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REACHING OUT WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION SO OTHERS MAY KNOW CHRIST

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From The Pastor's Pen . . .

by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor at Amwell COB



"Here They Go Again!"

In what is emerging as one of the longest presidential campaigns ever we are already getting the message it will also be one of the most mean spirited.

Why is that? Well according to many political pundits negative attack ads work!

This style of campaigning is not a recent development as politicians have been drawing political blood from one another since politics began. The politics of personal destruction and bad mouthing someone else is an unfortunate flaw of human character.

The Holy Spirit knows the heart of people and so He inspired the writers of Scripture and particularly the New Testament to warn believers and the church to be aware that we too can fall into this type of negative behavior. The deterrent is to allow the Holy Spirit to control our life!

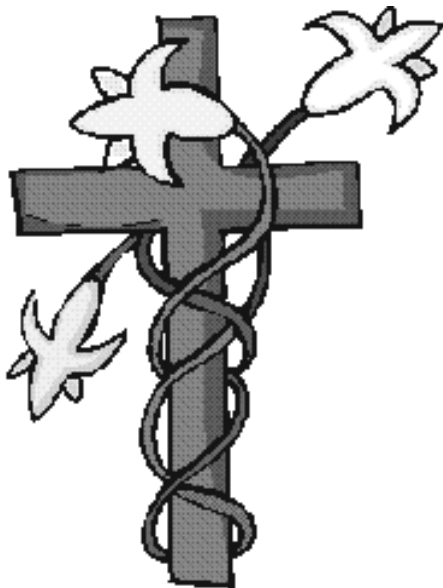
Matthew 7:20 "... by their fruits ye shall know them." As Christians we have to Holy Spirit living in us. If we submit to His working in us He will produce fruit in us! (Galatians 5:22,23) Those fruits will be seen and heard by others: Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering (patience), Gentleness (kindness), Goodness (generosity), Faith, Meekness (tolerance), Temperance (Self Control) . . .

These are the higher qualities with which Christians are to be identified.

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The Meaning of Easter

The angel of God announced to the women as they came to visit the tomb, "He is not here; for he is risen, as he said . . ." Matthew 28:6. It was indeed necessary for Jesus to be crucified and to be buried but thank God for that glorious resurrection. The fact that Christ arose from the grave is an evidence that God has accepted the offering that was made for sin. Thank God for the empty tomb!



The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the very foundation of our faith. One cannot read the Word of God without realizing, "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin' that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." II Corinthians 5:21. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23

Christ came into the world for one great purpose, namely to die for the sins of the world. He took sin upon himself. we rejoice as we meditate upon Calvary and the resurrection, that our salvation has been provided by the work of the Lord JESUS Christ. Thank God for the resurrected Christ.

Our Responsibility

After the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ He commanded us to ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. One is deeply impressed by the message of our Lord and Saviour. As we read the Scripture we find the invitation so often to "come," "come and taste," "come and see," "come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The first message of our Lord and Saviour is to come to Him for everything that we need, not only the forgiveness of our sins but for the daily cleansing and the needed power to serve Him. After we have come and found Him as our Saviour, then the message is, ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15 The message to go is not merely to ministers and missionaries only, but every true believer should accept this command of God to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Some may state that it is impossible for them to go into all the world. While it may be true that some will never go to China or India, they can be occupied in telling the world around them of the Easter message of salvation.



HAVE YOU MET...Tom Everett

FANTASTIC.....is not just a popular cleaning product but Tom's optimistic answer for just about every question in life! This young-at-heart guy lived all over the US

as a child. Being raised in a military household gave Tom the experience of adapting to people and places. Tom was educated at Rutgers University, studying Animal Sciences.

