

The Abiding Grace Connection

March Showers Bring...

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace."

- Isaiah 55:10-12

It meant that I would be seeing green popping up everywhere, as I already am. God compares his Word to the rain and snow we've had recently. When God sends rain, it ALWAYS makes things bud and flourish. When God sends his Word, it ALWAYS brings the blessings that God promises it will.

What does God promise to give you through his Word? Joy and peace.

Joy because we know the Father who loves us and showers us with blessings day after day. Peace because Jesus died on the cross but then rose from death, forgiving your sins and winning eternal life for you. Not only did Jesus obtain our forgiveness and eternal life for free, but he gives it to us for free through his Word. No wonder he promises that his Word will ALWAYS bring joy and peace into the lives of those who hear it!

So come join us soon and hear God's Word with us! We worship at 10:30am at Total Childcare Experience and have many Bible study opportunities throughout the week. Call 770-385-7691 if you have any questions. God bless you and we'll see you soon!

-Vicar West

I know, the saying usually goes, "April showers bring May flowers," but after the storms we had recently, I've decided that in Georgia the rhyme can be flexible. I was happy to see those storms in late February and early March, even though it turned my front yard into a swamp, because I knew

Parents: Do you want your children to have the joy and peace found only in God's Word? Not sure how to start? How about:

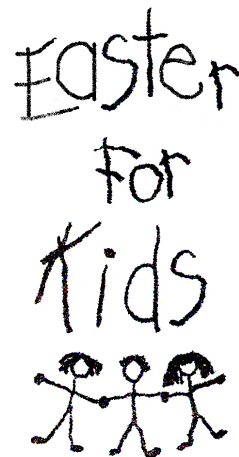
Songs

Saturday
April 4th
10am -
2pm

Crafts

Ages
3-10

Fun



God's Word

Hosted at:
Total
Childcare
Experience
(see map
on back)

Games

This is our gift to the community!
Contact Pastor Jonathan Scharf at
770-385-7691 to register or for more
information.

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... where families connect

Email Extra

(A little something not available in the print edition.)

Learning from Jesus' miracles.

He Helps the Paralyzed

“That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. ...” He said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God (Luke 5:24-26).

The house was at capacity. Standing room only. Those not able to squeeze in strained to catch a glimpse through the doorway. They were there to see Jesus who was teaching a crowd. But one man in particular could not get into the house. He could not peer over heads. He could not even stand. He was paralyzed.



Yet he and his four friends were determined to see Jesus. So his friends clambered up to the roof. They removed the tiles and then the thatching, enough to fit their friend through. Using the mat upon which he was lying, they lowered him down. Right at the feet of Jesus.

Some might call them crazy. Others might say they were obsessed. Jesus called it faith. The paralyzed man and his friends were confident that Jesus was able to make him whole. And Jesus did with five small words: “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

It's not what many in the crowd expected to hear. It may not be the answer you want to hear when paralyzed with problems. We want real answers for our real problems. We want a cure for cancer. We want an end to family fights. We want money to cover our debts.

What about the problem of death? Death is the debt that we all must pay. But death is only the beginning. God's judgment upon sin lasts forever. In hell. That's what we deserve for thinking we have better answers than God does for life's problems.

God's answer? Jesus. God loves you so much he transferred your debt to his Son. On the cross, Jesus suffered for your sin. For you he endured hell's eternal fire. For you he died. And for you he rose to life victorious. His victory is your victory!

The paralyzed man's most critical problem was sin. So Jesus forgave him. Then, to prove to us that he is the perfect Son of God and the world's perfect Savior with the perfect answer to all our troubles, Jesus restored the man's legs. The man got up and walked home, praising God.

Have you been brought low? Troubled by sin? We welcome you to learn about and praise the miraculous Savior you have in Jesus. He has forgiven your sins. He has the power and desire to get you back on your feet. Whatever your woes, Jesus is the answer every time!