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From the Pastor's Desk

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Keys to Righteousness (James 4:1-12)

Keys are a wonderful invention. In the modern world, we could hardly do without them. Keys to our houses, keys to our cars, keys to a map—even keys to a test. When I was in high school one of the students stole the key to a test for American history class and gave copies to all his friends and they all cheated. Problem was that he stole the key for the test that was being given to a different class—and they all flunked.

Door locks and ignitions and tests all use keys. The key unlocks the door, makes it run, the key gives the answers. A key can also be the key to something else—the idea or the process or the rules.

In James 4 we find keys—but not to cars and doors. Keys to righteousness. Another assignment—go read James 4:1-12 and then come back.

The first key to righteousness is found in verse four. In the second part of that verse we see that we are to keep our relationship to the world a bit loose. James tells us that even though we live in the world, we are to keep the world at arms length. Not the people but the attitudes and actions and philosophies.

The second key is humility. Verse 5 mentions envy born of personal pride. Pridefulness is the opposite of humility and acceptance of God's gifts with grace. Verse 6 says that God grants more grace to the humble. Realistically, most of the problems we have and troubles we get into involve pride.

The third key is being subject to God. Being a good subject means to serve him. Do his work. Keep his rules. God wants to make our lives better—and he has already seen the possibilities, past, present, and future—AND—he loves us perfectly. With him as our King and his Word as our guide, we will live better, longer, and more righteously.

The fourth key is from verse 7. Resist evil. Satan knows our weaknesses. God does also and scripture says he will strengthen us if we resist evil. A human being who is close to God, knows his word, and is filled with his Spirit has the power to resist evil. Plain, Simple. Not EASY, huh?

The fifth key is the opposite of the fourth. Draw near to God. We are told that if we draw near to God he will draw near to us. God is always seeking to grow us and hold us and protect us. Seeking if we have fallen and seeking if we simply haven't measured up to his goal for us. Draw near to God and he will draw near to us.

The sixth and the seventh keys are in verse 8. Do clean things and think clean things. In scripture, the mention of a hand means action or acts. When we talk about the hand of God—we are not talking about his literal hand but his works or his actions. Key six is to DO good things. Key seven it to think good thoughts—to be righteous of heart and mind. Good INSIDE. Internal righteousness will fill us from the inside out. As our hearts are—as our souls are, that is what we will become.

The eight key is to resist judging others. Again we see pride rear its ugly head. This key is to worry about our own actions and let others (and God) worry about themselves. My grandma would have loved this key—she was big on us minding our own business. You and I have enough to worry about with our own lives and our own actions. We can better spend our energy trying to keep ourselves straight if we don't squander energy on judging and gossiping about our fellow Christians., We have enough to do. *Tommy*

Reminder: As you travel throughout the year, please remember to collect small hotel-sized toiletry items (especially shampoos, body wash and lotions) to support Zion's ministry with the Oak Ridge unit at the Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center. These items are used as prizes when Zion visits and plays bingo with the teenage boys there a couple of times a year. The guys love getting these items because the toiletries they are rationed have no fragrance. Please forward any items you collect to David Koogler.

Thanks, David Koogler

Membership/Missions

Well, it is time again for thought's returning to back to school. Seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the beginning of summer. We will again partner with Beaverdam Elem. School in providing back packs for children in need as we have done for several years. We will be having a Baked Potato Dinner following church in August 10th to raise money to purchase back packs along with items to fill them with. If you would like to do a back pack on your own, the information is on the Hanover School Website which is **hanover.k12.va.us** then just go to Beaverdam School and then to the list of supplies or you could just forget the crowds and come enjoy a Baked Potato with all the trimmings including Chili and cheese along with other items plus a tossed salad and asst. desserts. There will be hot dogs available for the children if they prefer them. Adults will be \$7.00 and children will be \$3.00
Membership and Missions Committee.

