

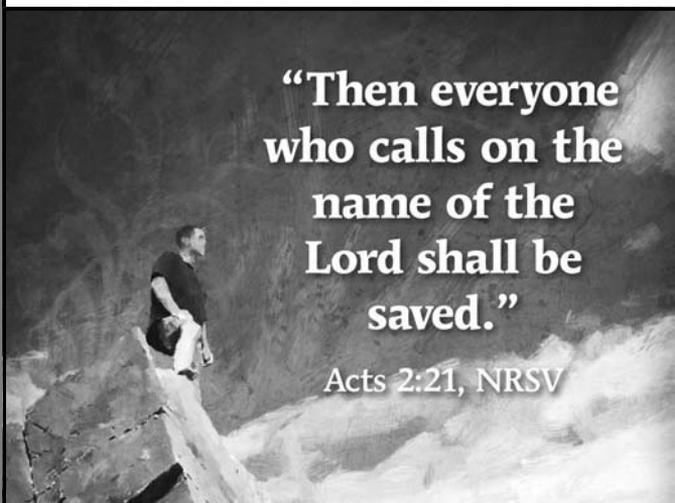
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June 23rd - 27th
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(ages 3 years old - 6th Grade)

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Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

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The submission deadline for the *Summer* issue of Windows is June 10th.

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From The Pastor's Heart



Summer arrives soon and before you know it, lots of plans will be made...some for picnics, days in the mountains or at the beach. Many are looking for some well-deserved rest and relaxation because, if we are truly honest, all too often the margins of life can quickly disappear in the midst of busy and hectic paces of life.

One of the challenges of life today is often, the more we have, the less content we seem to be. There are many examples of this American modern dilemma. Just look at the sports stars and celebrity tragedies we've seen in recent years. Other tragedies are being added almost every single month. Here is a small part of society that we think would have everything a person could ask for – fame, fortune, and fan following. Yet, all that they had was evidently not been enough.

You don't have to be a celebrity to find yourself fighting the nagging doubts that come from the feeling that you aren't getting what you deserve. We actually begin to feel it at an early age. You may have heard the story of the little boy who had been invited to a friend's birthday party. They had played games. They had watched

the presents being opened. Now it was time for the birthday cake. As Danny's mother was cutting the cake, the little boy who had been invited blurted out, "I want the biggest piece!" His mother, who was also present, rushed to cover her little son's outburst. "Bobby, you know it's not polite to ask for the biggest piece." Bobby looked up at his red-faced mom and with child-like honesty and boldness he asked, "Well, then how do you get the biggest piece anyway?"

Truly one of the complexities of American life is that the more there is, the more we may crave. At some point, we have to ask ourselves these questions: Is true, abiding contentment found by bringing in something from the outside or is it something we already have on the inside? Is it external or internal? Does it depend on how things are going, or does it transcend the circumstances because of what's grounded deep down within our soul?

These are the questions Paul asked in his letter to the church at Philippi. Paul wrote his letter to the Philippian people while in prison, which was a place Paul had known all too well for following Jesus. In the book of Acts, chapter 16, it was during his first trip to Philippi that Paul and his companion, Silas, had gotten thrown into jail before being miraculously delivered in the midnight hour - a deliverance which had led to the life transformation and salvation of the jailer who watched over them and all of his family. Now, Paul was in prison, either in Caesarea or Ephesus or even Rome, awaiting his trial before Caesar in the Imperial City.

Being in prison had given Paul time to reflect upon his life and those who had supported him, none more than the Philippians. We read in Philippians 4:11-13 that Paul wanted the Philippians to know that, in spite of his circumstances, he had come to a place of complete contentment. Notice what Paul says in verses 12 and 13: *"I know what it is to be in need (or to be humbled), and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret (or even "the mysteries") of being content in any and every situation. I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need (and am learning this life truth) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

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ATTENTION GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 8th, we will be recognizing our 8th grade, high school, college and grad school graduates. Students or parents are asked to submit **IN WRITING** or by email (maria@fumccollingswood.org)



the information about graduation. Please include the name of the graduate, middle school, high school or college and any info about future or continuing education. Please submit the information by Monday, June 2nd.

FAREWELL FOR REV. BOB COSTELLO

We will be saying goodbye to our D.S. this year. He has served the Gateway South District well these past 3 years and accomplished many new things. We will miss Bob as our D.S. but he will still be a part of our district. As of July 1st, Bishop John Schol has appointed Pastor Bob to the Haddonfield UMC as the Senior Pastor.

