

The Third PRESS



May 2017

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I want to begin this article by saying “Thank You!!” to all of you for helping to make our times of worship, fellowship and study throughout the Lenten and Easter season such a fulfilling time for me, and hopefully for you as well. Many of you worked hard to allow for such fruitful times of ministry: from your efforts in preparing and serving soups and snacks for our Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers, to your rehearsing of music to help all of us worship God through song in our gatherings, to your efforts in readying the sanctuary for our times of worship, to your serving the community during our Easter Outreach Celebration. Along with that, I also want to thank all of you for your prayers, support and words of encouragement as I did my part in helping all of us to worship and serve the Lord together – that all of us might be a blessing to each other and to those whom God brought among us during our times of worship. Our times of remembrance, reflection and celebration were a family effort and so I thank you, my church family, for all you did to make those such meaningful times.

I also want to share a little about a change that is being made in a ministry of our congregation; and this has to do with the coming to a close of a particular ministry. As we all know, God gives us ministries for a “season”, and when that “season” ends, faithfulness to God means letting a ministry end while at the same time looking for what God might do among us in a new way. And yet, it can be sad to end (at least formally) a ministry that has been such a significant part of the ministry of Third Church and the life of some of the young people in the church. I am referring here to “The Red Letters” and their ministry among us.

As some of you may recall, some twelve years ago, when Jason Laz was fifteen and a sophomore at Troy High School, he approached the Session with a desire to form a praise band consisting of some of the young men in the church. The Session encouraged and supported them in this endeavor, and “The Red Letters” took shape. The original members of that praise band included Jason, Joshua and Christian Multunas, Mike Giddings, and James McAuley.

In an effort to nurture them in this ministry – both in helping develop their music skills and their understanding of what it meant to lead others not merely in singing but in worshipping God, Jan Pedersen stepped up to guide them. This was an amazing sacrifice and testimony to her devotion to the Lord and to the youth of the church considering some of the instruments used irritated her tinnitus. But with Jason’s vision, the other young men’s enthusiasm, and Jan’s support, a new ministry at Third Church was begun.

Over the years others helped guide that ministry as they were able. In particular, when Wayne Mizerak served as our organist during Joan’s absence, he

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Our Mission:
To Love our God and
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To Proclaim the Gospel
through Word and Deed
To Make Disciples of
Jesus the Christ



stepped up and guided “The Red Letters” as well; and in so doing helped them not only to expand their repertoire but understand how to play together as a band in a manner that would be a blessing to the congregation.

As the gifts and abilities of the band grew members were added and moved on as life circumstances changed. Soon after starting Daniel McAuley was added to the group and so for a few years it consisted of those six young men. Then James ended his participation, and soon after Mike headed off to college – but the band played on and Jason grew in his musical and leadership abilities.

Seeing Jason’s passion for this ministry and his developing abilities, the Session invited Jason to take on a formal ministry role, which included responsibilities for scheduling and holding regular practices, and leading us in worship on a more regular basis. And this was a challenging task at times because over the years Joshua Multunas moved away, and soon after Dan was off to college. Fortunately, Mike had returned to the area, and another Joshua (Joshua Reynolds) stepped up to take Joshua Multunas’ place. It’s not easy to lead a team that changes along the way but Jason did a great job, and all the young men in their own way helped to make the praise band an important part of the life, ministry and worship of Third Church.

By God’s grace, Sal was brought to us, and he immediately stepped in to add a whole new component to the Praise Band. Working with Jason the praise band continued to be a blessing to this congregation. The song selection increased, as did their understanding of worship and the role of music in the worship setting.

Unfortunately, for us but a blessing to others, Christian finished his studies and was called by God to serve as a teacher in Connecticut. At the same time, Mike moved to the Scotia area which made commuting to worship more challenging; plus relational commitments made it hard for him to participate with the praise band regularly. Moreover, God blessed Joshua Reynolds with a growing family, and so, needing to be with and serve them caused him to have to withdraw from participation in the praise band.

