



Devotional by Elder Sandra Roman

The Power of Forgiveness

In Genesis we read about Joseph who was sold by his brother to the Ishmaelites who sold him to the Egyptians. Years later, when Joseph was reunited with his bothers, he expressed his love for them, assured them they were forgiven, and that he had no ill will towards them. God had opened Joseph's eyes to see that his brothers were instruments in God's hand. He said to his brothers, "you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive". Genesis. 50:20.

Joseph is a type of Christ. Jesus, the savior of the world was betrayed and handed over to the Romans

to be crucified. Hanging on the cross He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do". Jesus knew all the people yelling, "crucify him" did not know, "what they meant for evil against Him, His heavenly father meant it for good to save all".

God has divine purpose in all things. The person(s) we think has offended us may well be an instrument in God's hand to save us. Joseph did not publish in the Egyptian newspaper or on social media what his brother had done. He looked to God, heard from God, and received peace from God.

In Bible study, Pastor Michael wrote, "The whole gospel is forgiveness". It is. Isaiah 43:25, "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake. When God says it is blotted out, you and I are free. This is the power of forgiveness.

We are free when we believe it is for us and when we forgive, we free others. John 20:22-23, "And with that he breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

We can only forgive through the Christ inside of us. It is He who works all things by the council of His will which is love.1Peter 4:8, "And above all things have fervent charity (affection, good will, love, benevolence, brotherly love) among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins".

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Hello From Helen

Hello family,

I can hardly believe that more than half of 2022 is already behind us. We took a vacation. The church office was closed for a week. We did get to see each other on Sunday. It's always so good to be back on schedule. One thing I love so much about our church family is that we are always here for each other no matter if it's on church grounds or anyplace else. We are a family and we are so blessed.

Pastor Michael, Anthony Freeman and Nicholas Freeman are always here to work on the church grounds. Eddie McIntosh and Valerie Richards and Tiger Lou Ruiz are diligently working on the "Victory Garden", Please feel free to visit the "Victory Garden at any time and now there is a new part of the garden on the back/side of the church. There will soon be all types of flowers growing there.

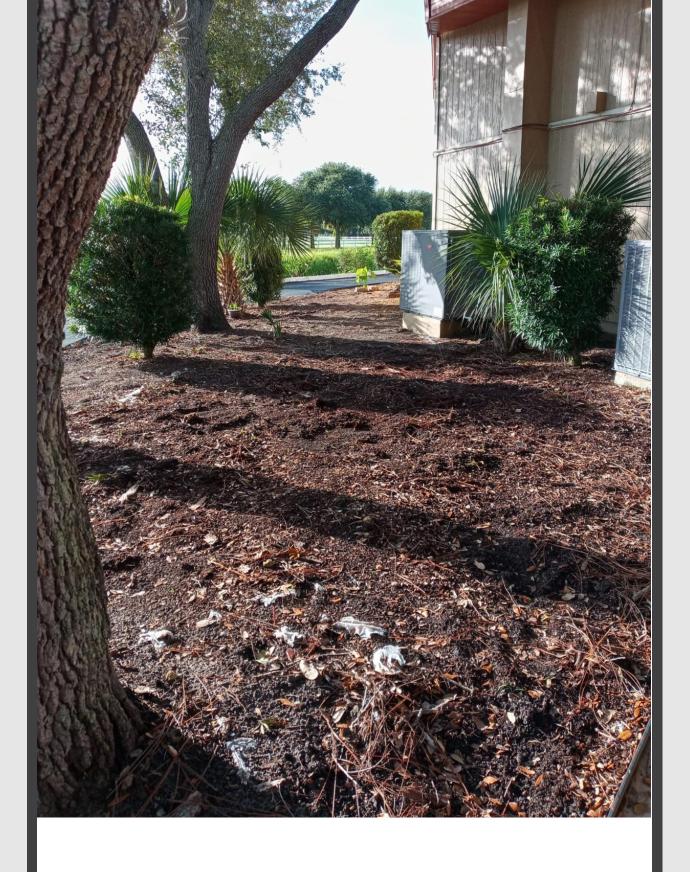
Take time to visit the Gazebo. Have a talk with God while you are out there. It's tranquil and it feels so good and that's not to mention the aesthetic beauty of it all. Again, we are blessed. I love our church and our church family.