Save the date of June 8th at 5 PM at Haddonfield UMC for Pastor Bob's Farewell. The District Committee on Superintendency has put a lot of thought into the evening so that it is a fitting tribute while still being an evening to enjoy. The program will begin at 5:00 pm with dinner immediately following. As always with our D.S., children are welcome. Just let us know the ages of your children and childcare will be made available. Join with us as we show our appreciation for him and for all he has done for our district. Use this link to register so that we have an accurate count for dinner <http://www.gnjumc.org/registrations/register/138>.

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

June 8 **Student Recognition and Scholarship Sunday**

June 15 **Father's Day:** Pastor Sam will share a special message on the Power of *Integrity* at both the 8:30 and 10:45 am services. Join us and bring a friend, for this inspirational service for everyone as we honor our men and fathers.



June 16 **Collingswood Baccalaureate** will be held here at the church at 7:00 pm.

June 29 **VBS Celebration Sunday!!**

Combined Service at 10:45 am after Sunday School at 9:40 am and a picnic following the combined service.

Summer Adult Combined Sunday School starts on June 29th.

Anyone interested in leading the combined summer adult Discipleship Hour for one of six parables, please contact Mary Emily Cameron. The lessons are each 2 weeks with the first week being called "Understanding the Parable" and the second using a DVD of the lesson called "Living the Parable."

June Sermon and Scriptures MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE 2014

"The Power of One Word" Sermon Series continues through June as we focus on life-giving words in our lives!

June 1	"Hunger" (Communion)	John 6:35
June 8	"Trust"	Jeremiah 17:7-8
June 15	"Integrity"	1 Samuel 12:1-4
June 22	"Hope"	Romans 15:13 Psalm 62:5
June 29	Vacation Bible School Celebration Sunday (Combined Service)	

OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION SERVICE

Supplies for Handi*Camp - NJ

- paper towels - we use lots!
- napkins - inexpensive square ones
- baby wipes - preferably the rectangular plastic boxes or refills
- Lysol liquid all purpose (yellow) cleaner - refill bottles are best (we have spray bottles we can refill)
- BLUE kitchen-sized bags if you can find them (we use blue and white for different needs and have lots of white in our supplies already)
- 5 oz. paper or plastic cups
- pump soaps (no refills please)
- an inexpensive bed pillow
- ponchos (Dollar store variety is fine)
- plain white shower curtains
- several cases of bottled water
- personal packs of tissues
- regular & decaf coffee
- gallon-sized Ziploc bags
- rolls of masking tape

Please place in the boardroom by Friday, June 6th. Thank you.



CAN YOU HELP??

Go on a 1 day missions trip 45 minutes from the church. Handi*Camp needs your help on June 7 to clean and prepare the facility at Malaga for Handi*Camp. The work day begins at 9:00 am at the Malaga dining hall. Donuts and coffee will be available and work assignments will be given. If you can help or have any questions, please call Joan Steward. You can sign up at the Connection Points, also.



Are you looking for a place to help at church that involves playing, snacks and fun? We have the right spot for you! ☺ Our infant and toddler nurseries are in desperate need of volunteers! We support both the 8:30 am and 10:45 am worship services. We will be happy to work around your schedule. If you're only available during certain times of the year, that's great, too. Please contact Kathy Boswell if you are interested. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



The Collingswood Food Pantry is in a continuous need for donations. Please bring your nonperishable items to the church and place them in the baskets in the parlor and/or the boardroom. Thank you.



BABY BOTTLES—for Options for Women Center. Bottles and envelopes are available for you use. Please return them on Father's Day. Our contributions will help pregnant women make the correct choices during their pregnancy.



Options for Women is now accepting donations of gently used clothing. You may bring your donations to their collection point in the parking lot of their Cherry Hill location. Thank you.



June 23rd - 27th
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
(ages 3 years old - 6th Grade)

- Please begin to pray now for the following two things:
1. Pray for the children who will attend our VBS that they will discover God's love.
 2. Pray asking God how and/or where you can help.





The trend today is for most churches to charge a fee for Vacation Bible School. Our Children's Ministry Team feels strongly that the free gift of salvation should remain free. We want to give away that gift by teaching our community children about God's love. That's why we need you to know about the upcoming communion offering for Vacation Bible School on June 1st. Please plan to support our VBS on this day from your generous offerings.