If you’re still tracking with me, you’ve come to realize that “The Red Letters” has essentially become “The Red Letter” – with Jason holding down the fort! Clearly it was time to end that ministry that we might look for new ways for Jason to continue to bless us with his gifts and passion. And so, as of April 30th, “The Red Letters” band and Jason’s formal leadership has come to a close. But, with the end of that particular ministry, we look with excitement and expectation for what the future holds. And certainly, should the Lord bless us with others who feel so called and gifted, a Praise Band may again be numbered among the ministries of Third Church. For now, we will be blessed by the musical gifts of our Choir (who are going strong and always ready to receive more joyful noise makers!) and two “Acoustic Worship Teams” – with Jason being a part of one of those teams. And certainly he and Sal will continue to bless us with times of leading us in song as the two of them have done over the last few years.

It has been wonderful to see how the young men of the church who were a part of “The Red Letters” have grown into adulthood and have carried their faith into different avenues of ministry. I encourage you to continue to pray for them – and for all the young adults, youth and children of our congregation – that the Lord would grow in them a deep and abiding faith, and direct them into avenues of ministry where their gifts can be used and others might be blessed, to the glory of God.

And be sure to thank “The Red Letters” when you see them for the service they have rendered to the life and ministry of this church.

On another note, as we look to the weeks and months ahead, we will be studying through 1st and 2nd Thessalonians during our Sunday morning sermon series and I encourage you to read those short letters from the apostle Paul. Also, the Adult Sunday is beginning a new study on “The Life of Jesus”. It is certainly a basic yet fundamental topic for every believer – that we might better know and in turn more rightly worship and serve our Lord, Jesus the Christ. I invite all to join us for those times of study on Sunday mornings at 9:15. I also encourage you to join me for our Wednesday evening Bible Studies where we examine in depth the material that I will preach on the following study. Those times together are a great blessing to me as we get to dig much deeper into the text than can be done in a brief (☺) sermon on Sunday morning.

Finally, as I have been doing on occasion over the years, I will be using my newsletter articles to move us through the study of a book of the Bible. In particular, I will be studying the New Testament

book of Ephesians. I hope you will read and study along – taking time to read that letter from Paul along with the Newsletter articles – that together our faith and devotion to the Lord Jesus might grow and flourish.

And again, I thank you for your prayers, your support, and your patience with me, as together we seek to be the Light of Christ in this place, at this time, as the Lord so leads and enables.

May God bless you and keep you in His tender care.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Pastor John



Volunteers needed

Like being outdoors? Enjoy the sun? We have the job for you! People are needed to help keep the church grounds beautiful. If you would like to mow, please contact Rob Jensen or Andy Miller.

May Birthdays

5/4 Joshua Multunas
5/7 Steve Dickson
5/7 Virginia Somerville
5/8 Bob Somerville Jr.
5/11 Stanton Bentley
5/16 Kim Davey
5/27 Bill Multunas
5/29 Bridget Somerville



May Anniversaries

5/2 Sue & Peter Laz
5/14 Jon and Sarah Purnell

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

The God Squad sponsored luncheon will be held on Saturday May 20th at noon in the Post Memorial Hall (Fellowship Hall). Lunch will be at noon with the Elizabethan Trio from the Albany Symphony Orchestra playing beautiful music at about 12:45. Please come and enjoy!!!

CATCH THE SPIRIT!!

June 4th is **Pentecost Sunday**. Pentecost is the day that the **Holy Spirit** came upon the disciples in Jerusalem, they began preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the Christian church was born!

Pentecost is a day to celebrate! It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in our world.



Red symbolizes the **fire** of the Holy Spirit and therefore, red is the color of the day. The sanctuary will be decorated with red and everyone is encouraged to wear something red that morning.

After worship that morning we will have our **church picnic**. The Inward Ministry Committee will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, and beverages. If you would like, you may bring something to share such as, chips, a salad or a dessert. You are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs and any outdoor games or activities.

We hope you will plan to join us for this special day of celebration!!

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:22-25



Remember in Prayer...