One special day he had a blind date with a gal named Carol and since 1965 they have been inseparable! They are the parents of 2 beautiful, married daughters and are the very proud grandparents of two special angels! He operated J&J Tree Service until 1988 then became a trucker driver. In

1996 Tom and Carol found the internet a useful tool for buying and selling "stuff". E-Bay is a great resource, Tom tells us. 1997 The Everetts became a local dealer in Herbal-Paks and in 2003 Tom became a certified driving instructor! Tom likes to putz around the house, tinker with classic cars and motorcycles, visit outdoor shooting ranges and paddles his canoe in his rare spare time!

In June 1998 Tom and April Waldron had an intense debate of Evolution vs. Creation. At her invitation Tom met Pastor Bob and soon after was led to the truth of Christ and Salvation.

Tom serves his Lord and church here at Amwell as head usher, VBS helper, trustee and a member of Team A. He also is a trained discipler and is ready to tutor.

Tom leaves us with Psalm 118:8: It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man and John 14:1: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

House Urges White House To Promote Censure Of China

(BP) -- The U.S. House of Representatives and a bipartisan commission have called on the Bush administration to promote a resolution at a United Nations conference insisting China halt its violations of human rights.

The House voted 402-2 for a resolution urging the U.S. representative at the coming U.N. Commission on Human Rights to lead an effort to adopt a measure calling for the communist power to meet the international community's standards on human rights. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom endorsed the House's call for the resolution.

"The overwhelming vote by Congress is important because the administration has yet to declare whether it will offer a China resolution at Geneva," USCIRF Chairman Michael Young said in a written release. "While U.S.-Chinese relations are advancing in other important areas, our dialogue on human rights is stagnant and they have yet to demonstrate a willingness to abide by international human rights norms."

The House resolution, H.R. 530, also called on the Beijing government to end religious persecution, halt forced abortion and sterilization in all provinces, stop the coerced return of refugees to North Korea and grant religious freedom to all citizens. Among other requests, the House also urged the Chinese government to permit unrestricted visits to the country by the USCIRF and other international groups.

The USCIRF's plans to send a delegation to China were thwarted twice in the last year by Beijing-invoked limitations on its trip the panel found unacceptable.

The only House members voting against the resolution March 3 were Reps. Ron Paul, R.-Texas, and Jim McDermott, D.-Wash.

The U.N. Commission on Human Rights will meet from March 15 to April 23 in Geneva, Switzerland

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OUR ANNUAL VBS

Announcing VBS for 2004!

July 12-July 23
9AM -11:30

POWER UP WITH JESUS!

Teachers and helpers lovingly accepted for this very special Youth Mission.

Details to follow

All children **MUST** be registered to insure a space.

See Barbara Waldron ASAP for more info.



KEEP AWAY FROM EVIL *Read 1 Thessalonians 5:22 NLT*

A man had gotten into trouble, and he went to D. L. Moody for help.

Weeping, he asked, "What would you do if you were in my place?"

Moody replied, "I wouldn't have gotten in your place."

The best way to keep out of trouble is don't take the steps that lead into trouble.

Little by little, sin is made to appear less sinful. What once amazed us now amuses us. We have accepted sins' art, its language, and its music when we ought to abhor it. We now wink at the sin we once wept over.

But the Bible says, "Keep away from every kind of evil."

Prayer: Inspire us, dear Father, to put away all evil: to silence the evil word, to forbid the evil deed, to banish the evil thought and to break the evil habit. Make us good examples: through Christ. Amen.

From The Kitchen of ... Barbara Waldron

Aunt Barbara's Chocolate Cake

2 cups Sugar
2 cups Flour
3/4 cup Cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 cup oil
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup instant coffee made strong with 2-3 tablespoons instant coffee



Preheat oven to 350 Degrees. Grease and flour 9x13 inch pan.

Combine all dry ingredients in mixing bowl. Add eggs, oil, milk, vanilla and mix well. Add hot instant coffee and mix. Batter will be runny. Pour into prepared pan and bake for 40 - 45 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Cool and frost with your favorite frosting.