Save the Dates!



Tuesdays and Thursdays
from July 8th - 31st from 10:15 am -
3:00 pm. Begin praying how you can
be a part of this exciting opportunity
to touch the lives of children grades 3
- 6 through teaching the book of John
and building relationships through
fun day trips!!

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service 4:00 PM Overflow Meeting 6:00 PM Junior High Youth Group	2 7:00 PM Church Council	3 Alpha 6:45 PM HVMI Support Group	4 6:00 PM Senior Youth Group 6:45 PM Mas
8 Student Sunday 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service 5:30 PM Bob Costello's Farewell 6:00 PM Junior High Youth Group	9 7:00 PM Discipleship Meeting 7:00 PM Nurture Committee Mtg.	10 Alpha	11 6:00 PM Senior Youth Group 6:45 PM Mas
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a ministry of students
loving God, loving people,
connecting with our neighbors



This is a youth ministry for people in grades 6-12, and everyone is welcome! There are a few regular times we meet each week (as follows), as well as other extra special events throughout the month (see below.)

But one thing is certain – we are never stagnant, because God is always moving!!

the ryver (Grades 6-8 meet Sunday; Grades 9-12 meet Wednesday – both 6:00 - 8:00 pm)

The perfect place to get started! Designed to help people connect with God and each other through games, music, and conversations about God, the Bible, and life.

the ryver deep (Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 am)

Essential for those who really want to grow in their faith! Grades 6-12 are together as we dig deeper in the Bible and learn how to live it.

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook:
"The Ryver Youth Ministry"

COMING EVENTS

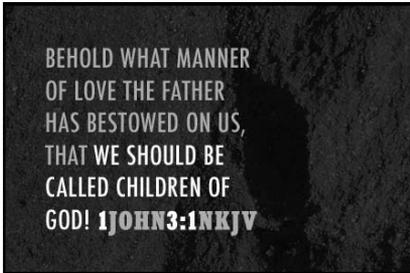
SUMMER TRIP STUFF:

Overflow: Sunday 6/1 – 2nd team meeting (4:00 pm) – MANDATORY for everyone involved. Bring assignments due & \$40 deposit. Dinner will be provided.

Fortysix10: Wednesday 6/25 – 2nd team meeting (4:00 pm) – MANDATORY for everyone involved. Bring assignments due & \$30 deposit. Dinner will be provided.

Graduation Sunday
Sunday 6/8 – 10:45 am

Join us today as we honor all our middle school, high school and college graduates in our worship service.



Happy Father's Day
Sunday 6/15

Junior High will NOT be meeting tonight, to give you the chance to do something extra special for your Dad today!

VBS (Vacation Bible School)
Monday 6/23 through Friday 6/27

Another great opportunity for you to get involved in reaching out to kids in our community – recreation, snack, set-up, crafts and classroom helpers – there's a place for you! Talk to Shawn to get involved.



God's Squad is coming!
July 8-31, Tuesdays and Thursdays!

If you're entering grades 8 and up, don't miss this awesome - and very fun outreach opportunity! See Shawn to get involved.



MISSIONARY MESSAGES



John and Alice Barcus

It was 68 years ago today (April Fool's Day, 1946) that Alice and I left Hobart, Indiana for Morocco, N. Africa. We were no fools. No one is a fool to follow the Lord's leading! But it was not easy. Dad said to me, "Son, you're the only child I have, and there's a lot of Christian work that needs to be done right here in this country. Why do you have to go so far away from me?" We were all weeping, but here came the train, and we boarded for the first leg of our long journey. It was years later that we learned what Dad confided to a friend only a few months after our departure. He said to him, "I'm glad I could give my only son for God's work; God had only one Son whom He gave for me." I never saw Dad again on earth, but we'll be reunited in heaven in the presence of God the Father and his only Son.

But for now, Alice and I carry on in our assigned tasks and ministry. Retirement is not in the Bible. In spite of our arthritis, we are eager to get-going with-our-own organic garden, if this weird winter ever lets go of freezing nights and snowy mornings. Until we can see you face to face, thanks to all who still stand with us in prayer and financial support!

Greg and Sue Stowers

Last Sunday in the Sannois church someone for whom we have prayed at least 20 years gave her testimony. When she moved to our town the former pastor warned us that she never advanced in her faith and just took up a lot of time.