I am very excited about working with Samaritan's Purse and shoebox program for the fall. There will be more information to come. We are trying to get several people to go to Boone, N. C. to their operations center to work in the warehouse sorting boxes before they leave to the designated countries. If you think you might be interested in going and would like more information please contact me as I need to register our group on Sept 9th or very shortly afterwards. You can call me @ 449-2320 or email me at Pambela@embarqmail.com. Hope to hear from you as it is truly a blessing to go and work there as I have received the blessing for myself in the past years by going.

Pamela Steele, Chari person

Disciples' Women

Well—summer is almost over and everyone is getting ready for the fall—here's hoping everyone had a great summer.

Our meeting for August will be on the 5th so "Ladies" come on out for a great Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Thanks again & God Bless *Patsy Corker, Treasurer*

Treasurer's report,

Our church year ended June 30th and I am pleased to report that our contributions and tithes were very very close to what was estimated in our 2013/2014 budget. I want to thank and congratulate everyone for your continued stewardship,. We are able to pay all our bills and

take on some capital improvement projects not included in our budget. I am so proud of our congregation, which is filled with so many giving Christians.
David Benckert – Treasurer

Disciples' Men

We have been busy as usual, in July we made our annual visit to Beaumont to serve lunch to our adopted "Oak Ridge Boys". Every year we make 4 visits to these boys, we spend time with them, some who get no visitors all year. We go at Christmas, Easter and July 4th. Many of our ladies have started joining us on these visits. I believe these boys really look forward to us spending time together. They love playing bingo and card games., If you are interested in joining us please contact one of our group and we will include you for our next visit. Thanks to all who supported our last Chicken BBQ, we use the proceeds to cover expenses of our projects throughout the year.

Saturday August 23rd The Men will be working on a porch railing for a home in Montpelier for Project Homes. See David Koogler or Frankie Gayle for details. Let's have a big turnout for this Big Work Day.

Zion Disciple's Men's Group
David Benckert, Secretary

"The Happy Beavers" The "Happy Beavers" will meet at 11:00 am on **Tuesday, August 12th** at the church. We will go to the Longhorn Steak House on West Broad Street near Short Pump.

Joan B Sasser, 883-5360

Worship/Education Committee

August News:

We are proud to announce that 5 of our youth went to Craig Springs for camp this year, Brianna Michael, Tarra Cuthrell, Lydia Hall, Adie Hall, and E.J. Hall. They said that they had a great time.

Acolytes & greeters for July:

Aug. 3rd – Dylan & McKenzie Holloway

Aug. 10th - Cailyn Woody & Leah Hartley

Aug. 17th - William & Leah Hartley

Aug. 24th - Ryan & Wyatt Hall

Aug. 31st - Dylan & McKenzie Holloway

Thanks Acolytes & greeters for doing a great job for our Worship Service.

God Bless, *Karen Cuthrell*, Chairperson, Worship committee

We will be having our Vacation Bible School August 4th, 5th, & 6th from 9am – 12n. The theme will be Son Rock Kid's Camp for K-5th grade. On Wed. August 6th we will have dinner in the Christian Center at 6pm

and a Commencement exercise at 7pm in the church. Please spread the word around to all children.

Jane Sasser, Chair, Education Committee

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH EVENT

July 19th, Zion Hosted its second of third Cruise-In's for the summer. We had 45 beautiful vehicles entered for The People's Choice Award! The award was given to Kenny Bishop for his beautiful 196y9 Mach 1 Mustang! Congratulations Kenny! George and Sam cooked and sold 160 chili dogs! We also sold all of our other goodies – Moon Pies, chips, popcorn and soft drinks! The net proceeds amounted to \$151.00 for WHEAT!!! Thanks to each of you that supported the Cruise-In by helping out or attending and buying the food. Our next and last Cruise-In for the year will be August 16th. Mark your calendar, don't miss it! It's a lot of fun talking to all the great people that attend.

