blame for desires and behavior which can lead to our very destruction. These sinful temptations

every day to face other addicts who are still using, he will soon relapse by no fault of his own; the influence is too strong.

With just a few short clicks or keystrokes on the internet anyone can view absolutely anything imaginable that they want to see and even many things accidentally that they despise. This of course does not make the internet evil—the internet is a wonderful tool that can and has done much good—but those people who contribute to the content are responsible for each and every eye that has viewed their images, videos,

# Beauty Secrets In An Old Bible

by Pat Ortman- This is a poem I found in my mother's bible at her death and it has been embedded in my heart since then....

## Beauty Secrets

1. For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
2. For love eyes, seek out the good in people
3. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry
4. For beautiful hair, let a child run his fingers through it once daily.
5. For poise, walk with the knowledge you will never walk alone.

We leave you a tradition of the future. The tender loving care of human beings will never become obsolete. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, received, reclaimed, redeemed, and redeemed, and redeemed. Never throw anyone away.

Remember if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.. As you grow older, you'll discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the second for helping others. You have great days still ahead of you, may there be many more through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**August Fellowship Attendance**

**Epic Youth 18**

**Women 16**

**Men 14**

**Congrats to the EPIC YOUTH for outstanding attendance!!!!**

**Remember to support your group!**

**Women Meet : 3rd Thrus evening of the month**

**Men Meet: 1st Sat morning of the month**

**Epic Friday: 1 Friday evening of the month**

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## August

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5 EPIC Night	6 Brotherhood Breakfast
7	8	9	10 EPIC Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 WM Meeting	19	20
21 Church Singing	22	23	24 EPIC Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Sunday  
Sunday School :10 AM  
Worship/ Preaching: 11AM  
Evening Service: 6PM

Wednesday  
Evening Service: 7PM