

The Cross & Steeple

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From John

Timshel. It's a word you probably do not know. Unless you have taken Hebrew. Or read great books.

Timshel is a word that helped me survive my teen years. And it is a word that continues to stir me. It excites me to write it. Or to say it.

I made my way through high school like most of you. A little unsure of myself. But never showing it. Having lots of friends. But sometimes feeling like I did not fit in. Not being the fastest, the smartest or the best looking. Again, just like you.

Some of my happiest times in high school were spent reading. I would sit about 2/3 of the way back in the class room, and pretty much every class I had a book open on my desk that had nothing to do with the class. Science, English, math. Didn't matter. I was reading. As were a lot of my friends. And we mostly read really good books. The kind you find in Classics Libraries.

In my junior year, I read several John Steinbeck books. Bringing me to that happy day when I first opened *East of Eden*. Wow. I should warn you that this is not a church book. But it is a great book.

The plot centers on the Genesis 4 story of Cain and Abel. Earth's first brothers. And earth's first murder. The book begins in New England with two brothers named Adam and Charles who do not get along with each other. Adam falls in love with a woman named Cathy. It turns out she is a really evil person. Adam doesn't understand that. The brothers fight over her. Cain and Abel again. And Adam leaves home carrying Cathy to a new life in California.

Adam buys a ranch/farm. Cathy soon delivers twin boys, and then she leaves husband and children. Not a nice person. Adam finds himself raising two boys with only the help of his Chinese cook, Lee and a neighbor named Samuel.

They discuss names for the boys. Of course, with Adam's background, they think of Cain and Abel. They know they cannot use those names. They do not want the story repeated. They settle on Caleb and Aaron, keeping the letters C and A.

Having heard the Cain and Abel story, Lee is intrigued. He notes that the King James Version says that God tells Cain that sin is crouching at his door ready to pounce on him. The KJV then says that God tells Cain that "thou shall rule over it". Sounding as if God is guaranteeing that he will defeat sin. Lee checks another translation and finds it says "do thou rule over it". It seems to order Cain to fight until he conquers sin. Lee realizes humans continue to sin. Both translations seem wrong.

Lee, not a Christian, is intrigued. He wonders what the Hebrew actually says. And so he goes to meet with some older, wiser Chinese friends. They begin to study Hebrew. And continue for two years. Only then do they look again at the passage. Is it "thou shall rule" or "do you rule over it"? The answer? Neither. *Timshel* means "**thou mayest**". Sin crouches at your door and waits to attack you. But *timshel*. You may overcome it. You have freedom to overcome it or to fail to overcome it. You are not predestined to overcome it (thou shall rule over it). Nor are you condemned to an unending failing struggle against it (do thou rule over it). *Timshel*. Thou mayest.

How freeing those words were to this teenage boy. Thou mayest. I was free to overcome the sin I always found at my door everyday (don't you?). I wrote the word in big letters on the back of my notebook to remind me. *Timshel*. God had given me freedom to choose as a human made in His image. And He gives you that freedom.

The boys in the book grew up. It becomes obvious that they were repeating the Cain and Abel story. Aaron is the hard working, obedient son. Caleb is the slightly rebellious- never certain of his father's love son. Again, both boys fall for the same girl. Adam rejects a money gift from Caleb. Adam felt the money was tainted by being earned with crop futures during a war. He tells Caleb that he wishes he was more like Aaron. Caleb is crushed. Angry.

He reveals information he has learned about their evil mother to Aaron. Overwhelmed and disillusioned, Aaron leaves home and enlists in the army. Adam refuses to speak to Caleb, blaming him for his other son's departure.

And then the family receives news that Aaron has died in action in Europe. Adam has lost one son and is estranged from the other. He has a heart attack and knows that he is on his death bed. His sons have repeated his mistakes from the Genesis story. Sin crouched outside his family's door. And sin has pounced.

Lee will not accept this. He brings Caleb to his father and tells Adam that he needs to speak to his son. Adam motions Caleb over. As he leans over, with his last breath Adam utters only one word, his last. *Timshel*.

His dying message to his only son. Caleb thou mayest. Sin is crouching at your door. It wants you to stay angry, rebellious, withdrawn. But thou mayest. You may choose to defeat it.

And that is true for all of us. *Timshel*. Maybe you come from a family of abusers or addicts. A family of anger and violence. A family that showed little or no love. But you have the choice. You do not have to repeat the mistakes. Sin is crouching outside your door. But *Timshel*. Thou mayest defeat it.

June 12-15 Southern Baptist
Convention, St. Louis



June 19
Father's Day

July 10 Quarterly Ministry
Meeting and Covered Dish
Dinner

Music Leadership Children's
Choir Summit, Shocco
July 8-9, 2016

Mix Music Camp at Shocco
July 11-15

August 4 First Day of School,
DeKalb County Schools

August 10 First Day of School,
Fort Payne Schools

Offering at Collinsville High
School Baccalaureate - \$534.14

Thank you to all of you who
contacted your state
representatives concerning
gambling legislation. No new
gambling was approved. The
gambling forces are already
planning for next year, so please
be vigilant.



Operation
Christmas Child –
Boys' Clothing
Items

On Mission

Please keep Dr. Calvin Herring,
Vanessa Chambers brother-in-law,
in your prayers. He will be on a
medical mission to Tanzania from
June 16th until July 3rd.