Story Behind the Name:

In 1965 I received this recipe from a friend I worked with at RCA. I would make this cake every now and then and as our families grew I would make this cake quite often. As the years passed I would always be asked to make this cake, so my niece Sherry McPherson Ferello started asking me to bring Aunt Barbara's Chocolate Cake and so the cake has been named since.

TEAM A UPDATE

Jeff Kiskurno, Chair

Team A is continuing to make progress. The Congregational Questionnaire has been given to the congregation. The Church Bulletin has been updated and we continue to look for ways to make it better with more current information. We will now work on what media we should reach out to the community with. We are endeavoring to get more people involved with some of the small ministries under M.I.K.E. C.A.R.E.S, which Estelle Saunders is heading up.

TEAM B UPDATE

George Hettman, Chair

The congregation recently voted to give the go ahead for a much-needed septic upgrade. Tentative plans for completion rests on VBS. The committee wishes the project finished BEFORE VBS or no work will be done until VBS is over.



**MUSIC MINISTRY GROWING ...and LOOKING FOR
YOU!!!!**

2004 promises to be a year of growth and change in our Music Ministry. Lauren Frankevich is taking the helm and is working with the talent of our congregation to broaden our approach to honoring The Lord in song. Lauren is always looking for vocalists to bring special music Sunday mornings. If you play an instrument then please let her know; she wants to be the catalyst for your talent. She is tapping our eager young people for a Youth Chorale. The idea of a Bell Choir is not out of reach; with proper coordination and some willing participants we can look forward to a chorus of volunteers willing to bring songs and joy to shut ins and the sick throughout the year.

Lauren is looking for anyone who feels the Spirit's call in this special line of service. She is more than happy to speak with you about YOUR role in a truly wonderful ministry in Praising the Lord.

PLEASE SHARE!

Our web site recently celebrated its 10,500 web visit. Our web site not only has the weekly sermons preserved, but there are plenty of pictures of our changing and growing congregation! This is a great and easy way to show off YOUR children to grandparents, uncles and aunts and family friends!

www.amwell.org



Please support our church's effort to aid the FLEMINGTON FOOD PANTRY. They are in desperate need of non-perishable household staples. See any Busy Bee with your contribution.

DON'T FORGET OUR CHILD OF COMPASSION HELEN

YOUR DONATIONS WILL ALLOW THIS CHILD TO BE THE CONTINUING RECIPIENT OF QUALITY MEDICAL CARE AND THE SUPPLIES SHE NEEDS TO GROW HEALTHY AND STRONG IN THE LORD.

April, 2004

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Friday Evenings
- Wednesday Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:15 PM
- 1 Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex
- 11 6 AM **Sunrise Service**; breakfast and 2nd service to follow
- 15 Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM
- 18 Mission Sunday Scheduled
- 25 Last day to sign up for Women's Banquet for May 1



May, 2004

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group Friday Evening
- Wednesday Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:15 PM
- 1 **Women's Banquet** at 5 PM in the Annex
- 6 Busy Bees @ 7:30
- 16 Mission Sunday Scheduled
- 20 Thursday Noon Group @ 11AM



Women's Banquet

Theme: "Under The Sea"

Saturday May 1, 2004

5 PM

Sign up by Sunday April 25, 2004



\$10.00 Under The Sea Menu \$10.00

Soup

Creamy Lobster Bisque

Salad

Shrimp Cocktail

Entree

Salmon Wellington (Salmon filet topped with spinach and wrapped in puff pastry, accented with roasted red pepper sauce)

Side

White and Saffron rice medley

Dessert

Vanilla Ice Cream and Cookie Sticks

\$5.00 Alternate Menu \$5.00

Soup

Chicken Noodle

Salad

Sweet Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks with

Ranch Dipping Sauce

Entree

Crispy Chicken Strips

Side

French Fried Potatoes

Dessert

Vanilla Ice Cream and Cookie Sticks

From The Pastor's Pen

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These are the opposite of the fruits of our 'lower nature' (Galatians 5:19-21) which include: Hatred, Quarreling, Jealousy, Bad Temper, Envy, Unkindness, Gossip, Pride and Anger.

