

Do You Know How To Blush?

In Jeremiah 8:12, these words are recorded concerning the people of Judah: *“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their punishment they shall be cast down,” says the Lord.* Though these words were written almost 3,000 years ago, what an indictment they are on our own time and culture. We live in a world that has largely forgotten how to blush; a world in which abominations are committed openly and even proudly, without shame or remorse; a world in which sin is celebrated and righteousness is reviled. How disgusted and angered God must be with today’s world and its disregard for Him and His Word!

But lest we fall into the trap of hypocrisy, let us take a moment to think about our own hearts and lives. You see, even in a world that has largely strayed away from God, we are called to live godly lives, to continue to be morally, ethically, and spiritually pure. We are told to *“abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul”* (1 Peter 2:11) and to *“keep oneself unspotted from the world”* (James 1:27). So the question for each of us to ask ourselves is: *“Do I still know how to blush?”* Why is it important that we know how to blush? Well, to blush, as it is used in the text above, is an indication of a soft heart that is still broken by sin. It means that we are still capable of feeling shame, embarrassment, guilt, and remorse at the thought of disobeying God’s word and disregarding His will. It means that we are more concerned with maintaining our relationship with God than with *“enjoying the passing pleasure of sin”* (Hebrews 11:25). In a world that constantly bombards us with messages and images designed to desensitize us to sin and alter our sense of morality, we must continually guard ourselves against becoming hardened to sin and against the undue influences of the world. Keeping our hearts soft and sensitive to sin requires determination and diligent effort. By committing ourselves to prayer, study, and faithful lives, we must continually strive to draw nearer to God and to look to Him for guidance and instruction. And we must never forget how to blush!

Rusty

To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



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Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

Do you have beautiful feet? Admittedly, that seems like a very strange question on its surface but once we put it in context, it becomes valid.

Hopefully, we find ourselves working very hard to increase our Bible knowledge and, if so, that is to be commended! We should make a diligent effort every day to increase our Bible knowledge through study. Peter closes out his second letter with these words in 2 Peter 3:18, *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”* Without question, Christians are called to increase their knowledge about God.

Knowledge is useful, helpful, and necessary, but we cannot stop there. Christians are commanded to put our knowledge about God and His Son Jesus into action. Knowing about who Jesus is and what He did for me

is essential but if we fail to do anything with that knowledge, it cannot help me or those around me. The truth about God and His Son Jesus Christ is not something I can keep to myself, the message of the gospel must be shared with the world around me!

When God sent His Son into the world to offer forgiveness of sins to every person, He also had a plan to deliver that message, that plan was you and me! Consider what Romans 10:14-15 says, *“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’”*. Now, one more time, ask yourself the question

that is at the beginning of the article. Do you have beautiful feet? Are you taking the opportunities presented to you each day to share with someone the good news about Jesus Christ?

Our feet take us lots of places throughout our days on this earth. With our feet we go to work, to school, to practice, on vacation, and so on. There is no greater place our feet can take us than to the foot of the cross! May we strive to start each day at the foot of the cross. In addition, we must use our feet to take us to the lost and dying world around us so we can share the good news of Jesus with them! Our feet (as the rest of our bodies), were created to serve God. One of the greatest ways we can serve God is by sharing the news of His Son to the world around us. So, let me ask you, do you have beautiful feet?

Preparing To Pray—*Nathan Adams*

Too often our prayer lives consist of rushed prayers at meal times and prayers of which we invest little thought beforehand. Hopefully, our prayer lives are not consistently like this. If they are, we need to seriously take time to consider how we might improve our prayer life. I would suggest to you (as it was to me) that every so often we stop and really take time to prepare to pray. This preparation should not be done haphazardly, but diligently. Therefore, you will need to make time in your schedule to spend preparing and then praying. This is a time to “cease striving” and truly know God (Psalm 46:10). I believe that if you dedicate time to this, you will find blessing and strength. Let’s examine a few ideas for this powerful time of preparation and prayer to God.

First, find a quiet place away from distractions. That means no cell phones or other means by which texts or notifications can take your thoughts to worldly matters. Find your “closet” where it is just you and God (Matthew

6:6). Our world seeks to keep us so distracted that God is pushed from the forefront of our minds — defeat this effort by the devil by removing the world from our minds and focusing exclusively on God.

Second, make some notes about what you want to pray about. This will largely consist of lists to remember in your prayer.

