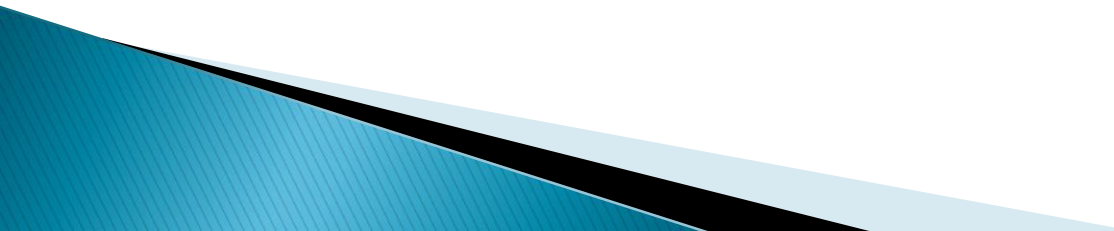


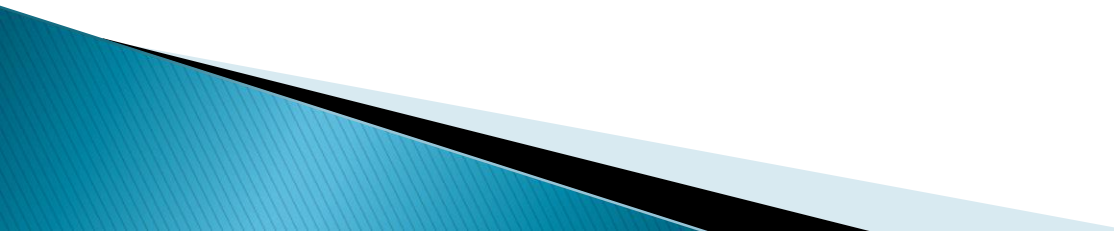
CHINABERRY TREE LESSONS
Psalms 119:9-12

Woodland Park Church of Christ
7 April 2019

BACKDROP

- ▶ Many lessons in my life were learned underneath a chinaberry tree at the old home house.
- ▶ Earliest memories included the setting of the old chinaberry tree.
- ▶ **Lessons**
 - Secular education
 - Hard work
 - Discipline
 - Teachings from God's word

- ▶ The one true church (**Matthew 16:17–18**);
 - ▶ Importance of true, sincere, and scripturally-ordained worship (**John 4:24**);
 - ▶ The significance of water baptism (**Acts 2:38, Acts 8:35–38, Acts 16:29–33, Galatians 3:27**);
 - ▶ Weekly observance of the Lord's sacrifice (**Acts 20:7**).
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- ▶ After our mother passed away, it was the situs of 3rd Saturday gatherings
 - ▶ Encourage parents to have chinaberry tree lessons/moments with their children
 - ▶ A place where children will reflect on life-long, Spirit-sustaining and success-securing lessons learned
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George Burma's Research

- ▶ Moral foundations generally in place by age of nine;
- ▶ Significance of Christ's death and resurrection embedded by age 12;
- ▶ Most cases, people's spiritual beliefs **IRREVOCALLY** formed in preteen years.
- ▶ The family's role vs. church's contribution

2019 Bible Bowl -- ACTS

- ▶ **2019 Bible Bowl Pep Rally & Orientation (April 14)**
- ▶ Book is foundational to understanding and appreciating the uniqueness of the Church
- ▶ Retention of members
 - Less chance of yielding to denominationalism or leaving the Church
- ▶ Critical to developing church leaders and wives of leaders

Lord's Invitation Extended to All

- ▶ **Be added to the Lord's body**
 - Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7);**
 - Believe the gospel (Acts 8:37, 15:7);**
 - Repent of sins (Acts 2:38);**
 - Confess Christ (Acts 8:37);**
 - Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38);**
 - or**

Lord's Invitation (cont'd)

- ▶ **Be reconciled unto the Lord (1 John 1:8–9); or**
- ▶ **Desire prayer (James 5:16).**

LIVE VICTORIOUSLY BLESSED!

