

MOUNT HERMON

VOICE

OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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All are welcome at Mount Hermon

HAPPY NEW YEAR

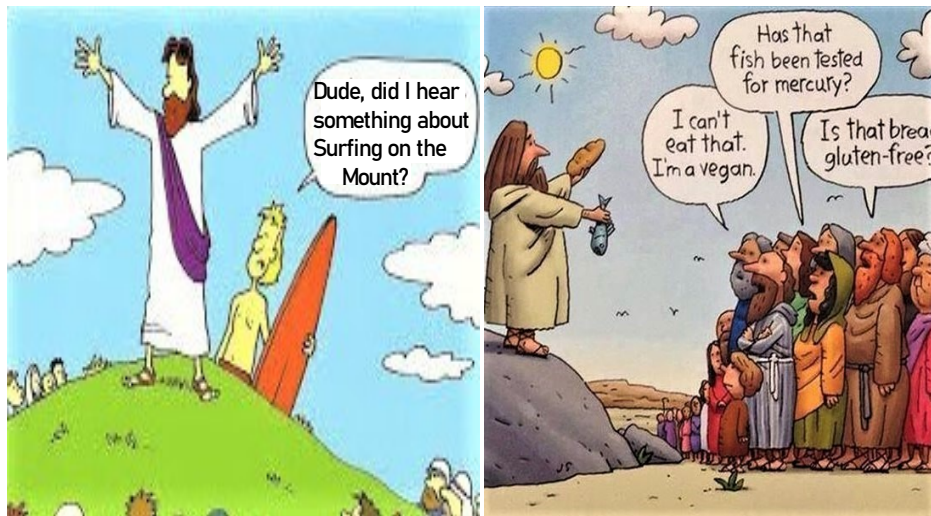
from Mount Hermon to all our readers



As we start another year my thanks have to go to Chris Barnes for giving us the vision of the church doubling in size by the end of the year. I don't know whether that will come true but that is a vision we should hang on to. I want to make the vision statement for the church this coming year to be simply this : "Mount Hermon helping people find their way back to God". That is the simple message of Christianity. That is the reason the church exists, to help people find their way back to God. To come back into a relationship with God the Father that was intended from the beginning. The relationship that most people do not have because of sin - the wrong things we have done and the right things that we have not done - which separates us from God. The message of... Christianity is that everyone has the opportunity to come back into the unique relationship with God that they were intended to have from the very beginning, the relationship that is now made possible... through the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus who was the son of God and the son of man, who lived a blameless life and took the punishment for all our wrongs so that we can then have the relationship re-established.

I write this in the last week of general election campaigning. Politicians making, quite frankly, unbelievable promises – I will have to turn the TV off yet again. When you hear the promise of a relationship with the God who created everything, forgiveness for all you have ever done wrong... does that sound like a promise too good to be true? My experience is that it is true and that God is faithful to all his promises. Why not start the New Year with a new start, a new joy, a new relationship? Jesus is waiting with open arms. Jeremiah 29 verse 13 says : "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Submitted by David Sharples (Minister)

NOTICE : Dr Andrew Wilson (son in law of Kay Curtis) a member of our church, will speak at the afternoon 'LIFE GROUP' at 1.30. pm... on Tuesday 14th January about his experiences in Nepal.
(Everyone is welcome to join us on this occasion)



JOKE CORNER... Jokes so bad that they're good!

A farmer milking his cow, was beginning to get a good rhythm going when a wasp flew into the barn and started circling his head. Suddenly the wasp flew into the cow's ear. The farmer thought nothing about it until the wasp came out into his bucket. It actually went in one ear and out of the udder!

A string goes to a bar and asks for a beer. The waiter says 'sorry we don't serve strings here. The string goes out, ties himself in a knot and goes in back in and says 'Waiter give me a beer.' The man says 'Hey, aren't you the string that came in earlier?' The string replies 'No I'm a frayed knot.'

2 country yokels out hunting realise that they're totally lost. 'I know what to do' said the first, 'I'll fire 3 times into the air and someone will come.' Over an hour later no help had arrived, so he fired 3 time into the air again. A further hour passed. 'I think you'd better try again ' said the second. 'Yes' said the first, but it had better work this time... I'm almost out of arrows.'

Two drunk men staggered out of the pub and go into the Pizza shop. One bets the other he can't eat a standard pizza in 60 seconds. The second asks: 'How many pieces are there? 'Eight,' replies the first. 'I can't do as many as that the first replies... 'get it cut into 4 pieces and I'll take you on.'