Our Shut-ins at home:

Tillie Herman, Marcella Goard, June Giles

At the Eddy: Dot Multunas, Edna Wells

At Schuyler Ridge: Dolores Robb

At Brookdale: Dot McGan

Those dealing with health issues:

Stan Bentley, Doris Calamaras

Our Church:

Pastor John and the Session

Our Community:

Those who don't know the Lord
Those dealing with financial difficulties
That our schools would be places of safety

Our World:

Missionaries serving around the world
Open doors for sharing the Gospel message
Persecuted Christians around the world

Dan serving in Africa:

For wise time management and the discernment to

Know which things are worth pouring his time into and which things he just can't do at this time.

For his language acquisition.

For his language tutor.

For his ability to be humble and to allow God's plan to be his goal.

Pray for the country, local believers, the government, the people and the man struggles they face

Help Fill the Shelves at Hope 7's Food Pantry!

Hope 7's food pantry serves families in need right here in our own community. The need is great and has been growing every year!

During the month of May we will be collecting hygiene items.



Donations of other non-perishable food will also be accepted.

General Financial Update for March 2017

	Year to Date	March
Total Income	\$40,200.00	\$12,425.00
Total Expenses	\$42,782.87	\$12,329.21
Difference	\$(2,582.87)	\$ 95.79

Serving This Month

May 7th

Worship Assistants: Kelly Valerio and Ella Miller
Greeters: Joe Pasinella, Alice Bentley
Head Greeters: Rob Jensen
Nursery: Jen McAuley and Diane Lewinski
Communion: Jason Laz
Fellowship Hosts: The Miller Family

May 14th

Worship Assistants: Bill and Natalia Multunas
Greeters: James McAuley, Bill Multunas
Head Greeter: Andy Miller
Nursery: Deena Dominy and Ella Miller
Communion: Jerry Whitman, Vera Whitman, Natalia Multunas, Eric Ofori
Fellowship Hosts: The Whitman's

May 21st

Worship Assistants: Eric Ofori, Sue Stierer
Greeters: Jen McAuley
Head Greeter: Rob Jensen
Nursery: Lois Pasinella and Jaime Miller
Communion: Rob Jensen, Jerry Whitman, Rick Russell, Peter Laz
Fellowship Hosts:

May 28th

Worship Assistants: Natalia Multunas, Kelly Valerio
Greeters: Dean and Doris Calamaras
Head Greeter: Peter Laz
Nursery: Lois Pasinella and Angelina Solomon
Communion: Vera Whitman, Alice Bentley, Andy Miller, Sue Laz
Fellowship Hosts:



Growing in Our Faith and in Our Witness

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

This is the time of year when many people are planning for gardens. If you are the gardening type you know that for a garden to grow well and bear fruit it needs tending – weeds need to be pulled, fertilizer needs to be applied, plants need to be watered, etc. We would not plant a garden and then ignore it and still expect to reap healthy vegetables or beautiful flowers.

The same is true with our faith. Once we come to God through faith in Jesus we must continually tend to our faith so that it will grow and bear fruit. Some of the things we must do for our faith to grow stronger are to gather regularly for worship, spend time in prayer and in the study of God’s Word and to use our gifts in service to our God.

There are two new opportunities to gather together to study God’s Word and grow in our faith.

The Men’s Group is beginning a study on the book of Colossians. They meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 at the church.

The Adult Sunday school class that meets at 9:15 Sunday mornings is beginning a study on the life of Jesus.

In addition to these, the **Wednesday evening Bible study** continues to meet at 6:00 PM. This study focuses on the sermon text for the upcoming Sunday and will be studying Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians.

In addition to these opportunities, the church library has several resources to help you to grow in your faith. There are several Bible study aids, including:

What the Bible is All About by Dr. Henrietta Mears

Simplified Bible Commentary Series

The Layman’s Bible Commentary

Understanding the Bible, John R.W. Stott

The library also has several books on the person and work of Jesus including:

The Jesus You Can’t Ignore by John MacArthur

Who is Jesus? By R. C. Sproul

More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell

No Wonder They Call Him The Savior by Max Lucado

He Still Moves Stones by Max Lucado

Our prayer is that everyone will take advantage of these resources and Bible study opportunities as, together, we seek to grow in our faith and in our witness to the glory of God!

