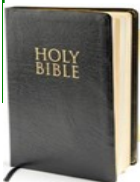




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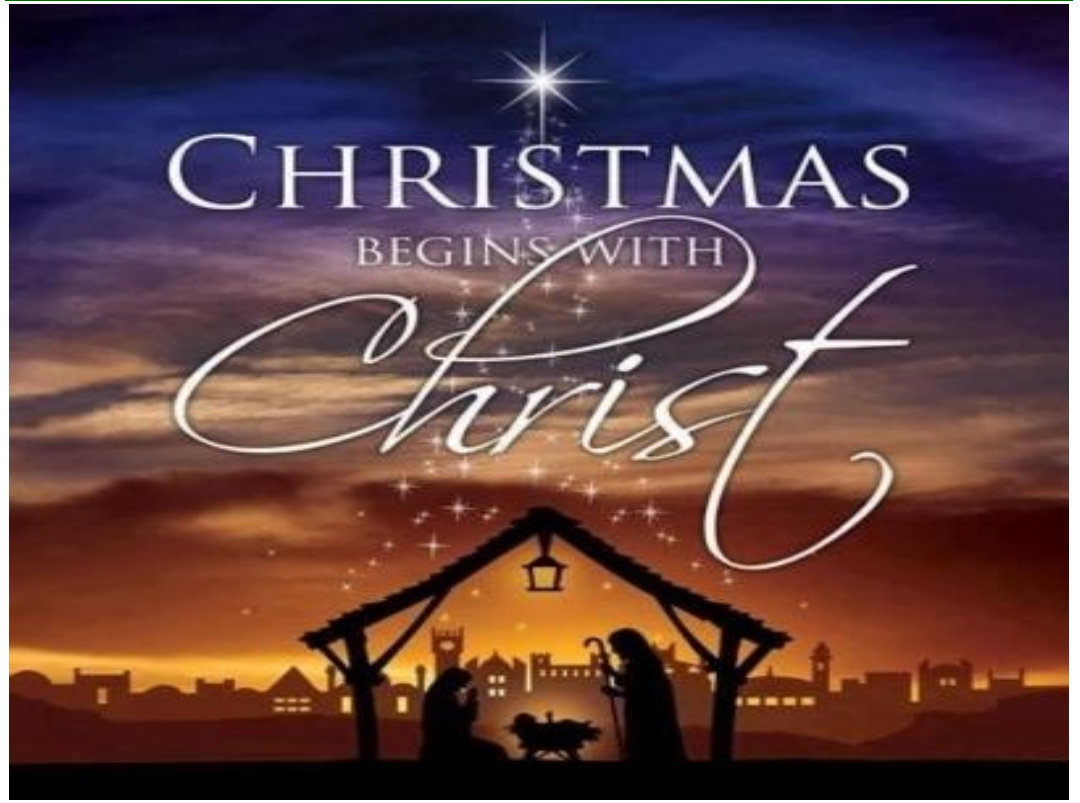
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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The Greater Little Zion Family wishes all a wonderful and blessed Merry Christmas!

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**"Standing the Duty"
2 Timothy 1:3**

Reaching the unsaved with the saving message of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:19-20



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JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Was Wearing A Bible Verse the Disqualifying Factor for a Teen Runner?



According to an on-line news report by Todd Starnes, a FoxNews.com reporter, Georgia Congressman Douglas Collins seems to think that student runner, John Green, may have been disqualified from a state championship meet because there was a Bible verse embroidered on his headband. This incident occurred on November 7th at the Georgia 5-A cross-country state championship.

As reported, John Green, a third place winner from West Forsyth High School was disqualified because he was wearing a white headband with the words: "Isaiah 40:30-31 embroidered on it. What these verses say is: "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD will renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

John had worn the headband since the start of the 2015 season as well as at region and sectional meets, and at no point was ever told to take it off. Before this race and after the official team inspection, they were given the green light. However, a second official stopped John and asked to inspect his headband. He was ordered to turn the band inside out because of the writing on it and John complied. Moments before the race, yet another official ordered it to be removed completely. The problem-John was left with nothing to keep his long hair out of his face. John went on to run, but when he crossed the finish line, he was summarily disqualified for breaking a rule that wasn't on the books.

