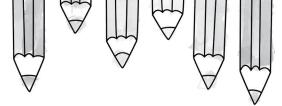


Trinity Presbyterian Church

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Just a word from Mr. Mac

Claude E. McRoberts III. Senior Minister

Dear Children,

I have never liked snakes. They scare me. One time when I was swimming in a river in north Alabama with some friends, we saw a snake swimming through the water. My friend from Greenwood, Mississippi, actually swam after the snake! I couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe anyone would swim after a snake. I thought you were supposed to swim away from snakes! He wanted to catch it; I wanted to run.

In our text this morning, Jesus refers to something that happened to the Israelites.

In Numbers 21 we read (vs. 4-9):

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

In the same way that serpent was lifted up, so Jesus must be lifted up to save us. Only God can save a soul. Only God can change the heart of a man. Only God could change your heart and make you one of His children. But if you are Christian, that is exactly what God has done: changed your heart. We call it being "born again." Can anyone really be born again? Can someone be born a second time? Do you know anyone who has been born twice?

Well, if you know a Christian then you know someone who has been born again. They were born first by their mother into this world. But Christians have been born again into another world, God's Kingdom. We had to be born again because we were not alive spiritually; our hearts were dead; our hearts were like cold stone. And the Holy Ghost came into our lives and caused us to be born again.

Try very hard to listen this morning about what it means to be born again.

I love you,

Mr. Mac



Do you have a: Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for? Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

Mr. Mac wants to know!!

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear	Mr.	Mac,	
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A Guide to Family Worship May 10 - May 15

Suggested questions for mom and dad to use this week:

- 1. What did Jesus mean by being "born again"?
- 2. Must everyone be born again to go to heaven? What about those who have not been born again?
- 3. In John 3:7 Jesus tells Nicodemus not to marvel at this saying that someone must be born again. What does marvel mean? Do you ever stand in awe of something? What sorts of things do you wonder at?
- 4. Read John 3:8. Do you know what it means to say that God is sovereign? This verse teaches us that God is sovereign—the King; the One Who is in control; the One Who is the ruler. God is the ruler over all things: even our salvation. Discuss this with your mom and dad.
- 5. Ask yourself: Have I been born again? Am I a new creation? Has the Holy Ghost changed my heart?

THE SIMPLEST OUTLINE FOR FAMILY TIME EVER!!! 10 EASY STEPS

- #1 Just make sure you gather once a day as a family.
- #2 Try really hard to make the same time every day.
- #3 It does not have to be long; it does not have to be perfect.
- #4 Read a Bible verse. Maybe a devotional.
- #5 Sing a song or two together.
- #6 Take prayer requests.
- #7 Pray. (Daddy, your children NEED to hear you pray.) Pray for the children; pray for missionaries; pray for Trinity Church; give thanks.
- #8 Everyone tell one thing they are thankful for.
- #9 Have a Leader of the Day: they get to read and/or pray and/or tell everyone to come gather and/or put out the Bibles/hymnals and/or tell something that happened to them that day.
- #10 Dad, pray this over your children: Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Sermon Art

Use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

This week's lesson is on

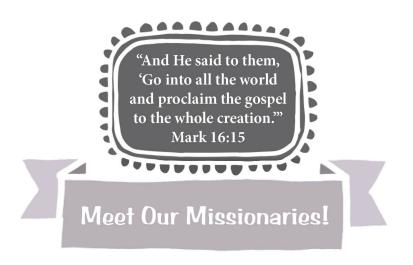
John 3:1-15

Want to see your artwork on the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).

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Family Promise Montgomery, AL

Family Promise serves families that have lost their home or apartment due to losing their job, major car repairs, illness or medical expense or other similar challenges. They are working families who have the ability to regain solid footing with some assistance. After careful screening and an interview by the Family Promise staff, the family will be invited into the program which includes provision of housing and meals each night by churches and guidance by the Family Promise staff to become self-sustaining again. Families arrive at the host church around 5:30 in the evening, receive supper provided by the church members. They sleep overnight in the church facility and then leave by 7:00 in the morning for work or to spend the day at the Family Promise office working to resolve the issues which caused them to be homeless. Typically, a family will spend about four months in the program before acquiring affordable housing again. Trinity member Jayme Teague is the director of Family Promise in Montgomery.

Music and Hymns

#164 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

This hymn is about praising our Lord for the many things He does for us, such as taking away our sins, sorrows, and fears. Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in the 1700's after a bout of illness made him doubt God. He began to read the Bible and the words gave him peace and his faith was restored. Charles wrote this hymn eleven years after his conversion and he recommended it as a hymn for others to sing on the anniversaries of their conversions. Have you ever thought of celebrating the anniversary of your salvation; the anniversary of giving your life to Christ? What song would you choose to praise Him on your conversion anniversary?

#644 "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Philippians 2:5 says "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." This hymn says that we can have Jesus' mind, Word, peace, love, and beauty in our lives each day. How is that possible? God gave us the Holy Spirit to be our guide, our comforter, and our helper. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you the mind of Christ so that you can obey His Word, feel His peace, and love others as He loves us.

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Philippians 2:5



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