Special Mission Offering

Beginning on Easter Sunday (April 16th) and running through Pentecost Sunday (June 4th) we will receive a special mission offering. In the past these funds have been used to support the ministries of Capital City Rescue Mission, Missing Link Ministry, Nate Smith and InterVarsity at Hudson Valley Community College, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

This year the funds will be used to support Joshua Multunas as he begins his studies full-time at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

Upon graduating from R.P.I Joshua accepted a job and moved to Connecticut. While there he responded to God’s call to go into pastoral ministry. Over the past few years he has been taking courses at Gordon Conwell online while still working full-time. He has now completed all the online courses he

can and needs to be on campus to complete his education. This Fall Joshua will be leaving his job and moving to the Boston area to attend Gordon Conwell full-time.

This is a big move for Joshua that comes with some financial uncertainties. There will be the cost of tuition and books in addition to living expenses, yet he is moving forward trusting in God to provide what is needed.

We have the privilege of supporting Daniel in his ministry in East Africa and now we have the privilege of partnering with Joshua as he moves ahead in his education and looks forward to how and where God will use him in the future. It is a great joy to see these two young men stepping out in faith to respond to God's call upon their lives – even though it is not easy and comes with some challenges.

If you wish to give to this special offering, please make your check payable to "Third Presbyterian Church" and note that it is for the mission offering.

If you have any questions, please speak with any member of the Outward Ministry Committee.

From Music and AV Ministries...

"A WHOLLY HOLY WEEK"

Midway through last month, our congregation was blessed once again to walk the week we call *Holy*--a term defined as set apart, consecrated or dedicated to God for a religious or spiritual purpose. From the irony-laden triumphal entry into Jerusalem of Palm Sunday to the stifling tension of Maundy Thursday's upper room as some very nervous disciples contemplated who might be the traitor among them; from the pained and mournful walk along Good Friday's Way of Sorrows to the victorious emptiness of Sunday morning's empty tomb. It NEVER gets old! It is a worthy endeavor to partake in each year. And our church family is blessed with people willing to use their God-given gifts to magnify the intensity of these events we faithfully commemorate. Our choir, Acoustic Worship Team, *Red Letters*, vocal and instrumental soloists, and AV Techs all ministered with excellence of skill and humility of heart. I commend them all to your appreciation.

As we saw a few years ago with our nursery school, there are times when longstanding ministries draw to a close through no fault of their own, but rather due to changing circumstances, resources and needs. By April's end, such will have been the case with *The Red Letters*. Aably led by Jason Laz for many years, it has experienced a little of Haydn's *Farewell Symphony* of late, where the orchestral players leave the stage one by one at the end until only a lone violinist remains. We've seen Dan McAuley go off to college and now Northeast Africa! Joshua Multunas headed off to work in Connecticut and is now poised to pursue pastoral ministry via seminary in Boston. His brother Christian traced his footsteps to CT for a teaching position just last summer. And now Mike Giddings has moved to Princetown and Josh Reynolds has a new young one at home and growing involvement in the family's Roman Catholic parish. Jason has stood steadfastly to the end as the lone *Red Letter*! But you haven't heard the last from him, though! He'll continue to play and sing as part of our Acoustic Worship Team, which is now blessed with enough members to form two groups. One will lead us on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month and the other on the 2nd and 4th. Certainly, from time to time, when some combination of Christian, Joshua or Mike visit us--we'll invoke those famous words of Jake (John Belushi) from *The Blues Brothers*: "We're puttin' the band back together again!" It has been a great joy and privilege to lead musical worship with them and I thank Jason and all of them for welcoming me into their midst.

With joy in the journey,

Sal Sceccitano

Mission Updates

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” 1 Peter 4:10

Your giving to Third Church enables us to support many varied ministries, both locally and around the world. The funds we give and the prayers offered for our various mission partners are greatly appreciated and we wanted to share some of the thoughts and comments we have received from those we support.

From **Dan in East Africa** – “Moving through the language learning process has been full of ups and downs. Days where the lady at the store laughs at either what I said, how I said it, or what may have been just pure gibberish, but whatever it is its bad enough for them to switch to their broken English. It’s been an exhausting process but it has helped me to be increasingly bold to reach out into the local community.