The Georgia High School Association (GHSA) admitted that there is no specific rule violating headbands, but they do have a rule that allows referees to make up any rules not covered within the rules. Okay! According to this report, they had the authority for their ruling based on their interpretation that the headband was in fact like a beanie, toboggan or ear covers—which are against the rules, unless they are adorned.

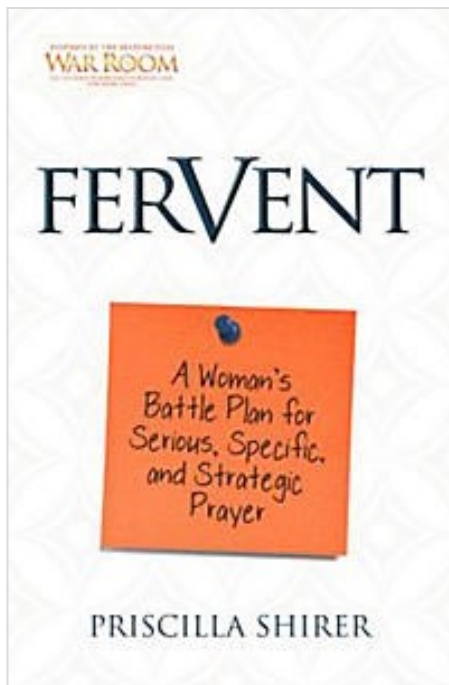
GHSA has stated that John's disqualification had nothing to do with what was written on his headband—that the religious nature of it did not enter into the decision to disqualify him—even when he complied with two other officials in turning it inside out. The disqualification stands!

So, what do you think?: Was John's headband the thing that disqualified him? Or, was GHSA well within their authority to rule as they did?

Join the conversation!

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Author: Priscilla Shirer



Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer

You have an enemy...and he's dead set on destroying all you hold dear and keeping you from experiencing abundant life in Christ. What's more, his approach to disrupting your life and discrediting your faith isn't general or generic, not a one-size-fits-all. It's specific. Personalized. Targeted. **Fervent** is your chance to strike back. Each chapter will guide you in crafting prayer strategies that hit the enemy where it hurts, letting him know you're on to him and that you won't back down. Because with every new strategy you build, you're turning the fiercest battles of life into precise strikes against him and his handiwork, each one infused with the power of GOD's Spirit.



Great Christmas gift!



Something to Consider.....

“Every good and perfect gift is from above”.....

-James 1:17



.....and the greatest gift given was Jesus Christ!



Merry Christmas!

Editorial Thought

Greater Little Zion Baptist Church's Gift to Me!: Thanks So Much!

Before I sign off, I wanted to take this occasion to tell you about the gift that you gave me Greater Little Zion Baptist Church-my church family. When I first told Pastor Murphy that I would take on being the editor of the Zion Trumpet, our church newsletter, I did so with a bit of a selfish motive. You see, it is my desire to be a published author, and I thought that if I started off writing from a Christian education perspective, then GOD would lead me into my professional writing. I was sure that He would help me to leave my authorship imprint so that I would add to the body of knowledge in my profession. Well, I have been the editor of this newsletter for the past five years, and I have yet to pen the "great work" that I have desired to do. Yet, I was given a gift in taking on the responsibility of writing for this newsletter-an unexpected gift.

In producing this newsletter, I have been taken on a Christian education journey! I have learned so much more about GOD, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. I have learned so much more about love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I have learned so much more about GOD's Word being a lamp to my feet and a light to my path-that it is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart-that His word that goes out from His mouth will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which He sent it. I have learned so much more about GOD's plans to prosper me and not to harm me, but to give me a hope and a future. I have learned so much more about GOD answering me when I call to Him, O my righteous GOD-that He will give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. Oh, I have learned so much more!!!!