Let me tell you about the book store; Elder Sandra Roman keeps up on so many beautiful gifts, cups, greeting cards, ties, wallets and so much more. The Book Store is open on Sunday's after service or, you can call me Monday through Thursday and I will be glad to help you.

I hope and pray that everyone has a wonderful August, Deacon Helen J. Caliendo

"QUEEN EMMA" from our Victory Garden





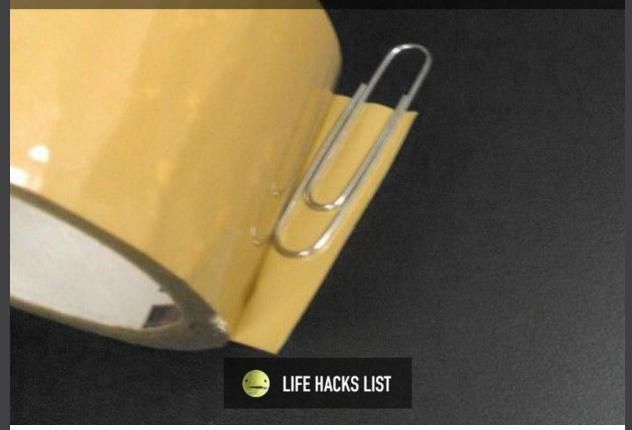


When hanging a picture frame, put a dab of toothpaste on the frame where you need the nails to be. Then simply press against the wall to leave marks (which can later be wiped) as guides for hammering in.

HOLD OREOS WITH A FORK SO YOUR FINGERS DON'T GET MESSY WHEN DUNKING THEM



USE PAPER CLIP TO FIND THE END OF A TAPE ROLL EASILY





WHO AM I?

Blue is my favorite color I love to make music I have 1 dog Tigers are my favorite animals We used to go skiing off of the rail road tracks I have 5 children I was a school bus driver and many other things I do like to cook My favorite meal is rice and beans and also meat loaf I like to listen to country music Two of my favorite singers are Alan Jackson Zac Brown The movies and T.V. shows I like best are usually comedies As a child, my favorite T.V. show was Bugs Bunny I love to travel I like eating at home best I like to work out lifting light weights I am a true day person Christmas is my favorite holiday "Black Ice" air freshener for the car is my favorite I love to work in the yard My autobiography would be titled "Never Stop Trying" The best part of waking up is looking forward to a new day If I could have one superpower I would like to fly I would love to go horseback riding Not too many people know that I didn't join the Marines or the High School football team when I was younger because I didn't want to cut my hair I am so proud of my Baptism I laugh the hardest at "The Three Stooges" If I had to eat only 1 thing for the rest of my life it would be Water melon I collect soda can tabs If I ruled my own country the first law I would enforce is "No Smoking of Any Kind"

My warning label would say "Don't mess with me" I would like to live to be at least 100 years old