We have an Old Firehouse Concert on August 2nd, featuring The McTell Brothers outside the old firehouse. Bring your lawn chairs and expect a great time. These two guys (twin brothers) are very talented and they aren't even 20 yet!! Bring your friends! It's only \$5.00 for over 18 years. 18 and under are always free!! We will have soft drinks and snacks for sale with all net proceeds going to support WHEAT.

As always, if you have an idea of something that you think would be a great community event that we can make happen, please let me know and I will take it to the committee for consideration! We are always open to suggestions.

See you on August 2nd at the concert!!

Margie Koogler, Chair

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Joan B. Sasser

Wheat News

Zion continues to collect breakfast foods for the WHEAT pantry on an ongoing basis. All donations are appreciated.

Thanks for your support. Shirley Mills

CHILDRENS CHURCH-

During worship
(3-10 yrs of age) Come join us for some
Learning and fun!

Kim Hall

NURSING/REHABILITATION FACILITIES

- Betty Hall – Crump Manor, Room C-11
- Mary “Grandma” Fencher – Crump Manor, Room C-11
- Fred Dye – Shelton Arms Rehab
- Josephine Goodman – Alpha House
- Susie Hall – Hanover Manor
- Ellen Harris – Henrico Rehab Center
- Elsie Waller – NH – in Fredericksburg

Shut In's

- Emily Bishop
- Nelson Carter
- Lewis Geyton
- Louise Lowman

The Families of:

- Beatrice P. Hall
- Roland “Jim” Hall
- John Lynch



- Collin Allison
- Hank Bagby
- James Bowline
- Donna Bond
- Fred Brooks
- Mary Carter
- Mack & Linda Childress
- Robert Coates
- Patsy Corker
- Marion Deihls
- John Wayne Dickerson
- Merritt Draper
- Peggy Fortune

- Nickie Labrador
- P. A. Lewis
- Ray Martin
- Margaret F. Moody
- Ethel Moss
- Wilbur Mills & Family
- Don & Marie Newman
- Peggy Orchid
- Judy Pleasants (Jimmy)
- Francis Rogers
- Earl Richardson
- April Samuels
- Carley Sauer

Jennifer & Michael Grzunkowsk
Baby Michael Grzunkowsk
Nancy Hackney
Linda Hall & Family
Mary Ann Hall
Katherine Harris
Ralph Harris
Berry Johnson
Roswell Jones, Sr.
Ivy Kitchen
Baby Labrador

Mary Ellen Schooler Mary Ellen Schooler
Tarra Sheppard
John Smith
Lois Stanley
Zetsie Stevens
Pam Steele
Stan Vickhouse
Betty Wickham
Zion Christian Church
All unspoken concerns
Our President, Nation, & World
All of our Armed Forces & their families

I have taken a number of names off of the Prayer list as they have been there for several months. If you think that they should be left on or taken off, **Please let me know.** A lot of these folks I do not know. I do need your help. Thanks. Joan B. sassyrn1940@embarqmail.com or 804-883-5260

<<<<<<< SINGING – CHILDREN – MORE >>>>>>>>

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SINGERS</u>	<u>Children’s Sermon</u>
Aug. 3 rd	Voices of Zion	
Aug. 10 th		
Aug. 17 th	Zion Praise Team	
Aug. 24 th		
Aug. 31 st		

Weekly News, July 21, 2014

The open-air worship in the bays of the Christian Center was good yesterday as we celebrated “Christmas in July” It was good to sing the Christmas songs and see the decorations. Jane Sasser had the children’s sermon, Joan Sasser provided the special music and Tommy had a wonderful sermon based on “peace”. A picnic followed the service so everyone enjoyed good fellowship after the service. Many thanks to all those who had a part in making yesterday happen. Much preparation goes into making worship and fellowship special for everyone.

Praise – July 4th our own McKenzie Holloway was selected as Junior Miss Beaverdam (6-9). I was told that McKenzie entered herself in the contest and wrote her own speech. Way to go girl-friend.

