

He is there...

The Lord is always with us. Whatever is going on around us, He IS there.

The Word of God says in Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

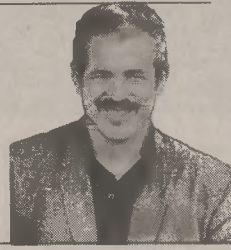
Sometimes it may feel like we are all alone and nobody seems to care, but God is there all along. Like in the book of Luke when Jesus and the disciples were in a boat in a storm.

Luke 8:22-25 says, "Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake". And they launched out.

But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing! Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm."

"This is the day the Lord has made."

- PSALM 118:24



JASON JOHNSON

We look at this story in scripture and see that Jesus was there for His disciples. He was there when they got in the boat, He was there when they were sailing, He was there when the storm was raging, and He was there when they reached the other side.

So Jesus was there when everything was going great and He was also there when things were really rough. You may be going through a rough time, and it may seem like nobody's there.

It may even feel like when you do pray your prayers just fall to the ground and no one's listening. The storm may be raging and you feel like your boat is about to sink. I want to tell you be of good courage, He's in the boat with you! He does hear you, He is listening!

I'm reminded of the story in Daniel chapter 3 where the king had the three Hebrew boys thrown into the fiery furnace and when he looked in saw four men up walking around. The king said in verse 25, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

The Lord was with them even in the fire. The Word says in verse 27 that they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

Thank God He is there for us! Even when the storm is raging or we have to go through the fire, He is there. The devil may have meant it for evil but God can turn it around for good.

Remember be of good courage He will never leave you nor will He ever forsake you.

HE IS WITH YOU!

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Special Events

Church announcements are published each week in the Bertie Ledger-Advance. The deadline to submit news items for this listing is 10 a.m. each Monday. Submissions may be emailed to twwhite@ncweeklies.com.

Oct. 14 Outreach Ministry Festival

WINDSOR – The second annual Outreach Ministry Festival is planned from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at Eveninglight Church of God in Christ Jesus.

The event will feature gospel music, fun, games, prizes, free health screenings, special presentations and demonstrations, information booths and job opportunities.

Attendees are asked to bring two or more canned goods or non-perishable items, which will be donated to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

There will also be free hot dogs, chips and drinks. The church is located at 505 N.C. 305 between Windsor and Aulander.

Evening Prayer

ROXBEL – Evening Prayer will be observed at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Light refreshments will be served following the service. The church is located at 206 West Church St. in Roxobel. The Rev. Canon Sonny Browne and congregation invite the public to attend.

Oct. 15 Homecoming Harvest Day

WINDSOR – Homecoming "Harvest Day" is planned for 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 at Ross Baptist Church.

There will be a multimedia presentation in review of activities and highlights of the previous year, presented by the Pastor, Dr. Jeffrey Russell. The Samantha Ross Hoggard Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to Kaitlin Hoggard of Windsor and Rachel Boos of Fuquay-Varina.

The church is located at 1020 Bull Hill Rd. in Windsor. Dr. Russell and the congregation invite the public to attend.

Women's Day

COLERAIN – Annual Women's Day will be observed at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Mary B. Drake, Pastor of New Beach Grove in Newport News, Va. Elder Branda Watford of Bible Way Temple of Raleigh will present a tribute to women.

The Pastor, the Rev. Nathaniel J. Thompson, and congregation invite the public to attend.

Oct. 22 Men's Day

WINDSOR – The annual Men's Day program will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22 at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Johnny Lyons of Greater Saunders Grove in Hertford. Music will be provided by The Gospel Five of Oak City.

The Pastor, the Rev. Dr. James R. Wrighton, and congregation invite the public to attend.

Usher Anniversary

COLERAIN – The Usher Ministry will celebrate its anniversary at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22 at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

The Daniel Sisters will render music. The Pastor, the Rev. Nathaniel J. Thompson, and congregation invite the public to attend.

Ongoing Women's Ministry

WINDSOR – The Women's Ministry meets from 6-8 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Cedar Landing Missionary Baptist Church. The meetings include fun activities, free food, door prizes and lots of love.

The congregation invites the public to attend.

Battleground for Success

WINTON – Pastor Keith Urquhart will host a Facebook broadcast from 7-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

The educational presentation "Battleground for Success" will be for school-aged students, parents and business-minded people.

Help needed

WILLIAMSTON - New Fellowship Church and Project Feed The 5000 is asking for help with donations of pet food for older adults who have pets as their only family member.

For information on how to donate bagged or canned dog/cat food, call 252-792-7191.

October nights!

Recently I was seeking the Lord about reaching out in my community and in my region to share the spirit of revival that we have been walking through for months now.

The Lord impressed upon my heart that in this season of the year there is a change and a shift in the atmosphere as we face the cooler nights and arrival of the autumn season. Fresh dug peanuts await harvest and the smell of something fresh is in the air. I inquired of the Lord about a shift in the spiritual atmosphere. I sensed His direction upon my life to lead our ministry in a season of revival and renewal services called "October Nights!" On Sunday evenings in October beginning on the 15 we will host a revival

"Be still and know that I am God."

- PSALM 46:10



DR. WALLACE PHILLIPS

service at 6 p.m. inviting other ministers to participate in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us as we gather to worship and receive from Him. I am believing that people's lives will be touched and transformed by God's power. I'm believing that the presence of God will be so real and that young people will be drawn to His love and power like never before; a shift in the

atmosphere spiritually as well a fragrance of worship that will captivate the hearts of people.

That's what we need. This community, this region, this state and nation need the sovereign move of the Holy Spirit among us to change us.

My prayer is "Father give us more of You as we give you more of us on October Nights! Please make plans to join us on Sunday nights at 6 PM at Carpenter's Shop International Church for powerful preaching, awesome worship, and the transforming presence of Jesus!

Dr. Wallace Phillips is Senior Pastor of Carpenter's Shop International Church located at 903 South Catherine Creek Road in Ahoskie.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

May the Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us, that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers.

1 KINGS 8: 57,58

Statue of King Solomon, Escorial, Spain

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Boaz in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Whose first chapter begins, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God"? 1 Timothy, Titus, James, 2 John
3. From Acts 16, what Asian city was the home of Lydia? Derbe, Thyatira, Samaria, Jericho
4. In John 2, where did Jesus work his first miracle? Ur, Cana, Antioch, Thessalonica
5. From 2 Samuel, who killed a giant having 12 fingers and 12 toes? Mephibosheth, Jambres, Abimelech, Jonathan
6. In John 11, what city was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus? Corinth, Gaza, Bethany, Sardis

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 1 Timothy; 3) Thyatira; 4) Cana; 5) Jonathan; 6) Bethany

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