I have had the chance to see my role at the school grow as well. On any given day at the library I could be leading or assisting in conversation class with locals where we help them practice their English as we discuss topics from social justice to conversations about hopes, truth, and some conversations that can be really engaging and interesting. Somedays at the school I also have the opportunity to tutor students one on one, or just work the front desk greeting students and running the library while still having the chance to have some conversations with students that want to stop and chat.

There have been other exciting opportunities for me to grow in ways that I hadn’t necessarily planned on either. With opportunities to grow in my role as a team member leading a team meeting and team bible study, and the chance to help expat teens, working with a youth group to encourage them and help them to grow and make the most out of their time here.”

From **Peter Halder (YFC Bangladesh)** – “We are grateful to our individual, church, and foundation partners. We come together in helping young people in Bangladesh come to the knowledge of Jesus and follow Him. Your partnership in their transformation is very much appreciated.”

From **Perry Jones (Capital City Rescue Mission)** – “Let me tell you about Greg who came to the Mission struggling with addiction, homelessness and pain. He worked through the New Life program, identifying his problems, seeking to apply God’s Word to his life. He began to trust in Jesus, the giver of life. Today he has graduated from the New Life program, moved through the Transitional Living program and has progressed from working as a day laborer to a full time job with a salary. He just moved into his own apartment and freely testifies to the grace of God in his life. What a change...what a joy. Thank you for making a difference to Greg. On his behalf, and many other men and women, thank you for investing in their lives.”

From **Andy Lightcap (Capital District Youth for Christ)** – “Ashley and Becky are two girls who began coming to Campus Life in September and that is where they met Jackie. Jackie is our Campus Life director in Bethlehem, and she is passionate about getting to know unsaved kids and introducing them to Jesus. The more these girls got to know Jackie and others at Campus Life, the more they began to know of Jesus and His love for them. It was through these relationships they began to find the “something real” they were looking for. This past week they were having coffee with Jackie and they said, “We don’t want to be half in, half out, we want to really do this.” It was in that coffee shop that they surrendered their lives to Jesus and became followers of Him. This is the reason that Capital District Youth for Christ exists. We are so thankful for your partnership in this ministry.”

From **Niki Campbell (InterVarsity at RPI and Russell Sage)** – “During the month of May students from colleges all over New York and New Jersey will gather in the Adirondacks for a week of chapter camp, Basileia. At the moment RPI and Sage have 23 students who have registered to attend. In those 23, 2 Not-Yet Christians are joining us. Basileia is perhaps our best tool for training up new leaders, getting buy-in toward the mission and exciting our chapters for the work Jesus is doing on our campus. The last

two years, Basileia has been the place many of our Not-Yet Christian friends said their first “yes” to following Jesus. We know that God is working and have seen Him do a lot. Can’t wait to see what more He has going on.”

Information and updates on all of our mission partners can be found on the bulletin boards in fellowship hall.

Updates and prayer request from Dan as he serves in Africa are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

SESSION MEETING-THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-TROY, NEW YORK-APRIL 10, 2017

ACTION ITEMS - A motion was approved to authorize the use of Ed Paul Youth Funds to pay expenses for Vacation Bible School.

PASTOR'S REPORT - Next Sermon Series from 1 Thessalonians.

INWARD MINISTRY (Encourage, Equip)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Visitation, phone calls, and cards are an ongoing ministry.
- We are in the process of updating the birthday and anniversary list.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

MEN'S MINISTRY

- The Men's Bible Study has finished their study on prayer and will be starting a study on the book of Colossians on 4/30. That will run for eight (8) weeks.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- We are still working on building up our rotation of nursery volunteers as the nursery is being used weekly now.
- We are in the process of updating our Child and Youth Protection Policy.
- We are looking ahead to Vacation Bible School and are working on setting dates for that.

OTHER ADULT STUDIES

- The Adult Sunday School will be starting a study on the life of Jesus on April 30th.

SENIOR'S MINISTRY

- Spring Luncheon sponsored by the Senior God Squad will be held at noon on Saturday May 20th. We will have a musical and educational program from “Eribeth”, the Elizabethan Trio from the Albany symphony Orchestra.

