



# And Also With You

MID-MAY 2014

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## MID-MAY

### SUNDAYS

10:00 am  
Worship  
(nursery provided)

Children's Chapel

### MONDAYS

6:30pm  
Small Group

### WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am  
Women's Bible  
Study

12:00 noon  
Holy Communion

### FRIDAYS

8:15 am  
Men's Group

## CHALICE BEARERS

May 18

Janic Terry  
Susan Jones

May 25

Jan Bogue  
Becky Johnson



June 1

Kitty Barksdale  
Janic Terry

## Passing Through



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

On a television show the other night, a character was telling about an idiosyncrasy his grandmother had. Whenever there was a lightning storm, the grandmother would open both the front and back doors of her home. Her reasoning was that since the doors were open, there would be no object for the lightning to strike, and therefore, it would simply pass through the house and keep on going. Her idiosyncrasy became the theme for the rest of the show, explaining the importance of allowing destructive experiences to pass *through* our lives rather than allowing them to get trapped *within*.

The image of opening the front and back doors of our hearts has taken root in my spirit. I wonder if this is why Jesus was able to live a perfect life, not sinning, because he did not take into Himself the venom that His enemies aimed in His direction. I wonder too if this was how Jesus lived his entire life – just like the grandmother, He opened the front and back doors of His heart so that the venom would have to pass on through.

When Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness, none of the devil's sug-

gestions *stuck*. Jesus was offered all the kingdoms of the world, yet because he had no greed or lust for power, it could not stick. The temptation had to pass on through. When Satan suggested that He use His miraculous power to feed Himself, again, it did not stick because there was nothing selfish in Him.

Temptation and sin only attach to us when there is some area in us for them to adhere to. When someone hurts us, the hurts can attach themselves to us *unless* we keep open the front and back doors of our hearts so that the insults pass through, leaving our hearts intact.

Proverbs 12:16 (Passion Translation) says, "*If you shrug off an insult and refuse to take offense, you demonstrate discretion indeed. But the fool has a short fuse and will immediately let you know he is offended.*" By shrugging off an insult, we open the doors of our heart so that there is nothing for the insult to attach itself to; it has to pass through and go somewhere else instead of taking up residence in our hearts. The Angel of Death

acted the same way on the first Passover night. Because of the Blood of the Lamb on the door posts of the Israelites' houses, there was nothing in those homes that death could attach to and so was forced to "pass over." Death, sadly, did find a home in the houses of the Egyptians.

There are many things, like bitterness, cravings for the things of this world, and many others that come tearing toward us at given points in our lives. If there are



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wounds in our hearts that have never healed, then they become places for the work of the enemy to take root. Jesus calls us to love not the world, but to live in such a surrendered fashion to Him that it opens us up. When we are open, then the



only avenue for such destructive thoughts, emotions, etc., to take is

through the front door and out the back, leaving us in peace.

If you ask the Holy Spirit, He will show you where your heart is closed. Those will be the areas where damage can occur – where the lightning can hit because it has no clear exit. As unpleasant events happen during your week, ask Him to keep the doors of your hearts open so that these simply pass through and you can remain free to be attached only to Him.

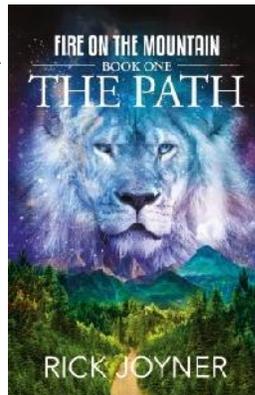
Blessings,  
Father Scott +

## Following Worship Mexican Pot Luck May 18



## Father Scott recommends

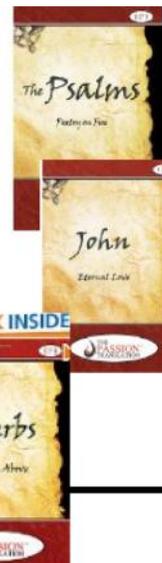
*The Path*. It is a *must read* for believers today. *The Path* will excite you, convict you, and call you to a deeper commitment to live for Jesus



in these fearful and possibly final days. It is an easy read and can be ordered from Amazon at the following link: [http://www.amazon.com/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=the%20path](http://www.amazon.com/ref=nb_sb_noss_1?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=the%20path)

Father Scott also recommends the *Passion Translation* of the Bible. Although the entire Bible has yet to be translated into the *Passion Translation*, certain books of the Bible have already and can be ordered. *Proverbs, Psalms, Paul's letter, John, Song of Solomon, and Luke* have been translated into the *Passion* version. They provide a new and vibrant look at God's word.

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Norm Hastings is working on a new CD called *Spirituals*. It will feature songs from another

time such as "Wade In the Water" and "Go Down Moses". The CD's will be available for sale soon. Also, Norm has a website which can be accessed at [www.resteasyministries.org](http://www.resteasyministries.org) which has had over 750,000 hits since its beginning and averages 1,000 hits a day. It is a wonderful place to visit if you are in need of soothing, calm ministry through Christ centered music.

Father Scott will be at Emmaus Retreat Center, Satartia, Mississippi, Sunday evening, May 18 through Tuesday, May 20 for a clergy retreat.