But the most precious gift is the disciple that is being produced in me. There were times that I thought, "No body is reading this newsletter anyway." Then GOD being GOD, set me straight! So many of you let me know that you had grown from reading the newsletter-that relatives that you shared the newsletter with had grown from it. It inspired me-made me be more purposeful in what I shared-what I put on the pages. GOD had positioned me to become a more purposed disciple! This is a gift! A gift that I thank you for. A gift that has developed in me, purpose for the kind of writing that I want to do professionally. I thank you for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ in so many different ways. Thanks for opening up this process of responding to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine my thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of GOD!

What a great occasion to give you a gift-my gift of gratitude for allowing me to be the editor of this wonderful publication! I thank you for entrusting this very important task to me-for encouraging me and for giving me the opportunity for growth. May GOD bless all of you in this season of giving. May He bring another to this honored task who will take this work to another level so that you and loved ones will continue to be blessed! Love to you all and



Deacon Diane Reese

MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the LORD stood before them, and the glory of the LORD shone." Luke 2:8-9a (NKJV)

Glory To GOD in The Highest

Since the Savior's birth was the greatest news of all time, shouldn't GOD have announced it to important people like kings and nobles? Instead, He sent His angel to make the announcement to insignificant shepherds. They were absolutely awed by what they heard and witnessed - the long-awaited Messiah had finally arrived. Though their message probably seemed strange to others and could have resulted in ridicule, they wanted everyone to hear the good news.

We must become bold like those shepherds. It's our job to take the gospel to people who haven't heard, but many believers lack the courage to share their faith. At times we don't feel knowledgeable enough, and yet we understand far more than shepherds did. They had this one experience with angels, but we have the written Word of GOD available anytime we choose to open it. Don't let the fear of rejection, embarrassment, or inadequacy keep you from sharing the only message that can change someone's eternal destiny.

Today you may or may not get a message from an angel, but through Scripture or by an inaudible "whisper," GOD still speaks to those who humbly seek after Him and whose heart is open to listen. The real issue is what we do after hearing from Him.

The shepherds left immediately to find the newborn Messiah - just think what they'd have missed had they refused to leave their sheep! Are you quick to obey GOD's instructions? By hesitating, you could miss great opportunities. Ready obedience is the key to experiencing the LORD's plans for your life.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

"But when the right time came, GOD sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. GOD sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children." Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)



BIBLE WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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Jesus' Birth

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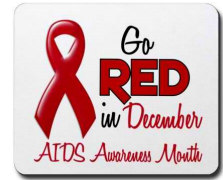
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HEALTH WATCH: THE BODY TEMPLE

December is. AIDS Awareness Month



U.S. STATISTICS

**GAY & BISEXUAL MEN
OF ALL RACES**



**ARE THE MOST SEVERELY
AFFECTED BY HIV**

**ABOUT 1 IN 4 NEW
HIV INFECTIONS IS AMONG
YOUTH AGES 13-24**



**MOST OF THEM DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE
INFECTED, ARE NOT GETTING TREATED, AND CAN
UNKNOWINGLY PASS THE VIRUS ON TO OTHERS**



>1 MILL  **ARE LIVING WITH HIV IN THE U.S.**

1 IN 8 LIVING WITH HIV



ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR INFECTION

**HIV in the United States: At A
Glance**

FAST FACTS

- More than 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV infection, and almost 1 in 8 (12.8%) are unaware of their infection.
- Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM^a), particularly young black/African American MSM, are most seriously affected by HIV.
- By race, blacks/African Americans face the most severe burden of HIV.

Source: <https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/hiv-aids-101/statistics/>

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FOOD PANTRY

Missionary Opportunity: Help Restock the Food Pantry! For items needed, see Deacon Geraldine Woods



Did you know that.....

Reindeer like bananas



GLZBC Market Place Small Business Showcase

Saturday, December 5, 2015

10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

POC: Sis. Cynthia Turner

703-505-2408



**Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

Annual College Bound:

Road to Success Luncheon

Sunday, December 6, 2015

11:00 a.m.

