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Wilderness Park Upper Kingston Road: In this park, giant oriental bamboo soar 60 feet to form a canopy in the sky. The bamboo competes with native trees and shrubs to form this most unusual area, which also contains the State's second largest Beech tree. The Spinners Club, a woman's service organization, was instrumental in saving this area from sub-division several years ago. Call 334- 361-3640 for guided tours.



Directions to Bamboo World in Prattville-Go down Hwy 65 - 18.9 miles to exit 186-Hwy 31 Prattville/Pine Level go right on Hwy 31- 1.3 miles turn right on Martin Luther King Dr (CR23) go 1.0 miles & turn on Moses Rd, go .3 miles bear L on Upper Kingston Rd. Arrive at Upper Kingston Rd on Left. 28.3 miles from the Clanton SDA church address, I haven't been there but want to go when we have time. Operation Schedule: Open dawn-dusk. Admission free. Dedicated in 1982 as 1 st wilderness park developed inside city limits in U.S. Areas of forest have 60-ft.-tall bamboo with trunks 6 inches in diameter.

The Fern and the Bamboo.... One day I decided to quit... I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality... I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God. "God", I said, "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?" His answer surprised me... "Look around," He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?" "Yes:" I replied. "When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds; I took very good care of them. I gave them light; I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. It's brilliant green covered the floor. Nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo" He said. "In the third year; there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In the fourth year, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit." He said. "Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant. But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a Challenge it could not handle." He said to me. "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you. Don't compare yourself to others." He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern, yet they both made the forest beautiful." Your time will come, "God said to me. " you will rise high!" "How high should I rise?" I asked. "How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return. "As high as it can" I questioned. "Yes." He said, "Give me glory by rising as high as you can." I left the forest and brought back this story. I hope these words can help you see that God will never give up on you... Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you Happiness. Bad days give you Experiences. Both are essential to life. Keep going...Happiness keeps you Sweet, Trials keep you Strong, Sorrows keep you Human, Failures keep you Humble, Success keeps you Glowing, but Only God keeps you Going!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Mobilize Your Defenses—Jan W. & Kay Kuzma

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's Temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him, for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple. I Cor. 3:16, 17 NW

The invaders stealthily surround the sacred temple. Silently they take up their positions and wait. At the right opportunity they will attack. In the meantime, they continue their surveillance patrols and strengthen their offensive. They don't realize they will lose the upcoming battle because of one significant factor. The temple has an incredible defense team, It's the IS, better known as the immune system.

This highly trained team consists of cells known as lymphocytes, including T cells, killer cells, and natural killer (NK) cells. They watch for the first sign of invasion and stay ready to mobilize their forces. The paratroopers, NK cells, patrol the sacred temple daily. They know they can't stop invaders from taking up their positions, but they can throw off their attacks. The T cells prepare to identify the invaders, then give orders to the killer cells to wipe out the invaders. If they fail to destroy the invaders, the message goes to the B cells—the artillery of the army.

If you can visualize this situation, then think of yourself as that sacred temple. Around you and inside you is the battlefield. Every day enemies seek to destroy your temple. You can win each time only if your immune system with its Killer cells stays vigilant. Your enemies—bacteria, viruses, cancer cells, fungi—assault your body through any possible opening, such as mouth, eyes, nose, or even your skin. Anything that weakens your energy, health, alertness, and perception gives the invaders an advantage.

You have other enemies as well. Pollutants, chemicals, and stress continually attack your body. How will you handle the next onslaught? Will you lose the battle to a flu bug? Get felled by a nasty cold? Let a bronchial infection knock you out of action for a week? Or will you take charge and fight?

Just as God has given us the IS (immune system) to fight off physical disease, God has given us the HS (Holy Spirit) to combat spiritual disease. You are the temple of God. Use your IS and HS defenses and protect God's property. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you power to keep your immune system strong and healthy.

Shared with us by Elaine Johnson from one of her devotionals -

The Pastor is in the middle of having a revival meeting. We will give him a break this month.



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God's Eternal Ink— This Story is 15 verses; Taken from a 30 verse poem

I dreamed I was in Heaven where an Angel kept God's book.
He was writing so intently I just had to take a look.
It was not at first, his writing that made me stop to think
but the fluid in the bottle was marked Eternal Ink.
The ink was most amazing, dark black upon his blotter
but as it touched the parchment it became as clear as water.
The Angel kept on writing, but as quickly as a wink
the words were disappearing with that strange Eternal Ink.
The mystery burned within me, and I finally dared to ask
The angel to explain to me of his amazing task.
This ink that God created to help me keep my Journal
will only keep a record of things that are eternal.
So much of life is wasted on things that matter not
so instead of my erasing, smudging ink and ugly blot.
I just keep writing faithfully and let the ink do the rest.
For it is able to decide what's useless and what's best. And God ordained that
I should write, of all you do and say. Your deeds that count for nothing will
just disappear away. If you just lived to please yourself, the pages will be
bare. And God will issue no reward for you when you get there.
For I record as God sees, I don't stop to even think
because the truth is written with God's eternal ink.
When I heard the angel's story I fell down and wept & cried, For as yet I
still was dreaming I hadn't really died. And I said: O, Angel tell the Lord;
That soon as I awake I'll live my life for Jesus, I'll do all for His dear
sake. I'll give in full surrender; I'll do all He wants me to; I'll turn my
back on self and sin, And whatever isn't true. And though the way seems long
and rough, I promise to endure. I'm determined to pursue the things that are
holy, clean & pure. With Jesus as my helper, I will win lost souls to Thee,
For I know that they will live with Christ for all eternity. And that's what
really matters – when my life on earth is gone. That I will stand before the
Lord, And hear Him say, Well Done.
For is it really worth it, As my life lies at the brink?
And I realize that God keeps books, with His eternal ink.
Should all my life be focused on things that turn to dust?
From this point on I'll serve the Lord I can, I will, I must!
I will NOT send blank pages Up to God's majestic throne, For where that
record's going now, Is my eternal home. I'm giving all to Jesus, I now have
seen the link. For I saw an Angel write my life, With God's Eternal Ink.
(the actual account of a dream) by Craig F. Pitts

