

DON'T BE AN ISRAELITE

Exodus 16:2

The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

The Israelites complained "would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger" (Ex. 16:3).

That is interesting in light of the bitter bondage from which they have just been delivered. They cried out to God and He responded (Ex. 2:23). Their answer to God's grace was one complaint after another.

A certain housewife had a cantankerous husband who could not be pleased. One day she prepared him breakfast in bed, just as he ordered. Part of his request was two eggs, one scrambled and the other one fried. When she lovingly brought his breakfast and set it before him, he snorted "might have known you'd scramble the wrong egg."

Sometimes church members can be like Israelites and cantankerous husbands. They can be mighty hard to please. If you want to find something about which to complain, you will not have to look very far in a body made up of human beings. It just might be a good idea to remember the great deliverance that God has given to us. If the Israelites had taken a serious look back at their Egyptian captivity, they might have remembered the bricks, the chains, and the whips. Don't be an Israelite.

--Ron Harper--

#12HUGS12HANDS Campaign

“Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.” 1 Thessalonians 5:26

As an auctioneer, I learned to count in many different ways. Ones, twos, fives, tens, hundreds, thousands, and my least favorite, two-and-a-halves. These were just some of the number brackets we practiced day in and day out at auction school for hours on end. Yes. There is such a thing as auction school. Auctioneering and preaching, admittedly, are two completely separate things. One requires counting forwards and backwards from high to low numbers while the other really only revolves around the number one. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one church.

The number one also means a lot to us as individuals because we are just that—one person. At times, we feel as if we cannot do a lot because of our own personal limitations. This is why I am proposing the following.

In case you haven't noticed, we at Salem Creek are growing in spirit and in number! This is an amazing thing! However, we cannot continue this trend if everyone is not on board. Thus I propose the 12 Hugs, 12 Hands campaign. Let me explain. Virginia Satir, a professional family therapist, became famous for saying humans need four instances of human interaction a day for survival, eight for maintenance, and twelve for growth. I think she is right. However, just one person cannot get around to 220 people in a timely manner and offer more than a “Hi, how are you?” This is why I am officially challenging all of us to make it a point in our time at worship services to seek out **twelve** people to either hug (if appropriate) or shake hands with: thus 12 hugs, 12 hands campaign.

The truth is that we want everyone to feel welcome and wanted at Salem Creek. We are by far one of the friendliest congregations that I personally have ever been to. No one person can make it around to 220 people all by his or herself, but if each one of us sought out twelve people, no one would leave unnoticed. We as the church are to love people. Let's show that love in a way that shows Christ in us! So, today and onward, remember #12HUGS12HANDS. You never know who you will meet!

Joshua Houston

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

SICK

(No visitors at this time for Marie Fleming & Ernestine Taylor), Janneil Brown, Brittany Bullard, Kinley Mobbs (Wayne Mobbs great granddaughter)

TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold

SHUT INS

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene Maddox, Selma Boyd, Janneil Brown, Gerald Wiseman, Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson, Wayne Dodd, Ernestine Taylor, Melanie Martin, Brittany Bullard, Janneil Brown, Ann Clark, Kinley Mobbs

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

NHC: Sue Reeves*, Lizzie Bush, Geri Melton*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Edna Vance*, Virgie Leonard*, Margaret Davidson*, Jeweldean Hall*, Laura Wiser*, Lillian Whitworth, Louise McKnight*, Martha DeVore

MILITARY

Please keep **Tony Berry** in your prayers, while he is stationed in California at Camp Pendleton.

The Visitor

BUILDING FUND

We have received a Building Fund donation in memory of **Clyde Jones, Ralph Gilbert** and Mary **Jo Rogers** by the following:

- * **Clyde & Martha McCollough**
- * **Carl, Martha, Abbey & Chip Adkins**

NEWS & NOTES

WELCOME to our new members
John & Brittany Minelli

*All December & May **Graduates** please submit 20-25 photos **and** digital pictures on disc to Tammy Berry or Tammy Glidden.

***Pew Packers** today @ 5:15 p.m.

*All are invited to a party for **Louise McKnight** celebrating her 90th birthday on today at 2:00 p.m. at the Manor.

***Read to Succeed** needs volunteers for one-on-one tutoring of adults. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Mitchell or Ron Harper.

***Disaster Relief** needs volunteers for Tuesday, April 26th at 10 a.m. to load food boxes onto the trucks.

***Salem Creek** will be hosting 3 days designed to train men of all ages in serving the Lord's church on May 7th, 21st and June 18th from 10-3 p.m.

There will be a Baby Basket Shower for

John & Brittany Minelli

They are expecting a baby boy in May. The basket will be located in the foyer near the kitchen.



April 24, 2016

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday	
Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm
Wednesday	
Ladies Morning Bible Class	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Bob Hoover	Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

April 17, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	222
	Bible classes	149
	PM worship	138
	Contribution	\$5,572.00

Wednesday PM Bible classes 106

Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) 0

**When county schools are closed due to inclement weather
AM Ladies Class will be cancelled**

GREETERS

Please be at the door 15
minutes prior to services!



April 24

Regenia Grissom
Bobby & Jackie Sims

May 1

Dorothy Stroop
Dean Thompson

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!