Waterford @ Fair Oaks

12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway

Fairfax, VA 22033



Annual Church Meeting

Saturday, December 12, 2015

10:00 A.M.

Members Only



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DECEMBER 6, 2015

7:45 & 10:45 A.M. SERVICES

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\$2500

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Donations can be made each

Sunday up to January 3, 2016

POC: Bro. Abraham Scott

“Hold on to instruction, do not let it go;

guard it well, for it is your life.”

Proverbs 4:13 (NIV)

GODS' GIRLS

Lavished in **love**
Gifted with **grace**
Showered with **mercy**
Overflowing with **hope**



Greater Little Zion Baptist Church GIRLS MINISTRY

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To GOD Be The Glory For The Great Thing
He Has Done!

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**BOXES FOR
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!**

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Christmas Baskets

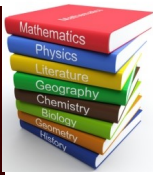
Submit Names by
December 6, 2015

Baskets will be distributed
December 19, 2015
10:00 a.m.-12 noon
Greater Little Zion Baptist Church

POC:
Admin Office, admin@glzbc.org
or
Call the Church Office
(703) 764-9111



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT



“Don’t limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do.

You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve.”

-May Kay Ash

GLZBC ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT TEAM

Dr. Al Moseley (Gen Math, Geometry, Physics, Calculus)

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Mr. Ed James (Gen Math, Algebra, Physics)

Mr. Robert Clark (Gen Math, Algebra)

Tuesday Nights

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

VERSE TO REMEMBER

John 3:16

"For GOD so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Happy Birthday
JESUS

Jesus' Birth

- Jesus was born closest to which year?
 - 10 B.C.
 - 5 B.C.
 - 0 A.D.
 - 5 A.D.
- Where was Jesus born?
 - Nazareth
 - Bethlehem
 - Jerusalem
 - Jericho
- Why did Joseph and Mary give the baby the name Jesus?
 - He was named after Joseph's brother.
 - They were instructed to by an angel.
 - It was suggested by Mary's cousin Elizabeth.
 - It was foretold in the Book of Isaiah.
- How did the shepherds who visited Baby Jesus know where to find Him?
 - They followed a star in the east.
 - King Herod told them where Jesus was born.
 - They were told in a dream.
 - An angel of the LORD told them.
- How did the Magi (wise men) who visited Baby Jesus know where to find Him?
 - They followed a star in the east.
 - The shepherds told them Jesus had been born in Bethlehem.
 - They were told in a dream.
 - An angle of the LORD told them.
- Of what religion were Joseph, Mary and Jesus ?
 - Islam
 - Christianity
 - Judaism
 - Buddhism
- One year when Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem for Passover, Jesus stayed behind in the Temple and His parents could not find Him for 3 days. How old was Jesus then?
 - 10
 - 12
 - 14
 - 16

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

This month's test of your Bible knowledge is about Jesus' birth. Answers appear on bottom of page. Enjoy!



Happy Birthday
JESUS



The Christmas Story Bible Study

Scriptures from Luke 1-2 and Matthew 1-2

That GOD became man (the incarnation) is the miracle of all miracles. He didn't come as a powerful, invincible warrior (as the Jewish people expected), but as a little baby crying in a

stable.

1. What is your favorite thing about Christmas?
2. Do you put up a Christmas tree every year? When do you decorate for Christmas?
3. What other Christmas traditions do you observe from your childhood?

READ: Luke 26-38

4. If you had been Mary, what would have been the hardest thing to comprehend?
 - ◆ Being favored by GOD
 - ◆ Getting pregnant as a virgin
 - ◆ Who her child was going to be
 - ◆ How to explain her pregnancy to others
5. How do you think Mary felt about giving birth to the Messiah?
 - ◆ Scared
 - ◆ Honored
 - ◆ Burdened
 - ◆ Overjoyed
 - ◆ Lonely
 - ◆ Clueless
6. How would you feel if an angel came to you today to tell you GOD's plan for your life?
7. In what area of your life do you need to believe that nothing is impossible with GOD? **v. 37**

READ: Matthew 1:18-25

8. If you had been Joseph, what would have been the first thing to come into your mind when you found out your fiancé was pregnant?



