

The New Life

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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

MAY 2007

Hebrews 13:8

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:



On the last Sunday morning of May at the 11am service, we will have a special guest from Nairobi, Kenya.

His name is

Pastor Zedekiah Osoro; He has been in America attending Beulah Heights Bible College in Atlanta.

He is returning to Africa to begin his church and he will be here to share with us about this new ministry.

Please plan early to attend this very special time with Pastor Zedekiah.

•We need a new roof on the church and it will cost around \$1000.00, we currently have \$250 in the fund. If you want to make a donation it would greatly help support the church and you as our members.

•Come join us each Wednesday night as we study emotional spirituality with Pastor Terry.

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Submission Deadline for May Newsletter:

Sunday, May 27, '07
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Pentecost in Greek means "the fiftieth day," and is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday.

This runs parallel with the tenth day after Ascension Thursday (the fortieth day of Easter believed to be the day that Jesus ascended to Heaven).

Pentecost is a Christian Liturgical feast related symbolically to the Jewish festival of Shavout. Pentecost honors the memory of the Holy Spirit's descent upon Jesus' Apostles and

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followers on that day. This is described in detail in the second chapter of the Book of Acts in the New Testament.

Pentecost this year will occur on the last Sunday of this month. We are called Pentecostal because we believe in the gifts of the Holy Spirit that came on the first day of the church; on the birthday of the church. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the founder of the church and that He is the one who builds the church. We all need the work of the Holy Spirit without which none of us could even serve God.

Many early Pentecostals believed that the revival of the gifts of the Spirit were a sign from God of the latter rain, a period of restoration

before the end of the age and the coming millennial reign of Christ.

There may be as many as one hundred and fifty million Pentecostals in the world and yet the move of the spirit in Pentecostal churches has grown somewhat cold. When I met Debbie she was meeting with a group of Catholic Pentecostals for prayer.

The question is why we have not been seekers of the Holy Spirit as our forefathers were and so much so that it spread to all denominations. I would say that we have been desensitized to even the move of the Holy Spirit.

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The God Debate: Rick Warren vs. Sam Harris

The April 9 issue of Newsweek featured a debate between pastor Rick Warren and atheist Sam Harris. Both men were equally matched in intelligence and strategy, but Pastor Warren had the Bible on his side.

Following is an excerpt from the issue:

At the Summit: On a cloudy California day, the atheist Sam Harris

sat down with the Christian pastor Rick Warren to hash out Life's Biggest Question—Is God real? A NEWSWEEK exclusive. Newsweek

April 9, 2007 issue - Rick Warren is as big as a bear, with a booming voice and easygoing charm. Sam Harris is compact, reserved and, despite the polemical tone of his books, friendly and mild. Warren,

one of the best-known pastors in the world, started Saddleback in 1980; now 25,000 people attend the church each Sunday. Harris is softer-spoken; paragraphs pour out of him, complex and fact-filled—as befits a Ph.D. student in neuroscience. At NEWSWEEK's invitation, they met in Warren's office recently and chatted, mostly amiably, for four hours. Jon Meacham moderated.

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From
the
Pastor's
Desk



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Let the Spirit Move in You

There was a time when it was something special when the spirit moved but now we are more cynical in that we don't believe that God would do that, or that

He would move that way so we have put him in our box and held him down.

What would happen if God told you to jump for joy? What if He asked you as a sign of victory over your enemy to run around the church, would you do it? Are you open to His spirit moving in

and through you? Can you raise your hands in praise, or clap your hands in song?

If we want to see His spirit move in our life and in this year we will have to learn to hear His voice and obey it.

God Bless



Birthdays Celebrations

Pastor Terry Lee Stair celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, April 3, 2007.

The event was marked with an intimate family celebration at the parsonage.

The pastor and his family would like to thank all those who remembered this special event and for their generous gifts and well wishes.

We would like to wish all those who celebrated their birthdays in April:

- Pastor Terry Lee Stair
- Miss Jaden Stair
- Mr. Lee Stair
- Randi Otto

We wish all of you many blessings in the coming year.

We would also like to wish all who celebrated anniversaries in April. May the Lord's blessings be with you in the coming year.

If you have a birthday or celebration that you want included in The New Life please contact us!

Corrections:

We would like to apologize for the oversight :

Michael Dickey who celebrated his birthday in April had his last name misspelled.

