

2014

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:17)

2014: YEAR OF NEW CHALLENGES

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THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

One of the names of God in the Old Testament is "Jehovah Tsidkenu." It's hard to pronounce if you don't remember that the letter "T" should not really be vocalized. The meaning of the name is as the title of this note—The LORD our Righteousness.

How can the Lord be our righteousness? The answer lies in the very heart of divine ethics. In His holiness, God is too pure even to look upon evil. His requirements—if a sinner is to be found acceptable to Him—are for such a person to be absolutely perfect. "Be ye holy; for I am holy," is God's absolute requirement. That is way beyond my capability.

Grace, a charming sound...

Here is the wonderful and remarkable thing about God's grace. It does what we cannot do. It commands (in this case it requires absolute righteousness on our part) and then it fulfills it on our behalf. How? In the person and in the work of a Savior appointed.

Many people think that salvation is by the death of Jesus. And that IS so. But salvation is ALSO through the earthly sojourn of Jesus. He lived a perfect life of righteousness, one of complete obedience to God's law and its requirements, inviolably holy in thought, word and deed.

Saved as much by the life as by the death of Jesus. It is a wonderful thought. Bethlehem's babe came to live so that we could, too—and that is through the two Ts: **Turn** (away from sin) and **Trust** in Him who lived, died and rose again for us!



2014: IN A FEW BULLET POINTS

The year 2014 has ended just a few months after it commenced—or so it seems. Events and aspects that come to mind include:

- Moving on from employment with Day One; UK superiors judged that priorities had to lie elsewhere and ended the US operation in March.
- Developing new lines of work. Sue serves at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary as administrative assistant to the Principal, Dr Joey Pipa.
- Jim serves as a publishing consultant and interfaces with various publishers and authors. Find out more by visiting www.greatwriting.org and www.greatpublishing.org.
- The sad news of the passing of Sue's mom, Naomi Collins, on August 1st; we were able to visit the UK for her funeral and were glad (even in the sadness) to connect with family and friends there. Sue writes more on Granny Collins overleaf.
- A busy year for Matthew at Bob Jones Elementary school academy

About the pictures on this page:

Top row: Tower of London (see the poppies in the background), Matthew almost the size of Big Ben, London, Jim at Flitwick Station. TBS maintains strong testimony with KJV posters in UK locations.

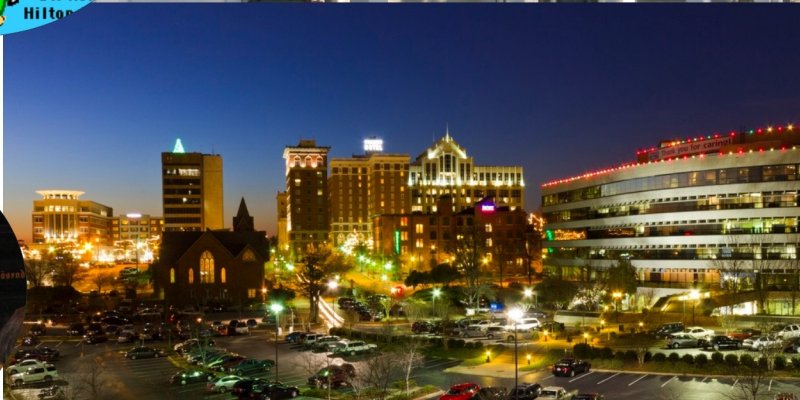
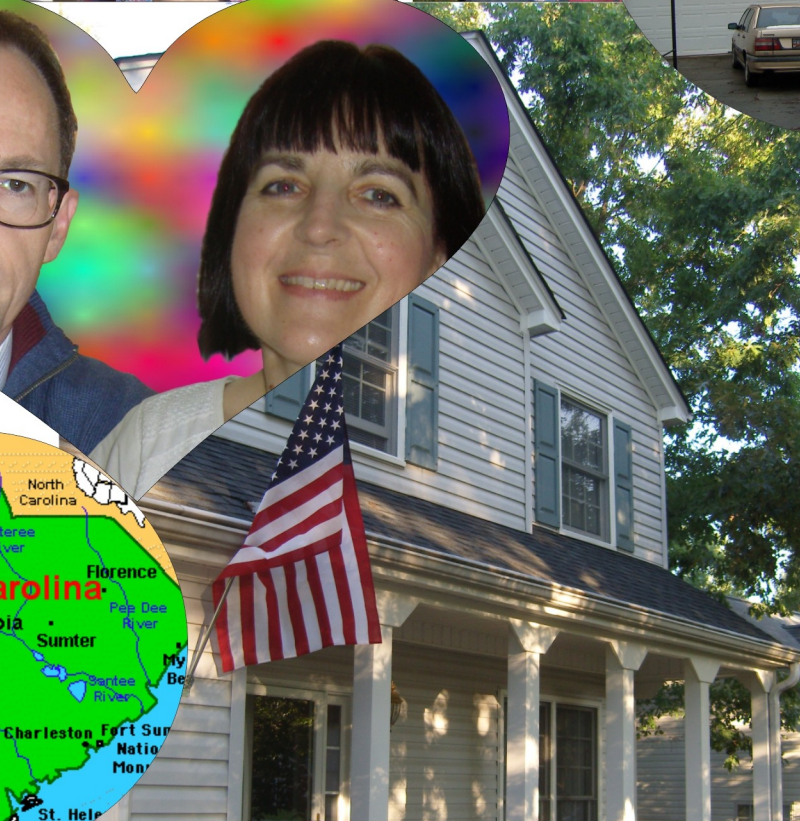
Middle column: Naomi Collins, Sue's mother, departed this life August 1st. See Sue's tribute overleaf.

Left oval: Jim and Matthew about to enjoy Thanksgiving meal

Right oval: Sue dressed and ready for work

Star: Matthew is a star!

Symbol: Tshade, Hebrew letter for "TS"



SUE EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR HER MOTHER

It was with shock that I received news on August 1st that my mother had been found dead in her apartment. At seventy-nine, she was in good health, active, alert, and full of interest in life. Just ten days earlier, I had spoken to her on the phone and she was full of news about what she had been doing and what her plans were for the next weeks. There was no hint of any kind that her time in this world was so soon to end. It brings to mind the truth and solemnity of the words of Job 12:10, "In whose hand [God's hand] is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind."

Yes, my mother's life was in God's hand and it pleased Him to bring her days in this world to an end on August 1st.

As I remember her, I thank God for her. There are so many things I could say about my mother but space only permits me to say a few. I shall remember her for the refined, cultured woman that she was. She was always dignified in the way she conducted herself and had a keen sense of what was cultured and beautiful. She had the ability to create beauty in all that she did, and passed on to her children these values. She loved music and filled her life with it. I am so thankful to have been introduced to the richness and diversity of musical expression, and to have had instilled into me a love and appreciation for this wonderful gift of God.

My mother loved books; I owe my love of literature to her. I thank God for giving me a mother who has been an immense blessing in my life.



Pictures: Top cluster—In Cornwall with Grandma and Jan (Jim's sister); Matthew and Jim enjoying a Clemson football game; Matthew and Sue at the BJU lighting ceremony 2014; Roundels: Wintry home early in 2014; Sue at a birthday dinner earlier this year.

Middle cluster: Jim and Sue; Roundel: South Carolina schematic map; July 4th, a great opportunity to fly the flag at our home; South Carolina Palmetto ensign; Matthew at piano recital, BJU; Greenville night scape, image from Luke Kapustka, www.flickr.com/photos/lukekapustka/6688446127

Right bottom: Matthew about to enjoy Thanksgiving meal