- ◆ She's never lied to me before, maybe she's telling the truth
- ◆ Surely GOD must know what He's doing

9. What would you say to friends and family?

10. Did these incidents likely strain or strengthen Joseph and Mary's future marriage relationship?

11. What reason does Matthew give as to why Jesus was born (**v. 21**)?

12. What do you learn about faith from Joseph?

READ: Luke 2:1-20

13. Why do you suppose the Savior of the World was born in an obscure village and laid in a manger?

- ◆ To fulfill prophecy
- ◆ To show He was human
- ◆ It just happened that way
- ◆ GOD didn't want to draw attention to His son's birth
- ◆ No place would have been as grand as He deserved

14. Why do you think GOD chose to announce the birth of His Son to shepherds?


READ: Matthew 2:1-12

15. Why do you think
thing to follow the

the Magi left every-
star?







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CDC estimates that 1,218,400 persons aged 13 years and older are living with HIV infection, including 156,300 (12.8%) who are unaware of their infection. Over the past decade, the number of people living with HIV has increased, while the annual number of new HIV infections has remained relatively stable. Still, the pace of new infections continues at far too high a level—particularly among certain groups.

HIV Incidence (new infections): The estimated incidence of HIV has remained stable overall in recent years, at about 50,000 new HIV infections per year. Within the overall estimates, however, some groups are affected more than others. MSM continue to bear the greatest burden of HIV infection, and among races/ethnicities, African Americans continue to be disproportionately affected.

HIV Diagnoses (new diagnoses, regardless of when infection occurred or stage of disease at diagnosis): In 2013, an estimated 47,352 people were diagnosed with HIV infection in the United States. In that same year, an estimated 26,688 people were diagnosed with AIDS. Overall, an estimated 1,194,039 people in the United States have been diagnosed with AIDS.

Deaths: An estimated 13,712 people with an AIDS diagnosis died in 2012, and approximately 658,507 people in the United States with an AIDS diagnosis have died overall. The deaths of persons with an AIDS diagnosis can be due to any cause—that is, the death may or may not be related to AIDS.

BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Blacks/African Americans continue to experience the most severe burden of HIV, compared with other races and ethnicities.

- Blacks represent approximately 12% of the U.S. population, but accounted for an estimated 44% of new HIV infections in 2010. They also accounted for 41% of people living with HIV infection in 2011.
- Since the epidemic began, an estimated 270,726 blacks with AIDS have died, including an estimated 6,540 in 2012.

Hispanics/Latinos are also disproportionately affected by HIV.

- Hispanics/Latinos represented 16% of the population but accounted for 21% of new HIV infections in 2010. Hispanics/Latinos accounted for 20% of people living with HIV infection in 2011.
- Disparities persist in the estimated rate of new HIV infections in Hispanics/Latinos. In 2010, the rate of new HIV infections for Latino males was 2.9 times that for white males, and the rate of new infections for Latinas was 4.2 times that for white females.
- Since the epidemic began, more than 100,888 Hispanics/Latinos with an AIDS diagnosis have died, including 2,155 in 2012.

Source: <https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/hiv-aids-101/statistics/>

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Christ Is All.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Prayer Service: Wed, 7 p.m.
Bible Study: Wed, 8 p.m.

2015 Theme
"Standing the Duty" 2 Timothy 1:3

Mission
*The mission of Greater Little Zion Baptist Church is to
lead everyone to a full life of development in Christ.*
Luke 4:18-19

Vision
*Reaching the unsaved with the saving message of
Jesus Christ.*
Matthew 28:19-20

MORNING PRAYER TIME



**GLZBC Sunday Morning
Prayer Time**

**A quiet time in the sanctuary
to sit and pray between
services.**

**Starting at 9:45 a.m. & ending
at 10:15 a.m. (approximately)**

POC: Deacon Ned Roper