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We want to correct mistakes made in the newsletter, if you believe we have made a mistake please call us at 478-804-1568, or email us at mariellestair@gmail.com.

The God Debate: Rick Warren vs. Sam Harris

JON MEACHAM: Rick, since you're the home team, we'll start with Sam. Sam, is there a God in the sense that most Americans think of him?

SAM HARRIS: There's no evidence for such a God, and it's instructive to notice that we're all atheists with respect to Zeus and the thousands of other dead gods whom now nobody worships.

Rick, what is the evidence of the existence of the God of Abraham?

RICK WARREN: I see the fingerprints of God everywhere. I see them in culture. I see them in law. I see them in literature. I see them in nature. I see them in my own life. Trying to understand where God came from is like an ant trying to understand the Internet. Even the most brilliant scientist would agree that we only know a fraction of a percent of the knowledge of the universe.

HARRIS: Any scientist must concede that we don't fully understand the universe. But neither the Bible nor the Qur'an represents our best understanding of the universe. That is exquisitely clear.

WARREN: To you.

HARRIS: There is so much about us that is not in the Bible. Every specific science from cosmology to psychology to economics has surpassed and superseded what the Bible tells us is true about our world.

Sam, does the Christian you address in your books have to believe that God wrote the Bible and that it is literally true?

HARRIS: Well, there's clearly a spectrum of confidence in the text. I mean, there's the "This is literally true, nothing even gets figuratively

interpreted," and then there's the "This is just the best book we have, written by the smartest people who have ever lived, and it's still legitimate to organize our lives around it to the exclusion of other books." Anywhere on that spectrum I have a problem, because in my mind the Bible and the Qur'an are just books, written by human beings. There are sections of the Bible that I think are absolutely brilliant and poetically unrivaled, and there are sections of the Bible which are the sheerest barbarism, yet profess to prescribe a divinely mandated morality—where do I start? Books like Leviticus and Deuteronomy and Exodus and First and Second Kings and Second Samuel—half of the kings and prophets of Israel would be taken to The Hague and prosecuted for crimes against humanity if these events took place in our own time.

[To Warren] Is the Bible inerrant?

WARREN: I believe it's inerrant in what it claims to be. The Bible does not claim to be a scientific book in many areas.

Do you believe Creation happened in the way Genesis describes it?

WARREN: If you're asking me do I believe in evolution, the answer is no, I don't. I believe that God, at a mo-

ment, created man. I do believe Genesis is literal, but I do also know metaphorical terms are used. Did God come down and blow in man's nose? If you believe in God, you don't have a problem accepting miracles. So if God wants to do it that way, it's fine with me.

HARRIS: I'm doing my Ph.D. in neuroscience; I'm very close to the literature on evolutionary biology. And the basic point is that evolution by natural selection is random genetic mutation over millions of years in the context of environmental pressure that selects for fitness.

WARREN: Who's doing the selecting?

HARRIS: The environment. You don't have to invoke an intelligent designer to explain the complexity we see.

WARREN: Sam makes all kinds of assertions based on his presuppositions. I'm willing to admit my presuppositions: there are clues to God. I talk to God every day. He talks to me.

*Please visit:
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17889148/site/newsweek/page/3/>*

For the full excerpt.

Thoughts on Mother's Day



Mother's Day falls on Sunday, May 13 this year and once again I will not be able to spend it with my mother. As I look around me at all the people who are fortunate enough to spend this special day with their mothers my heart grows a little heavy.

So this Mother's Day, spend a little time with your mothers and give her something special to show your appreciation for all that she has done for you. You didn't get to where you are today without her love and support.

I will have the opportunity to spend some time with my mother this month, and I intend on making the best of it! Without her love and support in my life I would be a lesser person.

Dear God touch my mother today. Keep her healthy and safe that I may see her soon.

Some ideas for gifts:

- Treat her to a day at the Spa! (How much is your mum worth!?)
- Make her breakfast or better yet! Take her out and spend some time with her over coffee!