But love is patient. Love waits. We have prayed with her, taught her the Bible, and counseled her when she went through a painful divorce, when her ex-husband died of cancer, when her teenage twins rebelled and in her difficulties as a practical nurse in a nearby hospital. It was true, she didn't seem to take giant steps forward ... until we sponsored a weekend on the subject of forgiveness. After that she made the decision to forgive her father and husband who had both abused her. She also forgave her mother who abandoned her during childhood. She had lived through a lot of

sorrow but she decided in her heart to put all the bad things behind her and live for the Lord. At that point in her testimony in front of 250 people she began to sing in French, “Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.” She was so joyful and yet we all cried--so much suffering and so much grace from the Lord. She said her life was rescued from a trash heap and now she lives a blessed life. She looked clean and radiant.

We sang “Grâce Infinie” (Amazing Grace) and after the service one of the Christians came up to us and said she would not miss hearing those testimonies for anything in the world because it was like going on vacation and being surprised at the stunning scenery in a part of the world you have never visited before. It was seeing the unique work of God's hands in a person's life and it was so beautiful.

Also, please pray for my dear mother, Gladys Stowers who is now 87 years old and was recently diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Reverend Melvin Floyd

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your wonderful, dedicated, giving to the ministry of Neighborhood Crusades, Inc. and the Mel Floyd School of Evangelism. It is such a blessing. You will never know how much your devotion has meant to me. I am so amazed to see how many students are traveling from a number of states to attend our classes and be taught the art and skill of winning lost souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

As a co-laborer with me, your dedicated giving, kind words of encouragement and prayers just overwhelm me. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! May God continue to bless and keep you because of your continued faithfulness to this ministry.

Bob and Barb Alber

Please allow us to share our hearts for the people of Jamaica, a place we have come to love and think of as our second home. We have introduced you to Sunshine, Henry, and Tony and their families and you have rejoiced with us as they have come to know the Lord and serve alongside us in ministry.

This year we will bring 22 team members, the largest group to date! We are undertaking the most ambitious projects as well, so

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we are looking for praying partners to join us as we serve. A beautiful thing happens when we serve together—the Scriptures come alive! Let us strive to live out Ephesians 4:11-16, which concludes, “*Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*” We invite you to become part of this year's team through your prayers and financial support.

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When I think of Paul and all that he lived through and that he still came to a place of complete contentment no matter where he was, my prayer for this summer is “Lord if there are storms and rain or sunshine and humidity,” as the hymn writer from one of my favorite hymns writes, “It is well, it is well, with my soul!” (My thoughts were inspired by Doug Dortch.)

In His Love and Grace
Pastor Sam



1 CORINTHIANS 1:25, NRSV



If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: maria@fumccollingswood.org.

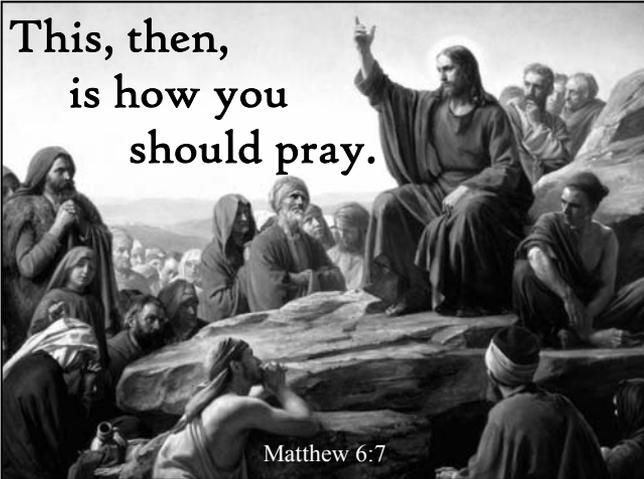
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June 3	Virginia Morrow	June 22	Luke Brown
June 5	Maxwell Schoch Samuel Schoch	June 24	Aryana Zook
June 6	Lisa Mountain	June 25	Marian Haiges
June 13	Jean LeBlanc Dawn Molloy	June 26	Florence Keller
June 15	Shirl Latch	June 27	Janice Bittle
June 18	Virginia Armitage	June 28	Prin Pappas Brian Steward
June 19	Linda Schoch	June 29	Jason Meyers
		June 30	Nathanael Meyers



June 1	James & Katherine Jungclaus Jr.
June 2	Phil & Kathy Boswell
June 21	Michael & Dawn Molloy
June 28	Tom & Carolyn Thompson