List all those individuals and issues that you have told people you would pray about. Do not let your “I will pray for you/it” simply be words that have no truth in our actions. Instead, think about and list those things for which you said you would pray.

Spend time thinking about thanking. Make a list of specific things and people that you are thankful for God putting in your life. Do not come up short on this, our thanksgiving to God is integral to our faithful life (Colossians 3:17).

The next list is the hardest and will require the most from you. After some personal soul searching, honestly list your spiritual weaknesses and the sins

you have committed recently. Confession is a powerful thing. It not only is the way to forgiveness (1 John 1:9), it is a powerful and humbling reminder of where we need to focus our spiritual strength.

Third, find scriptures concerning prayer. These scriptures will focus your mind and remind you of the power of prayer. It is through the scriptures that our faith in all things (including prayer) is strengthened. Once you have found several texts concerning prayer, read them just before you pray.

The final obvious component is to pray. Give your heart, your mind, and your complete focus to God. None of us like to have a conversation with someone whose attention is on other things during the conversation. Do not do that to God. I know that it is hard, but self-control is always hard.

This close and intimate time with God in prayer can change your life in powerful ways. Take the time—prepare yourself to pray—you need it—God deserves it.

News Of Interest

Sick

Millennium Rehab

Louise Merryman

Regency Healthcare and Rehab

Robert Nance

Crestwood Hospital

Juanez Tanner

Home: Peggy Champion, Jim Dalton, Leo Johnson, Don Cox, and Bob Trammell.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Lindsey Schneider** in the death of her grandmother, Mary Cannon.

Balance Class

Tues., Jan 31; Thurs, Feb. 2; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item

Canned Fruit

Report from Cusco, Peru

There were 28 baptisms in 2016.

Currently, Barton and Gary have between four and five studies going weekly.

They also have Group Bible Studies in their homes.

Further information will be given when they present an in-person report later this year.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Rusty Hills and Young Men**

Song Leader: **Young Men**

5th Sunday Singing

Today, 5:00 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, Feb. 1. Cooks will prepare lunch.

Men's Retreat

February 3—4, Camp Ney-A-Ti. Sign up at Hospitality Desk.

Financial Peace Class

Financial Peace Class Preview Monday, February 6, 6:00—7:30 p.m., small auditorium. Sign up at Hospitality Desk. This will be the last day to sign up; payment is due at that time.

Ladies Retreat

February 10—11, Camp Ney-A-Ti. \$35.00 per person. Sign up at Hospitality Desk.

Thank You

“I would like to thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and food during my recent illness. I have been a member of this congregation for a long time and it just keeps getting better. May God continue to bless you.”

Martha Norris

February 2017 Birthdays

1	Billy Brothers Rhonda Atchley	15	Janet Baker
2	Shelia Emperley Garrett Williams Flavil Nichols Britney Gransky	16	Jared Brumlow Ron McCall
4	Judy Deck	17	Carolyn Atnip
5	Bennie Jacks Faye Baran Zita McCall	18	Leigh Anne Walker
6	Dianne Maddox	19	Ruth Ray
7	Matthew McBride	20	Regina Brothers Lindsey Schneider
8	Kitty Denny Bob Williams	21	Martha Row Cathy Peacock
11	Tracy Stiegler	24	Pat Steele
12	Lynn Crawford Isaiah McCreless	27	Bobby Rosenblum Dennis Huggins
13	Marcia Lindstrom	28	Molly Davidson Martha Norris

Special Emphasis Day
Sunday, February 5th



Guest Speaker:
Denny Petrillo
President & Instructor
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Denver, Colorado

Come & See **JESUS**

- 9:00 AM** **Worship** “Come and See Jesus In Prophecy”
- 10:15 AM** **Bible Class** “Come and See Jesus In His Miracles”
7th grade through all adult classes combined in auditorium
- 11:00 AM** **Fellowship Meal**
- 12:30 PM *** **Worship** “Come and See Jesus In His Claims”
** Starting time for PM worship is approximate*

Statistics

Sunday, January 22, 2017

AM Worship	364
Month Average	368
Bible Class	322
PM Worship	254
Wed., Jan. 25 Bible Classes	254
Regency Ret. Worship	23
Offering	\$16,383.22
Budget	\$18,000
Average '17	\$17,664
Under Budget for year	-\$1,343
Building Fund	\$0

Services

Sunday

Worship	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class	10:15 a.m.
Worship	5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Super Seniors	10:00 a.m.
Bible Class	6:30 p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God’s Holy Word

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