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Barren Table Faith - By Steve Beard, Editor of Good News Magazine

Charles A. Tindley arrived for his first pastoral appointment in Cape May, New Jersey in the middle of a snow storm. With small children to feed, Charles and his wife had only one stale piece of bread. As parents, they dipped the bread in water to soften it for the kids.

Charles asked his wife to set the table as if there was food for breakfast. Reluctant, she agreed to do as he asked. Then they both got on their knees to thank God for their lives, their health, for the snow storm, and the rising sun in the morning. They got up from their knees and sat at the barren table. When they did, there was a loud commotion outside. They heard a man commanding a team of horses. "Whoa! Whoa!" They then heard loud stomps on the front porch. "Hey! Is anybody alive here?" Tindley opened the front door and was face to face with a man with a large sack on his shoulder. Dropping it to the floor with a thud, the stranger said: "Knowing you were the new parson here, and not knowing how you were making out in this storm, my wife and I thought you might need some food. I've a cartload of wood out here, too. I'll dump it and be on my way."

Tears streamed down Tindley's face. "You are an answer to prayer, we didn't have anything to eat except a stale crust of bread ... We are not going to worry though, for we know God will provide a way." Later that night, Tindley was seated in a rocker thinking over the blessings of the day. In the afterglow of the miracle, he wrote the song, "God Will Provide For Me."

*"Here I may be weak and poor, With afflictions to endure;
All about me not a ray of light to see, Just as He has often done,
For His helpless trusting ones, God has promised to provide for me."*

Charles A. Tindley went on to become one of Methodism's greatest pulpiteers and a pillar of faith. His life was bookended by a Civil War and the Depression. Tindley's father a slave and his mother a free woman of color, tragically, he lost both parents at very young age and went to live with strangers who did not permit him to read or go to church.

Seemingly every step of the way, Tindley (1851-1933) faced adversity and challenges. Nevertheless, he showed steadfast determination, ingenuity, and faith. From his Methodist pulpit, he became known as the "Prince of Preachers," composed dozens of popular gospel songs, launched one of the first soup kitchens in his city, and spurred economic development for African Americans in Philadelphia through a savings and loan that helped secure home ownership. The church he shepherded – now called Tindley Temple – is still a historic and vibrant fixture in its community. As a child he began to learn to read by picking up scraps of newspapers along the roadside. He studied the shape of each letter and attempted to use bits of coal to teach himself to write. After the Civil War, Tindley and his wife moved to Philadelphia and attended Bainbridge Street Methodist Episcopal Church. He eventually became the janitor at the church. Although he had never been to college, he began studying for the Methodist ministry in order to pass the denomination examination with a high enough score. He learned Greek through a correspondence course offered by Boston Theological School and studied Hebrew with a rabbi in Philadelphia. Tindley passed second among a large class of candidates, all of whom had academic degrees.

*"When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea, Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me."*

Tindley is rightfully considered the "Grandfather of Gospel Music," serving as an inspiration to Thomas Dorsey, usually identified as one of the pivotal founding fathers of gospel music. Tindley's songs are still found in the United Methodist Hymnal, as well as those of other denominations. So pervasive was his influence that one of his hymns was the inspiration behind the Civil Rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome."

The Bulletin Board

PASTOR GLENN on R & R - Pastor Glenn will be back with us on Sunday, September 6th. Being Labor Day weekend, he will share the message "Laboring for our Lord" as we also share Holy Communion together. This Sunday, August 30th, Lourdes Turner, Certified Lay Servant from Oceanville UMC in Galloway, will offer the Word. Lourdes is the wife of one of Pastor Glenn's mentees, Rev. Michael Turner, pastor of Oceanville. Pastor Mike may also join us that day.

BASIC BLESSINGS - [Have YOU received a blessing by being a part of Basic Blessings?](#) Email or mail to Margie a brief paragraph on how this ministry has blessed your life. We will be sharing these blessings in the coming issues of the Torch.

The next "Bring A Bag of Basics" drive will be on Sunday, Sept. 13th (Missions Sunday) to prepare for the distribution on Sept. 19th.

Listen to the service on your phone! If you receive the printed copy of The Torch and are unable to access the internet, you may call-in to the 11am service and listen via your phone! [Just call this number...](#)

The phone number: (929) 205-6099
give the **The Meeting ID: 981 176 2526**
and the **Password: 779813**.

Shoprite cards are available by calling Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331, or find her after the Sunday service.



Prayer Requests

Prayer reminds us that we are not alone in our feelings and we can ease our own fears by praying for others. As we pray for our friends and family listed below, please also remember in light of the Corona-virus pandemic, the extra challenges that we face from time to time... fear, anxiety, economic hardships, isolation, and many other stresses that are unique to the times we are living in.

Prayer for those who have lost loved ones

- Janis Halbruner & Family
- The Chinn Family
- Bill Stahl & family
- Elizabeth Bailey & Family
- Flo Magee and Family
- The family of Mary Mason
- Jackie Matkowski & Family

A CALL TO PRAYER

United Methodists are asked to join in prayer against racism at 8:46 am and pm for 8 min, 46 sec., the time the officer held a knee on George Floyd's neck.

Covid Related Requests

- The Lords guidance for resuming services at the church
- Pray for an effective Covid-19 vaccine soon
- Pray for our First Responders
- Wisdom for leaders in Local & Federal Government
- Grant Approvals for Tabernacle Church
- Basic Blessing workers and distributions during Covid-19

Those in Shut In & Convalescent Care

- Court House Center: Carol Cahill
- Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford & Shirley Halbruner
- Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson
- Victoria Commons: Mary Still

Those that live alone: Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, John Leo, Ernie Long, Bob Jenkins, Alice Futti, Steve Brown and others who remain anonymous.

- Pastor Glenn & Family
- Jody Cathrall
- John Dickinson
- Tom Ackroyd
- Dawn Garretson
- Betty Wund
- Lewi Magnusson
- Carol Cahill
- Bonnie Vile
- Bob Nichols
- Ralph Genovese
- Flo Magee
- Andrew Wund
- Lyndsey Bolton
- Betty Church
- Betty Carlton
- Tandri Ankrum
- Tom Ankrum
- Jay Spurl
- Kenny Walker
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Steve Bistak
- Mary Still
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Steve Brown
- Bob Chinn
- Braden Brojakowski
- Jackie Matkowski
- Margie Katity (knees)



Bible Fact:

The term "Bible" comes from the Greek word "Ta Biblia" which means "the books" or "the scrolls."

The word is derived from the old city of **Byblos** in Lebanon, since it was the official supplier of paper production to the ancient world!

Name that Cake

1. What kind of cake do you feed your rabbit? _____
2. What kind of cake do you eat annually? _____
3. What kind of cake does a mouse like best? _____
4. What kind of cake does a monkey like? _____
5. What kind of cake do you get in heaven? _____
6. What kind of cake is a big flop? _____
7. What kind of cake do you have for breakfast? _____
8. What kind of cake goes well on a saucer? _____
9. What is the heaviest cake? _____
10. What kind of cake is found on the ocean floor? _____
11. What kind of cake is the opposite of #5? _____
12. What kind of cake should be eaten in bed? _____
13. Kids can make this cake outside _____
14. What kind of cake do you order at a seafood restaurant? _____
15. What kind of cake do you find at a fabric store? _____

HOW DO I GIVE MY OFFERING?

If you are not ready to attend services in Michael Hall, you may mail offerings to:

Address ALL church mail & offerings to:

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