Paul says that 'fruit' to dominate our behavior will destroy us and those around us! (Galatians 5:15).

Lets remember what James wrote in James 3:2-12: Hurtful, hateful speech is like poison or a forest fire in its damaging effects.

Negative political speech is having a poisonous effect on our country. It's turning people off to voting - politics and the urgent issues of our times.

Christians who don't control their tongues, who gossip and attempt to destroy the testimony of others, turn people off to Christ and the Church!

Turn political attack advertisements off when they appear on TV. Say No to the Gossiper. Giving time to the purveyors of the negative and the nasty only encourages them! It's time for Christians to take the higher ground Paul defined this way. "Finally brethren whatsoever things are true ... honest ... just .. lovely ... of good report ... if these be any virtue if there be any praise think (and act, my words) on these things."

So when people say "Here they go again" they may be talking about how poorly politicians treat one another but they shouldn't be talking about Christians in the same way!---Pastor Bob



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and

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OBSCURE COMMERCIAL HOLIDAYS

APRIL

Pets are Wonderful Month
Community Service Month
American Cancer Society Month
National Garden Month
Thai Heritage Month
Stress Awareness Month
National Soyfoods Month
National STDs Education and Awareness Month
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
National Science and Technology Week
National Laugh Week
National Library Week
National Coin Week
Bike Safety Week

2 - International Children's Book Day
7 - World Health Day, Metric Day
19 - Astronomy Day
20 - Food Day
22 - Earth Day
25 - Arbor Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MAY

American Lung Association Clean Air Campaign
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Mental Health Month
Allergy/Asthma Awareness Month
National Good Car Keeping Month
National Strawberry Month
Foot Health Month
National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
National High Blood Pressure Month
Arthritis Month
Better Sleep Month
Correct Posture Month
Older Americans Month
National Barbecue Month
National Bike Month
National Mine Month
Music Appreciation Week
International Pickle Week
National Family Week
Teacher Appreciation Week
National Photo Week
Be Kind to Animals Week
National Transportation Week
All-American Buckle-Up Week

1 - May Day, Law Day
3 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
3 - International Tuba Day
8 - International Red Cross Day
12 - Limerick Day (Edward Lear's birthday)
13 - Astronomy Day, Native American Day
16 - Biographers' Day
18 - International Museum Day
21 - Armed Forces Day
25 - National Missing Children Day

Money Saving Ideas and Hints

Suggestions and Submissions are requested!

Taken from Ron & Debbie's Penny Pinchin ' Grocery Page

Stocking Up

The real key to saving money on groceries is to stay stocked up so you never have to pay full price for anything. Buy several of whatever is on sale so you don't run out and end up paying a lot. You can't do this with fresh fruits and veggies...the only way to save on them is to buy what's in season (unless you have a big freezer and can freeze those seasonal items when they are at their cheapest)...but it works with almost everything else.

Many people think that you must have a large kitchen with lots of cupboards to stock up. This is not true. Our kitchen is very small but we don't let it prevent us from buying things when they are offered at a good price. Look around your house and see where else (besides the kitchen) you can store food. Do you have a closet in which you could install shelves? A dry basement? You could even put some sort of shelving in an unused bedroom.

Rolling carts are another storage alternative. At our old house we didn't usually use the kitchen door to the outside of the house so we had a couple of 3 shelf wire carts in front of it. This enabled us to utilize the space and still have access to the door in an emergency...the carts could just be wheeled out of the way.

In the house we live in now we have installed wire shelving on the wall of the cellar stairway. Most of our canned goods are stored there and are easily accessible from the kitchen. It's like having a big walk-in cupboard.