Blessings for a wonderful week. Shirley Mills

How Asparagus Got It's Name

A sixth grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.

Here is what he wrote:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did.

Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden ... Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

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One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot, He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was.") During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas **Asparagus**. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot, Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

“Suthnuhs”

For those who don’t know the rules

Southerners know their summer weather report:

Humidity
Humidity
Humidity

Southerners know their vacation spots:

The beach
The rivuh
The crick

Southerners know everybody’s first name:

Honey
Darlin’
Shuga

Southerners know the movies that speak to their hearts:

Fried Green Tomatoes
Driving Miss Daisy
Steel Magnolias
Gone with The Wind

Southerners know their religions:

Bapdiss
Methodiss
Football

Southerners know their cities dripping with Southern charm:

Chawl’stn
S’vanah
Foat Wuth

N'awlins
Addlanna

Southerners know their elegant gentlemen:
Men in uniform
Men in tuxedos
Rhett Butler

Southern girls know their prime real estate:
The Mall
The country Club
The Beauty Salon

Southern girls know the 3 deadly sins:
Having bad hair and nails
Having bad manners
Cooking bad food

Only a Southerner knows the difference between
a hissie fit and a conniption fit, and that you
don't "HAVE" them,
you "PITCH" them.

Only a Southerner knows how many fish, collard greens,
Turnip greens, peas, beans, etc,
Make up "a mess."

Only a southerner can show or point out to you the general direction
Of "yonder."

Only a Southerner knows exactly how long "directly" is, as in:
"Going to town, be back directly."

Even Southern babies know that "Gimme some sugar" is not a
Request for the white, granular, sweet substance that sits in a pretty
Little bowl in the middle of the table.

All southerners know exactly when "by and by" is.
They might not use the term, but they know
The concept well.

Only a Southerner knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace
For a neighbor who's got trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a
Big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's

Trouble is a real crisis, they also know to add a large banana pudding'!

Only Southerners grow up knowing the difference between "right
Near"

And "a right far piece."

They also know that 'just down the road' can be 1 mile or 20.

Only a Southerner both knows and understands the difference
between

A redneck, a good ol' boy, and po' white trash.

No true Southerner would ever assume that the car with the
Flashing turn signal is actually
Going to make a turn.

A Southerner knows that "fixin" can be used as
A noun, a verb, or an adverb.

Only Southerners make friends while standing in lines,
...and when we're "in line," ...we talk
To everybody!

Put 100 Southerners in a room and half of them will discover
They're related, even if only by marriage.

In the South, y'all is singular, and, all y'all is plural.

Southerners know grits come from corn and how to eat them.

Every Southerner knows that tomatoes with eggs, bacon, grits,
And coffee are perfectly wonderful; that red eye gravy is also a
Breakfast food;

That scrambled eggs just ain't right without Tabasco,
And fried green tomatoes are not a breakfast food.

When you hear someone say, "Well, I caught myself lookin',"
You know you are in the presence
Of a genuine Southerner!

Only Southerners say "sweet tea" and "sweet milk."
Sweet tea indicates the need for sugar and lots of it – we do not like
Our
Tea unsweetened.

“Sweet milk” means you don’t want buttermilk. And a true Southerner knows you don’t
scream obscenities at little

Old ladies who drive 30MPH on the freeway. You just say,
“Bless her sweet little heart”...and go your own way.

To those of you who are still a little embarrassed by your
Southernness:

Take two tent revivals and a dose of sausage gravy and call me in the
Morning.

Bless your little heart!

And to those of you who are still having a hard time understanding
all this Southern stuff...bless your hearts, I hear they’re fixin’ to have
classes

on Southernness as a second language!

Southern girls know men may come and go but friends are fah-evah!
There ain’t no magazine named “Northern Living” for good reason.

There ain’t nobody

Interested in livin’ up north, nobody would buy the magazine!