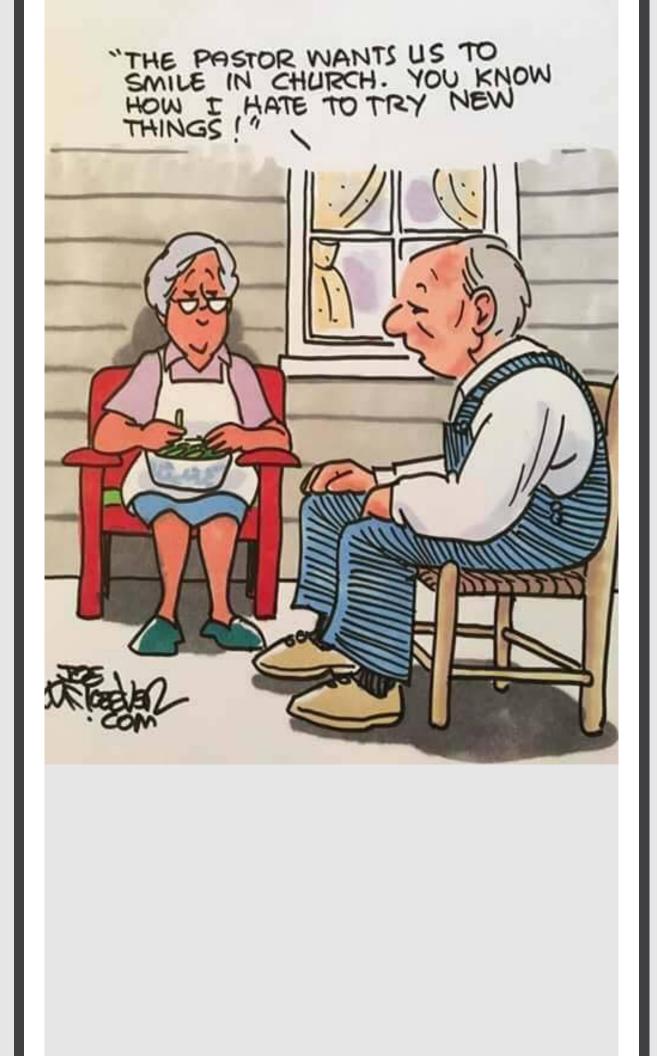
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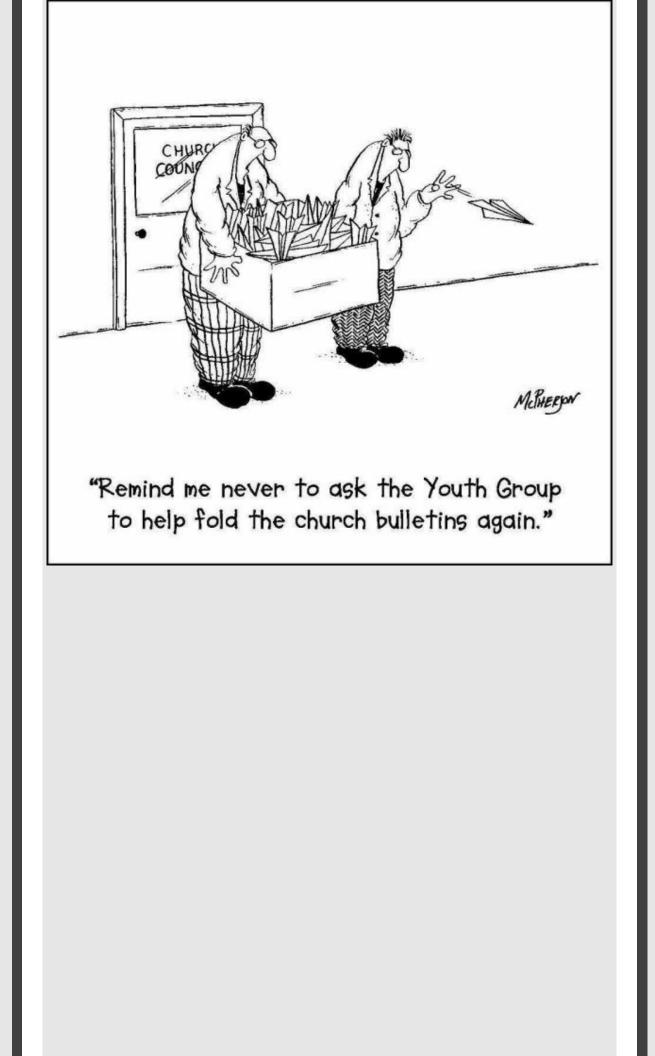
Meet Kiara Freeman