Having a freezer allows you to stock up on meat, frozen veggies etc. Just remember that a freezer uses electricity so if you don't put it to good use you may not be saving as much as you think. If you do use a freezer it's a good plan to label and date everything before you put it in. Also take an inventory every 3-4 months and try to use up the oldest stuff first. We have a small chest freezer in our basement and between that and freezer on top of the refrigerator we can store quite a lot of meats and frozen foods. We keep an inventory list posted on the refrigerator door that lists what is in both freezers.

Staples like flour and sugar are usually on sale during the holiday season. Buy as many as you have room for and you'll have baking supplies for the year. Don't worry about sugar getting hard...a few seconds in the microwave will soften it up. If you use a lot of rice buy it in 20 lb. bags. Store it in large jars (you can get really big ones from restaurants or the school cafeteria...they're usually happy to give them away rather than filling up their dumpster with them). If you will be storing grain products (like flour and rice) for a long time it's a good idea to put them in the freezer for a few days first then store in airtight jars to prevent them from getting those nasty little bugs in them later.

Cheese is much cheaper to buy in large blocks than sliced or shredded. It also keeps better in a large chunk. If you love the convenience of preshredded cheese do a bunch of it at once and freeze it in plastic bags. Most cheeses freeze well. The soft, white cheeses like cream or cottage cheese are the ones that don't.

Homemade "Bisquick":

2C flour
1/4C shortening
1t salt
2T Baking powder

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and beat with mixer on low until it is the consistency of bisquick. Use in any recipe where you would use regular bisquick.

News of the Church of the Brethren

Taken from the Brethren website at brethren.org

BRETHREN BITS

Annual Conference 2004 ballot is announced.

The ballot for the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, July 3-7 in Charleston, W.Va., is headed by nominees Ronald D. Beachley and Myrna Long Wheeler, for the position of moderator-elect.

Beachley, of Maple Spring Church of the Brethren, Hollsopple, Pa., is district executive minister of Western Pennsylvania District. Myrna Long Wheeler, of Pomona (Calif.)

Fellowship, serves as chaplain at Brethren Hillcrest Homes in La Verne, Calif.

On the ballot for Conference-related committees are Joan Lawrence Daggett, of Sangerville Church of the Brethren, Bridgewater, Va., and Martha Roudebush, Trinity Church of the Brethren, Blountville, Tenn., for the Annual Conference Council; June Ellen (Forsyth)

Switzer, Community Church of the Brethren, Hutchinson, Kan., and Joanna Wave

Willoughby, Hope Church of the Brethren, Freeport, Mich., for the Program and Arrangements Committee; Joe A. Detrick, Codorus Church of the Brethren, Loganville, Pa.,

and Herman Kauffman, Union Center Church of the Brethren, Nappanee, Ind., for the Pastoral Compensation and Benefits Advisory Committee; and James O. Eikenberry, Wilmington (Del.) Church of the Brethren, and Robert C. Johansen, Crest Manor Church of the Brethren,

South Bend, Ind., for the Committee on Interchurch Relations.

Nominees to boards of Conference-related agencies include General Board at-large nominees Michael Benner, of the yoked Waterside and Koontz congregations in Pennsylvania, and J.

Colleen Michael, Wenatchee (Wash.) Brethren-Baptist Church United.

John A. Braun, Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren, Seattle, Wash., and J. Kenneth Kreider, Elizabethtown (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, are nominated to the board of Brethren Benefit Trust; Diane Harden, Miami (Fla.) First Church of the Brethren, and Allegra

Hess, York Center Church of the Brethren, Lombard, Ill., to the Association of Brethren Caregivers board; David B. Eller, Elizabethtown (Pa.) Church of the Brethren, and Jonathan Frye, Monitor Church of the Brethren, McPherson, Kan., for Bethany Theological Seminary

trustee representing the colleges; and David Hendricks, Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend, Ind., and Robbie Miller, Bridgewater (Va.) Church of the Brethren, to the On Earth Peace board.

Emergency Disaster Fund sends aid to Nicaraguan children.