MISCELLANEOUS - The church library has been expanded and is now located in the main floor corner room (lounge).

OUTWARD MINISTRY (Engage, Evangelize, Extend)

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

- Spending for April 2017: Capital City Rescue Mission - \$ 500.00, Reach Across (Dan McAuley) - \$ 300.00, Bangladesh Youth For Christ - \$500.00, InterVarsity at Hudson Valley Community College - \$ 700.00
- After all donations were in and matching funds were added in from State Employees Federal Credit Union and Denooyer Chevrolet, Hope 7 received a check for \$15,702 for the food pantry.
- We will kick off the Special Mission Offering on Easter Sunday. Proceeds will be given to

Joshua Multunas to help with the expenses involved in attending Gordon Conwell next fall. A letter was given out or mailed to the congregation explaining the offering.

- Working on a new cover for the Order Of Worship that incorporates the new logo.
- If you are on Facebook, please “Like” the church's page and share posts and events. This helps to get the word out about what we are doing.
- Considering the possibility of hosting community dinners periodically as a way to connect with our community. This hopefully would lead to more outreach and ministry opportunities.
- The Community Garage Sale will be held on June 3rd from 9 AM-2 PM.
- The Back-To-School Fair will be held on August 26th from 11 AM-1 PM.

STEWARDSHIP (Upward, Inward, Outward)

GENERAL FUND & FINANCE

- We had a positive cash flow during March of \$95.79. This gives us a year-to-date deficit of \$2,582.87.

SESSION DESIGNATED FUNDS Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed, showing a balance of \$53,194.39.

PROPERTY

- Still looking for volunteers for the lawn mowing team.
- We are going ahead with the parking lot project. We are taking measurements, designing plans and obtaining quotes.

THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Our children and youth Sunday school classes is studying through various questions and responses from the Westminster Shorter Catechism over the 2017 Sunday-school year. So that we may walk with them in that journey, and so that all of us may be able to interact with them should they approach us with their questions (as they should feel free to do 😊!), we are going to return to that catechism over the next several months that we might be equipped to give a defense for the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim 2:15; 1 Tim 4:16; 1 Pt 3:15)

Q 39. What is the duty which God requires of man?

The duty which God requires of man is obedience to His revealed will.

Q 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of His obedience?

The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

Q 42. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Q 43. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words: “I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”

Q 44. What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the Lord, and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments.

Bible Quiz for May 2017

Our next sermon series which began at the end of April is on the New Testament book of “1 Thessalonians”. As we begin that study the questions for this quiz are taken from the first chapter of this letter.

1. Who are the three individuals attributed with sending this letter to the church at Thessalonica?
2. True or False: Paul opened this letter with a prayer.
3. Fill in the blanks: “. . . your work produced by _____, your labor prompted by _____, and your endurance inspired by _____”
4. True or False: Paul said that God chose the believers at Thessalonica because they chose to follow Jesus.
5. True or False: Paul acknowledged that the church in Thessalonica became imitators of them (Paul, Silas, Timothy), and of the Lord.
6. True or False: From the opening prayer of Paul we know that the Thessalonian believers were suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus.
7. True or False: Paul praised the Thessalonian believers for being a model of faithfulness for other churches to follow.
8. Fill in the blank: “They tell how you turned to God from _____ to serve the living and true God.”
9. True or False: At the end of chapter one, Paul affirmed the resurrection, the ascension, and the future return of Jesus.
10. True or False: Paul affirmed that is a God of wrath from whose judgment we need rescuing.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

June 3rd from 9:00 – 2:00

The Outward Ministry Committee is once again planning for a Community Garage Sale this summer so as you do your spring cleaning begin saving the treasures you no longer need and plan on joining us on the 3rd. There is no cost to participate. Just bring a table and your treasures to sell. If you would like to use one of the churches's tables please speak with Andy Miller.



If you would like to help out, we are looking for people who can help with set up and clean up and we need a few people who could man the food table and the church information table. We are also looking for donations of baked goods for the food table.

If you are able to help out or if you have any questions, please speak with Sue Laz.

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