Health Benefits of Aloe Vera -by Mike Adams, NaturalNews.com

When I say aloe vera is the most impressive medicinal herb invented by nature, I don't make that statement lightly. Of all the herbs I've ever studied -- and I've written thousands of articles on nutrition and disease prevention -- aloe vera is the most impressive herb of them all. (Garlic would be a close second.) There is nothing on this planet that offers the amazing variety of healing benefits granted by aloe vera. In a single plant, aloe vera offers potent, natural medicine that:

- ◆ Halts the growth of cancer tumors.
- ◆ Lowers high cholesterol.
- ◆ Repairs "sludge blood" and reverses "sticky blood".
- ◆ Boosts the oxygenation of your blood.
- ◆ Eases inflammation and soothes arthritis pain.
- ◆ Protects the body from oxidative stress.
- ◆ Prevents kidney stones and protects the body from oxalates in coffee and tea.
- ◆ Alkalizes the body, helping to balance overly acidic dietary habits.
- ◆ Cures ulcers, IBS, Crohn's disease and other digestive disorders.
- ◆ Reduces high blood pressure natural, by treating the cause, not just the symptoms.
- ◆ Nourishes the body with minerals, vitamins, enzymes and glyconutrients.
- ◆ Accelerates healing from physical burns and radiation burns.
- ◆ Replaces dozens of first aid products, makes bandages and antibacterial sprays obsolete.
- ◆ Halts colon cancer, heals the intestines and lubricates the digestive tract.
- ◆ Ends constipation.
- ◆ Stabilizes blood sugar and reduces triglycerides in diabetics.
- ◆ Prevents and treats candida infections.
- ◆ Protects the kidneys from disease.
- ◆ Functions as nature's own "sports drink" for electrolyte balance, making common sports drinks obsolete.
- ◆ Boosts cardiovascular performance and physical endurance.
- ◆ Speeds recovery from injury or physical exertion.
- ◆ Hydrates the skin, accelerates skin repair.

Truly, there is nothing else that compares to the medicinal potential of aloe vera. And yet most people only know about the topical applications of aloe vera gel. They think it's only good for sunburns. In reality, aloe vera is useful for both external and *internal* use.

Learn more: http://www.naturalnews.com/021858_aloe_vera_gel.html#ixzz2M3Pgi7DF

Happy, Birthday. We pray that you are blessed with many more. If I don't have your special day, let me know. Brenda

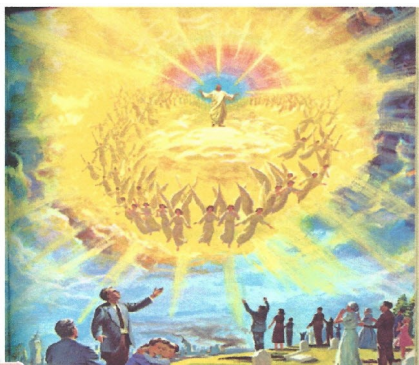
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I'm Sure you knew that was Pastor Dan & Linda and their family from last month. This picture is from 1993 before she came to our church. She said, "Of course everyone will know who I am." Just a younger version but I do say that as we get older we get better, LOL. Don't forget to give me something to share here. Thanks, Brenda

Speaker Schedule: Sep. 28 Brian Halley—Meetings;
 Oct. 5 Pastor—Meetings—Baptism; 12 Shawn Smith; Oct. 19 Brent Chrishon; Oct. 28 Pastor; Nov. 2 Steve Radford;
 Nov. 9 Pastor; Nov. 16 Ted Winslow; Nov. 23 Steve Radford;
 Nov. 30 Pastor—Communion; Dec. 7 Tui Pitman; Dec. 14 Pastor; Dec. 21 Ralph Sheperd; Dec. 28 Ted Winslow

Church service every **Sabbath at 11:00** at the Maplesville Train Depot. Please feel welcome to come & join us. Shawn Smith - Pastor for the Selma/Sylacauga Churches



ARE YOU READY?

When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's Word their rule of life will be revealed. In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage. So the falsehearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us when the difference will be apparent.
 E. W. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 602.

A lady recently being baptized was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



Church Social, September 8, 2019 - Lake Social at the Higgins Ferry Park Pavilion. Looks like fun was had by all, boating, swimming, water skiing topped of with Haystack potluck. If you didn't join them this time, maybe you can plan for the next outing. You didn't have to be young to enjoy, just young at heart like Bob Ernest out there skiing. Thanks for sending me the pictures to share.



- ◆ Websites Bill Weise has set up & would like special prayer about the responses from these sites.
www.steppingupward.org www.egwhiteclassicquotes.org <http://www.grandmastidbits.org>
- ◆ We have a website!! **UPDATED - Church Website:** <https://www.clantonsda.com/> Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info, look under Newsletters to find this publication on line each month. Tony has made it so the previous couple years are there also. If you get an online version and want a hard copy or if you don't want to get the Newsletter, Let me know. Don't forget without you sharing with others, we wouldn't have a newsletter. Don't forget to turn in articles, poems and pictures that you want to share with others. Thanks to those that do, Brenda

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