The Church of the Brethren Emergency Disaster Fund has distributed funds to meet health concerns in Nicaragua.

A grant of \$12,500 will support an Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) appeal to provide de-worming medication to more than one million children ages 6-12. The growth, nutrition, and school performance of these children is greatly harmed by chronic intestinal parasites.

"We hope that this will also give an opportunity for people in the rural communities to have some hope and to keep going forward in difficult times," said Laura Parajon, a physician and director of Provadenic (Providing Vaccines to Rural Communities in Nicaragua), IMA's partner agency in the country.



The Road of Life

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him. But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable it was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on!

Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!" I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. I gained love, peace, acceptance and joy; gifts to take on my journey, My Lord's and mine. And we were off again.

He said, "Give the gifts away. They're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but he knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten, scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do it anymore, He just smiles and says... "Pedal."

YOUR CROSS
Whatever your cross
Whatever your pain
There will always be sunshine.
After the rain
Perhaps you may stumble
Perhaps even fall
But God's always there
To help you through it all.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR



I was testing the children in my Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

By now I was starting to smile. Hey, this was fun!

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

I was just bursting with pride for them.

Well, I continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out,

"YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."



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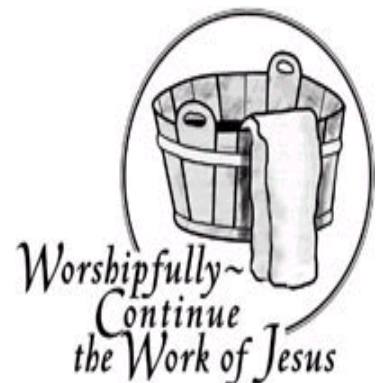
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WHY: BECAUSE THE LORD INSTRUCTED YOU!

HOW: DIG IN! DO IT! ASK THE PASTOR AND DEACONS! OPEN YOUR BIBLE! GO TO GOD'S THRONE ON YOUR KNEES!

You are encouraged to pray for your own family and your Church Family. Start with your Pastor, and include The Deacons and Trustees and each member of this congregation. There is much need in our little group. . . . people need help with physical struggles, marital stress, mental and emotional growth. Finances can be overwhelming for some. Others may desire a friend or companion. Some may need a helping hand caring for a family member or a small child. Car or home repairs can be a source of pain for the ill-equipped. Lend a helping hand to a brother or sister. Most needs are never made known. Some people have a hard time bringing their burdens to light. We have a Christian duty to each other to make our needs known AND to be a source of help and inspiration to each other. Do what you can and do what you should!



Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than
the garage makes you a car
--Laurence J. Peter



God's answers are wiser than our prayers.
--Unknown

The light in the eyes of him whose heart is joyful, rejoices the heart of others.
--Proverbs 15:30

Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. He is too wise a God to frustrate His purposes for lack of funds, and He can just as easily supply them ahead of time as afterwards, and He much prefers
doing so.

--J. Hudson Taylor China Inland Mission



JUST A LAST MINUTE THOUGHT...

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Dart Test...

A young lady named *Sally*, relates an experience she had in a seminary class, given by her teacher, Dr. Smith. She says that Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons.

One particular day, *Sally* walked into the seminary and knew they were in for a fun day.

On the wall was a big target and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone that they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture.

Sally's friend drew a picture of a girl who had stolen her boyfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. *Sally* drew a picture of a former friend, putting a great deal of detail into her drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. *Sally* was pleased with the overall effect she had achieved.

The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart. *Sally* looked forward to her turn, and was filled with disappointment when Dr. Smith, because of time limits, asked the students to return to their seats. As *Sally* sat thinking about how angry she was because she didn't have a chance to throw any darts at her target. Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall.

Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; *holes and jagged* marks covered His face and His eyes were pierced.

Dr. Smith said only these words... "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."
Matthew 25:40.

No other words were necessary; the tears filled eyes of the students focused only on the picture of Christ.