

# THE CROSS ROAD



From the Pastor:

## The Potter's Wheel

Once upon a time, (that is to say in every time) there lived a very old potter. In his youth, he learned of a legend from a passing stranger: if anyone shapes and molds something perfect with his or her hands and gives that offering to God; God will be pleased and receive eternal life.

“But how will anyone know, if they please God? asked the potter.

“Anything that isn't perfect will not last,” said the stranger. “The moment that it touches the alter, it will be destroyed.”

From that moment onward, the potter's goal was to make “THE” perfect pot, and please

God. He would select his best creation, walk to the temple, and place it upon the alter; only to have it crack and fall to pieces right before his eyes.

Undaunted by the failures, the potter would return to his workshop. With each turn of the wheel, he would pray that the next pot would be the one that God would accept. But every year, he would go up the hill to the alter. Every year he would return to his workshop – a one year older, a little more stooped over; yet determined to that one day his offering would be pleasing to God.

Years passed into decades. The trips to the hill took longer and longer to walk. His hands that had once been agile and strong could no longer work the clay. In short, the potter could no longer craft beautiful pots to take to God.

So, on this morning, the last morning, the potter went to the temple without a pot. Instead, he was going with a question: “Why had no pot ever been acceptable to God?” As he approached the alter; he sensed a change. Although he had never touched the alter, today he did. As his hands

rested upon the alter; he felt a hand resting upon his head, and a soft voice whisper: "I am well pleased."

The potter finally realized that all who struggle up the hill for the last time, having nothing but themselves to offer, come down the hill with shining faces, and never again feel the need to make the trip. The journey of eternal life is found by allowing God to mold us and to receive His Grace.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Gary

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The next **Deacon's Meeting** is August 9 after fellowship time. Please speak with any Deacon prior to their meeting if you have any questions or concerns.

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The **Men's lunch** will begin on Tuesday, October 9 and every Tuesday thereafter at 12:15 PM

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What do you know about this picture?

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**Do you know who?**

Matthew 1: 5

James 2:25

Hebrews 11:3

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**BIBLE STUDY:** New Testament Characters will begin on September 9 at 9:35 A.M. See Pastor Gary if want to attend.





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Although not until November 11; the Christian Education Committee will present **Teen Challenge**. See advertisement above with more information to follow.

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Remember, Gail offers a **youth Christian education class** during the worship service. So when inviting people to the service; tell them about this option.

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FFWBC has a singing group. If you would like to “hymn” along with us practice is usually at 9:00 A.M.

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You may have noticed that there is a **Welcome Center** at the top of the back stairs. On it there is information about FFWBC. If you happen to see a visitor; please offer them some of the information.





If you are visiting with us today; please know you are welcome. Please join us for fellowship time.

GOD BLESS!!

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