A famous German orchestra arrived in Dublin to give a concert. After the first rehearsal the conductor sought out the stage manager & complained about the dreadful acoustics. 'Oh I know,' the manager replied... but I've put traps down and done al I can think of... but I still can't get rid of them.'

My sister was going to marry a butcher... but she's given him the chop!

HOW TO KNOW JESUS FOR YOURSELF

The Christian Faith is not some philosophy dreamt up to make people feel better, or to be a crutch in times of need. It is based on a person. Our time itself is measured from the day of His birth. His life is actually an event marked by history: Jesus Christ. In Jesus God became a man, lived a perfect life, and died on a cross - taking the force of God's punishment for all your sin... and mine on Himself. But He came back to life to prove His power over death, then went back to heaven and one day will return for all who are His. In Jesus we are offered a person to follow, a power to transform lives, a purpose for living.. and Eternal life.

If you would like to know Jesus Christ for yourself, just pray the prayer opposite.

PRAYER

Dear God, I believe Jesus died so that I might be forgiven. I admit I have done wrong things and I have not lived my life how you would want me to. I'm sorry! Please forgive m, and come into my life to help me live your way. From this moment on I want to follow Jesus' example and join other Christians in serving You and others. AMEN.



"FAITH comes by HEARING, and HEARING by the WORD of GOD."
Romans 10:17

"Without FAITH it is IMPOSSIBLE to please GOD, for he who comes to GOD must BELIEVE that HE is and that HE is a REWARDER of those who SEEK HIM."

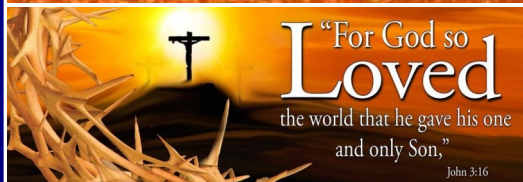
Hebrews 11:6 † † †

God's Eternal Blessing

God's eternal blessing
Flows down from above
To equip us in His mission
To spread His wondrous love

So He can always use us
And stretch us in our faith,
So we may be a blessing
To others by His grace

For everything we need,
God will graciously provide
Through His eternal blessing
That's abundant in our lives.



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.
In Everything Give Thanks!

SAY 'GOD BLESS YOU' - God's word is impregnated with life, wisdom Truth, power and potential. When He created the world, He simply said, 'Let there be...' and it came into being. Every word He speaks contains the power to create whatever He says. Every single promise He makes contains the seeds of its own fulfilment. Those seeds have a scheduled season for fulfilment in your life, and when they're watered with confident, faith filled prayer, relying on the scriptures, and patiently awaiting - God's timing - His word cannot fail. Once you grasp the truth, the words... 'God bless you' become loaded. Speaking them brings God's blessing into our lives. When you say, 'God bless you' God backs you up. So if you want to bless your loved ones, speak these words to bless them.... **"The Lord bless you and keep you; the lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace."**

Asking someone 'How are you?' is an expression of courtesy and care, and when you say 'Have a nice day', you sincerely mean it. But... When you say 'God bless you' and understand the scriptural truth behind the words, God's blessing can change that person's life. It should be a habit, this business of blessing others. It's one of the most powerful and practical ways of re-connecting with each other in our world and life itself, and an amazing way to lead us to happiness and success. A blessing is a sweet release from pain and misery and the key to a successful and fulfilling life. So, 'God bless you' often, and so doing help to bless others.

We praise You we bless You our Saviour divine.
All power and dominion are yours for all time!
We sing of your mercy with joyful acclaim, for
you have redeemed us all praise to your name."

Fanny J. Crosby (1820–1915)