Wings of Prayer



**This, then,
is how you
should pray.**

Matthew 6:7

Have there been times when you wondered what to pray or how to do it? Do you pray differently when you are alone from when you are asked to do so by your family, your friends or in a public venue? Is it important that we demonstrate when we pray? By that, I am wondering if our physical as well as spiritual attitude is important. Do we need to kneel? Does it matter if our hands are together with our fingers straight and together or if we curl our fingers over the opposite hand? Should the hands be open, facing upward to receive God's blessing? Does a prayer require you do the sign of the cross at the end? Some people believe that we should not pray in the presence of others but do so privately, as noted in the verses below. Perhaps one or more of these applies to you.

The question I am asking is, "Is there a 'right' way to pray?" Jesus answered this question in The Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 6:5-7, Christ instructs His followers in prayer. He tells them to "*not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. ... when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, ... do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they*

will be heard because of their many words ... This, then, is how you should pray:

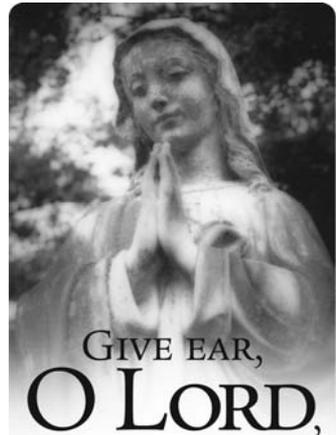
*‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,’”*

In the Children’s Service this past Spring, the congregation was led in prayer by the 4 and 5 year old Sunday Bible Study class using this prayer, “The Lord’s Prayer.” Each one of them can, independently, recite the only prayer God, through Christ, has given us. They are not ashamed of knowing this prayer. If asked to pray or say grace at home, in this class, during church nursery time, at a friend’s or at a restaurant, parents report that this is the prayer they say, start to finish. If asked about its meaning, they do understand what they are saying.

There are many definitions of prayer. One ends with what, I think, is how many think of it. Prayer “may be done by acts of praise and thanksgiving, but **petition** is the principal act of prayer.” (Emphasis is mine.) Each week these same 4 and 5 year old children are asked what they want to pray. Requests for their parents are always there – for allergies, colds, being sad. Other requests may be for “boo boos,” pets, other members who are absent or their friends. When we first started this, one boy would usually shake his head no. He had nothing to pray for. That is, he had nothing to ask for. We would then pray that he was happy. One week when it came to prayer time, he was the first one with his hand in the air, waving it energetically. He wanted to thank God for a “good play date.”

That is how we should pray. I wish I was as eager to thank God for the good things, His blessings. Don’t you?

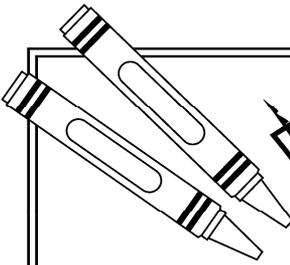
May your summer be filled with His
Peace and Son shine,
Mary Emily Cameron



GIVE EAR,
O LORD,

TO MY PRAYER;
LISTEN TO MY
PLEA FOR GRACE.

PSALM 86:6, ESV



PUZZLE

A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:
"As a father has _____ on his children, so the
LORD has _____ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O |
| • Solomon = O | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |
| • Jonathan = I | • John the Baptist = N | |
| • Jesus = C | • Jacob and Esau = A | |

- God:** "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." C
- Adam:** God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. _____
- Noah:** His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham:** God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. _____
- Isaac:** His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban:** He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob:** Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul:** His son was David's best friend. _____
- David:** He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah:** His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

Answer: compassion

A WORD COLLAGE FOR *Dad*

Create this artwork
to express your love and
appreciation for your dad or another
special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.

Bible QUIZ

Which of the following is an accurate father-child match from Scripture?

- A. Saul and David
- B. Zechariah and Joseph
- C. Abram and Ishmael
- D. David and Boaz

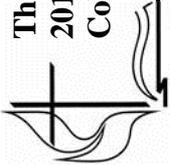


THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN

A little girl who'd grown up in the city spent some of her summer vacation out in the country. One starlit night, she and her dad stood gazing up into the sky without any harsh streetlights obstructing the view.

The girl, amazed by the sparkling view, exclaimed, "If heaven is so pretty on the wrong side, I wonder what it looks like on the right side!"

Answer: C (See Genesis 16:15.)



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