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I pray you'll be my eyes
And watch her where she goes
And help her to be wise
Help me to let go

Every mother's prayer
Every child knows
Lead her to a place
Guide her with your grace
To a place where she'll be safe

I pray she finds your light
And holds it in her heart
As darkness falls each night
Remind her where you are

Every mother's prayer
Every child knows
Need to find a place
Guide her to a place
Give her faith so she'll be safe

Lead her to a place
Guide her with your grace
To a place where she'll be safe
Performed by Celine Dion



A fun email that I received had this to say:

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

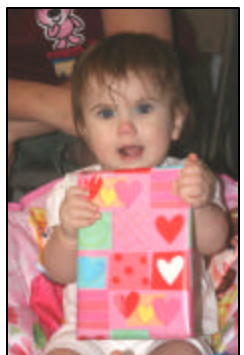
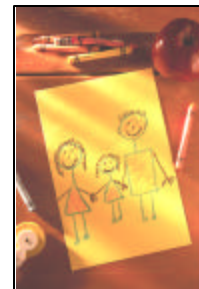
1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My Mom has always been my Mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.



It's a Beary Special Birthday Party!

Jaden Alexandria Stair celebrated her first birthday on Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

A party was hosted at the New Life Foursquare Church on Saturday, April 21 and was attended by members of the church, and both families of the parents Joel and Ayla Stair.

Attending church members included Will and Nikki Smith, Wendy Papsidero with kids Braxton and Rebekah, David and

Sharon Mote, and Mr. Sam Otto.

Pastors and grandparents Terry Lee and Debra Stair, Lee and Crystal Stair, Jason and Marielle Stair, and Andrew and Heather Dickey were attending family members. Out of town family members who attended the celebration were grandmother Julie Rae, Aunt Amanda Wiggin and Uncle Josh Wiggin.

The theme for the party kept with the Care Bears



theme and special gifts included a Weebles Cinderella Carriage and a Cinderella Lounge Chair.

Joel and Ayla Stair would like to thank all those who came to celebrate with them and honor their daughter's special day. They would also like to show their appreciation for all the generous gifts and kind thoughts that made this day special for their family and Jaden.



A Special Miracle

Will and Nikki Smith welcomed their new daughter into the world on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 11:19 p.m. ClaraAnn Aleeah Smith was a healthy 6lbs and 7.7 oz. and a whopping 18.75" long! She was delivered at the Medical Center of Middle Georgia in Macon, Ga.

The Smiths arranged to have her dedicated the Sunday following her birth at the 11 a.m. service at the New Life Foursquare Church.






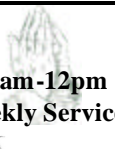



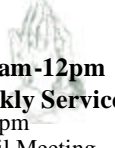




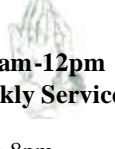


Mother and baby are currently comfortably settled in the Smith Residence in Milledgeville, Ga. The ladies of the church gathered around the new mother and supported her with a week of prepared dinners. Members are still invited to contribute to helping our new mom settle into parenthood. To get more information contact Mrs. Heather Dickey.

Among the guests attending the dedication were paternal grandparents Billy & Mary Smith, maternal step-grandmother Joyce Ballew and special guests included Tim and Jamie Essary and their son Matt.

"She's our miracle child, and I do want to thank our church for praying for us to have her." -Mrs. Nikki Smith.



May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29  11am-12pm Weekly Service	30 2-4p.m. Angel Food Deadline	1	2  Bible Study 7:30-8:30p.m.	3  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	4 National Prayer Summit	5 National Prayer Summit
6 11am-12pm Weekly Service 6:30-7:30p.m. Knights Round Table	7	8	9  Bible Study 7:30-8:30p.m.	10  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	11	12 9-10a.m. Angel Food Giveaway
13  11am-12pm Weekly Service  Mother's Day	14	15	16  Bible Study 7:30-8:30p.m.	17  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	18 Worship Conference (Stockbridge)	19 Worship Conference (Stockbridge)
20  11am-12pm Weekly Service 6pm-7pm Council Meeting Rebekah! 	21	22	23  Bible Study 7:30-8:30p.m.	24  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	25 Crystal! 	26
27  11am-12pm Weekly Service 7pm-8pm JTS Graduation	28 Memorial Day	29	30  Bible Study 7:30-8:30p.m.	31  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	1	2

People I'm praying for this month:

**Please help us pray
for these intentions:**

Notes

- The finances to re-roof the church.
- The computer that will be set up in the church
- The driveway to be filled in.
- For Jason to find employment.