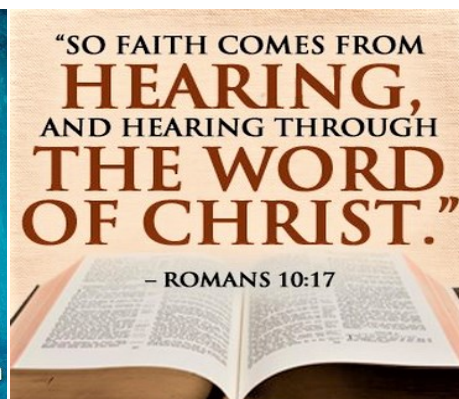
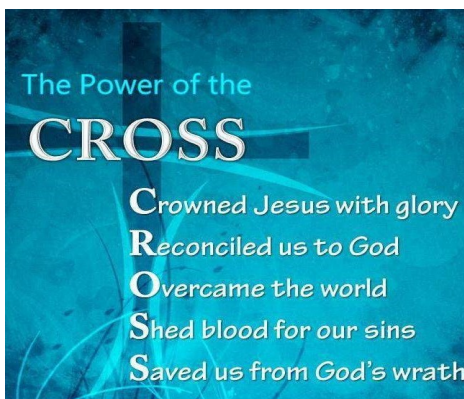
<u>GOD'S - VOICE</u>	<u>SATAN'S VOICE</u>	<u>SATAN</u>
CALMS	OBSESSES	SATAN KNOWS YOUR NAME
COMFORTS	WORRIES	BUT HE CALLS YOU BY YOUR SIN
CONVICTS	CONDEMNS	SHUN SATAN
ENCOURAGES	DISCOURAGES	<u>BUT GOD</u>
ENLIGHTENS	CONFUSES	GOD KNOWS YOUR SIN
LEADS	PUSHES	BUT HE CALLS YOU BY YOUR NAME
REASSURES	FRIGHTENS	LOVE GOD
STILLS	RUSHES	



When we're in pain.. it's natural to want the pain to stop, but often the pain is a warning that something is wrong and needs fixing. When we have a headache we often take a pill to stop the pain. Interestingly the pill is a temporary thing. It won't cure anything, it simply blocks the pain for a short period. Anyone suffering from serious headaches will tell you - when the effects of the tablets wear off, the pain quickly returns. This is... not what we want to hear, but - "that's life."


There are many 'soul-aches' we can suffer from such as: loneliness... and depression or bitterness. We often try to cure these soul-aches with the numerous distractions around us like - shopping, partying, drinking or by gambling. Like the headache pill, these are just temporal solutions that allow us to forget our miseries for a short time. They may distract us from our woes temporarily but they will never cure our soul-ache; and when the effects of our distraction wears off, our soul-ache will return. The cure lies with God. We have a God shaped - chasm inside us that cannot be filled with pleasurable pursuits or expensive toys. We were designed to have a relationship with our Creator - in Him we will find completeness. The Bible states: **'My flesh and my heart may fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever'** (Psalm 73:26). **"You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand"** (Psalm 16:11).

If we want this inner-peace promised in the Bible, we must stop our frantic search for happiness through the things of this world... and start to follow the ways of Christ. Our emptiness of soul can only be cured by God and when we are consistently occupied with our Heavenly Father we will enter into His joy and our 'soul -aches' will be a thing of the past. **"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."** [Phil. 4:7](#). (Submitted by Neil Bedford)



CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

SUN 10.30 a.m. **Morning Worship - Preaching of God's Word.**
 5th David Sharples (Minister) - New Year Message + Communion
 12th Malcolm Hughes..... Grassington Congregational Church
 19th David Sharples (Minister)..... Mount Hermon
19th 4 pm ACT Joint Service..... Speaker Shannon Delorial
 26th Chris Jackson..... St. Peter's Church, Addingham

TUE All meetings below will be preceded by a light lunch at 1 pm.
 7th 1.30. pm The Alpha Course
 14th 1.30. pm Daytime Life Group (SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 2)
 21st 1.30. pm Daytime Life Group
 28th 1.30. pm Daytime Life Group  (BIBLE STUDY)

WED 8th Life Group at David & Nikki's at 7.30. pm
 15th Life Group at David & Nikki's at 7.30. pm
 22nd Life Group at David & Nikki's at 7.30. pm
 29th Life Group at David & Nikki's at 7.30. pm



THU 9.30. am - **Church Prayer Meeting** - each week.

10 am to 11.30. am - **Coffee Pot** - held each week
 The chapel is open for private prayer & devotions
Come and sample our warm friendly atmosphere.



SAT - 26th—**Monthly Coffee Morning** - 10 to 11.30.am
 Cake Stall, Preserves, Books, Greetings cards,
 Bric-a-brac, Raffle with good prizes. Entry £1.50.
Come enjoy meeting friends and having fellowship.



Church Birthdays in January

1st Bessie Mc G.

3rd Christine F.

13th George Wh.

Have a great day you three.



Scenes from our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th November.⁸



Home made cakes and fancies for sale.



Select any bottle on display for £1. 00.



Jan and Gloria selling Christmas novelties and bric-a-brac.

A big - THANK YOU to all of you who supported us on the day.