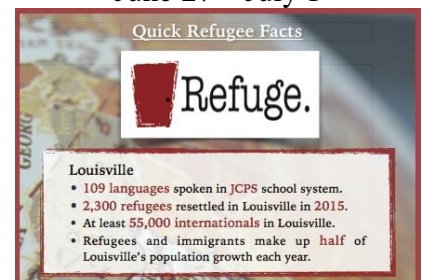


MY GOLD STAR CHURCH FAMILY



Sincerest thanks for your prayers and
Love and support,
helping me and my family through this
time of sorrow
at the passing of Stan. God's
Sustaining Grace is awesome.
I thank God for you and most of all,
that we'll be together
in Heaven..
Blessings, and Thanks again,
Carol Zulker and Family

Youth Mission Trip

Louisville, KY
Refuge
June 27 – July 1



June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
We are thinning out the books in the church library. Those that are surplus or too out of date will be available to church members at no charge. If they are not claimed, they will be given to the same Christian group that sends our old Sunday School literature to Mission Areas.			1 BIRTHDAYS Lanie Smith Cheryl Stith  6:00 p.m.	2 BIRTHDAYS Susan Morgan ANNIVERSARY Jack & Hortense Blanton	3 BIRTHDAYS Terri Bobo Naomi Jones ANNIVERSARY Mike & Charlene Arthur	4
5 FLOWERS BIRTHDAYS Lydia Crane Bob Gese Will Winkler	6	7	8 BIRTHDAYS Anna Henderson 5:40 Supper 6:00 CBC Kids CBC Youth 7:00 Adult Choir	9 ANNIVERSARY Patricia & Tony Bartley	10	11
12 LORD'S SUPPER Mark & Glenda Morgan	13 BIRTHDAYS J.R. Bobo Eli Griggs Elijah Morgan	14 BIRTHDAYS Donny Jones Bo Newsome 	15 BIRTHDAYS Tim Blanton Dee Fortner Byron Gregg Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm 5:40 Supper 6:00 CBC Kids CBC Youth 7:00 Adult Choir	16 BIRTHDAYS Mason McKinney	17 BIRTHDAYS Marty Borntrager Monica Dennis	18 ANNIVERSARY Jeff & Michelle White
19 FLOWERS Carolyn Shankles BIRTHDAYS Anna Carter	20 BIRTHDAYS Kristy Strange ANNIVERSARY Belle & Johnny Hamiter	21 BIRTHDAYS Richard Delk Kristina Mathis	22 BIRTHDAYS Asa Wheeler 5:40 Supper 6:00 CBC Kids CBC Youth 7:00 Adult Choir	23	24	25
26 FLOWERS Marilyn Borntrager BIRTHDAYS Brenda Gembe Marie Wilson	27 ANNIVERSARY Dot & Gary Burke Margaret & Donnie Myers	28	29 BIRTHDAYS Fabian Guzman Gail McReynolds Michelle White 5:40 Supper 6:00 CBC Kids CBC Youth 7:00 Adult Choir	30		



Our 2016 Graduates

Thank you for the submitted names, information and photos below.

Kindergarten

Bentley Jones

Naomi Jones Orr

Sarah Morgan (Daughter of Mark and Glenda Morgan, Granddaughter of John and Gloria Morgan)

Sixth Grade – Our CBC Kids

Kayla Beene

Carson Dennis

Luke Henderson

Jennifer Juan

Elijah Morgan

Donovan Smith

Briar Brooks

Jonathan Henderson

Amiah Hornbuckle

Lilly Justice

Karlie Plunkett

Zackary Elijah Wilkins

Glencoe Elementary

Nathan Lee Borntrager

Grandchildren of Marilyn and Marty Borntrager

Henegar Elementary

William Marshall Borntrager

High School

Audrey Ross – Sardis

Isaiah Taylor – Hampton Virginia,

Lue Deen Perkin's Great Grandchildren

Avery Jordan Burke,

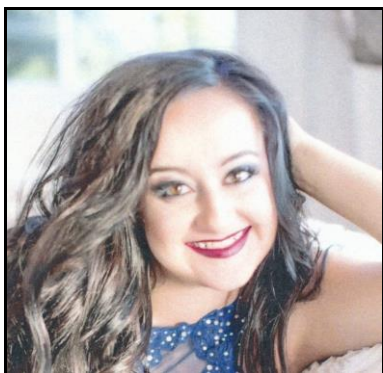
Grandparents Gary and Dot Burke

Parents Scott and Rachel Burke

College

Caitlyn Elizabeth Hunt – Snead State Associates Degree, Summa Cum Laude, Highest Honors
(Attending Auburn Engineering School in Fall)

Parents – Suzanne and Harold Hunt, Grandparents – Jackie and JoAnn Myers



Avery Burke



Caitlyn Hunt



Sarah Morgan



Isaiah Taylor

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Feed My Starving Children Report

Luke Laney

I still cannot find the words to express my feelings about yesterday. This journey started in May of 2015 when I took my Youth group and Bible Study group to an FMSC event in Ringgold, GA. Immediately, after we walked out of the gym we had packed in, we looked at each other and said that we had to bring this to our community. I had doubts that our small

Bible study group could actually pull it off, but we continued seeking God and praying and taking steps in faith. Yesterday, what God began in May of 2015 came to fruition. It was truly an amazing experience and I will never be able to give enough thanks to all the people that deserve to be thanked. However, I do want to give all the praise and honor to God because none of this would have happened if He had not been working in the hearts of the members of our Bible study group. I hope you all had a great time! Please continue to pray for us as we plan the future of this event. God bless you all!

These are the statistics from Saturday's event.

Two or More FMSC MobilePack
17 hours
501 volunteers
531 boxes packed
114,696 meals
314 kids fed for an entire year!

Yesterday was truly a worship experience and we were overwhelmed by how God used us and this event. We will post pictures and videos over the next few weeks. Once again, thank you to everyone who has been involved in this event through prayer, volunteering, and donating.