Pink is my favorite color I love the beach I have pets Dogs are my favorite Once I jumped off of a bridge I love to travel with my family I do not have any children I work helping people I enjoy cooking I love pasta My favorite music is Country Music Two of my favorite singers are Kari Joe and Morgan Wallen Action movies are my favorite Jennifer Aniston is my favorite actress and I love the show "Friends" When I was younger I loved "Dora" I would rather have a home cooked meal than eat out I walk a lot but I really like going to the gym My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving I love the smell of "Idole" (cologne) I love to hang out with my friends in my spare time My autobiography would be called "I Don't Want To Talk About It" My family is the best gift ever My favorite part of waking up is drinking coffee If I could have one super power I would choose to fly I would love to travel all over the world one day

I am so proud of graduating My friends really make me laugh I would sing Karaoke If I had to choose one thing to eat for the rest of my life I would eat "Fettuccini Alfredo" I own a ton of shoes If I ruled my own country my first law would be to "Have respect for others" My warning label would say "Warning, I am very Sarcastic"

If you think you know who I am, contact Helen in the church office with your guess. All correct guesses will be published in next months issue of 'Getting to Know You'.





The Perfect Church If you should find the perfect church Without one fault or smear. For goodness sake! Don't join that church; You'd spoil the atmosphere. If you should find the perfect church Where all anxieties cease Then pass it by, lest joining it You'd mar the masterpiece. If you should find the perfect church Then don't you ever dare, To tread upon such holy ground; You'd be a misfit there. But since no perfect church exists Made of imperfect men, Then let's cease looking for that church And love the church we're in.

Of course, it's not a perfect church, That's simple to discern But you and I and all of us Could cause the tide to turn. What fools we are to flee our post In that unfruitful search To find at last where problems loom God proudly builds His church. So let's keep working in our church Until the resurrection. And then we each will join that church Without an imperfection.



Cheesy Chicken and Stuffing Bake

Ingredients:

8 (4 oz each) thin boneless skinless chicken breast cutlets , (2 lbs total)

6 slices 2% reduced fat Swiss Cheese (or) Cheddar Cheese

• $\frac{1}{2}$ cup skim milk

 1 (10.75 oz) can of Campbell's 98% fat free cream of chicken soup

6 oz box of chicken flavored stuffing mix, such as Stove Top

> 4 tablespoons light butter, melted Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly mist a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray and set aside.

2. Place the chicken breasts in a single layer across the bottom of the baking dish. Tear the cheese slices into pieces and use them to cover the breasts.

3. In a mixing bowl, mix together the milk and cream of chicken soup until combined. Pour over the top of the chicken.

4. In another mixing bowl, stir together the stuffing mix and melted butter until the stuffing is coated. Sprinkle the stuffing mix over the tops of the chicken.

5. Place in the oven and bake uncovered for 35-40 minutes.

RED WIHTE AND BLUE SALAD



Rhubarb Meringue Dessert

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened 1cup Gold Medal[™] all-purpose flour 1tablespoon sugar **3**eggs, separated 1cup sugar 2tablespoons Gold Medal[™] all-purpose flour 1/4teaspoon salt 1/2 cup half-and-half 2 1/2 cups cut-up rhubarb 1/3cup sugar 1teaspoon vanilla 1/4 cup flaked coconut Heat oven to 350°F. Mix butter, 1 cup flour and 1 tablespoon sugar. Press evenly in ungreased square pan, 9x9x2 inches. Bake 10 minutes. Mix egg yolks, 1 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, the salt and half-and-half in large bowl. Stir in rhubarb. Pour over hot crust. Bake 45 minutes. Beat egg whites in medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until foamy. Beat in 1/3 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time; continue beating until stiff and glossy (do not underbeat). Beat in vanilla. Spread over rhubarb mixture; sprinkle with coconut. Bake

about 10 minutes or until light brown; cool about 30 minutes. Cut into about 3-inch squares.

