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## From The Pastor's Pen . . .

*by Robert DiSalvio, Pastor at Amwell COB*



Matthew 25:40 "...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

These are the words of Jesus in response to a question which, at its heart, asks "When & under what circumstances have we served you?"

The answer goes to our actions and our motives. Our service to Christ can take many forms---

\*Greeters at the back door, welcoming folks as they enter Church.

\*The Musical Team of instrumentalists and vocalists who lead us in our praise songs.

\*The Busy Bees Group who quietly goes about with clothing drives and fund raising for those in need.

\*Teachers, youth and small group leaders, Deacons and Trustees tending to the spiritual and physical needs of the Church family and building.

No task is too small nor unnoticed. After all, the whole is equal to the sum of its parts.

Some things we are involved with seem thankless or too much of a burden from time to time ---and there are those times when you should say NO to another activity.

But the truth is every activity in which we are involved here at Amwell is to further Christ's Kingdom in some way. As we approach these ministries (service) we need to ask ourselves "**Why am I doing this?**" If the answer is "**Because I've always done it**" or "**I would feel guilty saying NO**" or "**Who else would do it?**"

or if in the performance of ministry we are angry or finding ourselves complaining (as we perform our task) we need to stop and evaluate our motives-- The Bible says "**God loveth a cheerful giver**". You may have relegated that sentiment to tithes and offerings-- it is service also. When we take the smallest work, view it as service to Christ and to others, the motivation brings the rewards of service.

**What are some of those rewards?** An outreach ministry of the Amwell Church is the chaplaincy at Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital. In the name of Christ and as your pastor, I am blessed to bring the hope of God's word, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus and the warmth and hugs of this fellowship to those patients. Our Tuesday team (James, Carol, Joyce and myself) know these precious souls are being blessed--Read the sentiments of **ROBERT**:

## Blanche's Corner

by *Blanche Carl*

30 Ways to Pray for People of Authority

Gary P. Bergel

Jul/Aug 1999

The life of every citizen of every nation is impacted by a vast multitude of individuals who wield significant influence each day. Consider: millions of elected officials, appointed judges, lawyers, police officers, bureaucrats, military officers, media elite, news anchors, publishers and editors, talk-show hosts, business executives and managers, theologians, ministers, rabbis, priests, chaplains, elders, pastors, deacons, lay workers, parachurch ministry heads, educators, professors, teachers, medical practitioners and hospital administrators, scientists, researchers, inventors and engineers, artists and designers, athletes, musicians, and entertainment figures.

Here are some suggestions for how we might pray for these individuals:

1. That they be God fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act (Prov. 9:10).
2. That they be granted wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (Jas. 1:5).
3. That they be presented with the gospel and a loving Christian witness (Ro. 10:14-15).
4. That, if unsaved, they be drawn to a saving encounter with Christ;

that, if born again, they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith (1 Tim. 2:4, Eph. 1:17-23).

5. That they recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God (Prov. 3:5-8, Lk. 11:9-13).

6. That they be convicted of sin, transgression, and iniquity (Ps. 51:17, Jn. 8:9).

7. That they heed their conscience, confess their sins, and repent (Prov. 28:13, Jas. 4:8).

8. That they read the Bible and attend prayer meetings and Bible studies (Ps. 119:11, Col. 3:2).

9. That they value and regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ (Ps. 19:7-11, Jn. 8:31-32).

10. That they respect and honor their parents (Eph. 6:2-3).

11. That they respect authority and practice accountability (Ro. 13:1-7).

12. That they be given godly counsel and God-fearing advisors (Prov. 24:6).

13. That they be honest and faithful to spouses and children (Mal. 2:15-16).

14. That they be practicing members of local congregations (Heb. 10:25).

15. That they desire purity and avoid debauchery, pornography, perversion, and drunkenness

(1Cor. 6:9-20, Titus 2:12).

16. That they be timely, reliable, and dependable (Mt. 21:28-31).

17. That they be honest in financial, tax, and ethical matters (1 Cor. 6:10, 1 Tim. 6:6-10).

18. That they seek pastoral care and counsel when needed (Heb. 13:7).

19. That they seek out and nurture godly friendships (Ps. 1:1-3).

20. That they have thankful and teachable spirits (Ro. 1:21).

21. That they be generous and have compassionate hearts for the poor and needy (Ps. 112:9, Lk. 10:33-37).

22. That they redeem their time and know their priorities (Eph. 5:15-17).

23. That they desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty (Psalm 26, Prov. 11:3).

24. That they have courage to resist manipulation, pressure, and the fear of man (Prov. 29:25, 2 Tim. 1:7).

25. That they be shielded from occultism, New Age cults, false religions, and secret societies (Is. 1:29, 2:6).

26. That they be presented with biblical worldviews and principles (Eph. 3:10).

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MEET . . . **ESTELLE SAUNDERS!!!**

If you haven't been introduced to **ESTELLE SAUNDERS** yet, you are missing out on the chance to know a wonderful lady!

Estelle (Sonafrank) was born in the heart of Flemington and was raised right in town. She married Ed 42 years ago and was blessed with a great son and a lovely daughter. Estelle is extremely proud of her grandchildren and is faithful in getting her granddaughters to Sunday School and Church! As part of her daily schedule, Estelle goes to work in the family business (Saunders Jewelry) and loves to meet different people who come to the store. She is fast to greet them with her glowing smile and when given the chance, she tells them about The Lord.

When not working behind the counter Estelle busies herself with **painting**, a hobby she picked up in recent years! If she is not at the canvas she dabbles with her computer or she and Ed tour the U.S.A. on their **motorcycle**! She reports many miles logged and lots of this country seen!

Estelle came to know The Lord at a young age and has been at Amwell ...well, for a long time! She is quick to credit her mother, **Stella Sonafrank**, with being a guiding light in her spiritual walk. Her mom was faithful to answer questions and give advice. Everyone who knew Stella was fortunate enough to be touched in a similar manner.

Estelle expresses her desire to be a willing worker for The Lord and her church. She is just waiting to be asked and is more than ready to give of her time and talent for Christ and for Amwell.

 **Missionary Outreach** 

Amwell Church of the Brethren supports many Missionaries. Not only do these people and organizations count on our financial support they greatly depend on our prayers and encouragement. Please send them a card or letter to let them know you care.

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## City Apologizes To Street Preachers

(CHARISMA) -- A Wisconsin town has agreed to publicly apologize to four Christians who filed a federal lawsuit against the city, claiming police harassed them when they were preaching to passers-by in a public park. The city of Portage agreed to pay \$2,500 to preacher and former city resident Greg Breneman. Portage will purge its records of Breneman's arrest when a police officer accused him of obstructing police and took him to jail, "The Wisconsin State Journal" reported.

Portage will also pay \$14,500 in legal fees to the preachers' lawyers at the Orlando, Fla.-based Liberty Counsel (LC). Breneman and his fellow preachers filed the suit through LC arguing police kept them from exercising their Christian faith. "Police officers cannot intimidate citizens into silence," LC's Mat Staver said. "The Constitution limits the power of government when officials try to muzzle its citizens."

Breneman and others were preaching on a park sidewalk in September when police threatened to arrest them for violating the city's disorderly law. The preachers complained their constitutional rights were being violated when the police chief arrived and ordered them off the sidewalk. Breneman, now a missionary on the Ivory Coast, was peacefully questioning police when he was arrested, the "Journal" reported. He was never prosecuted.

City officials agreed to resolve the dispute, allowing the men to preach at the park and publishing an apology in "The Portage Daily Register." The city agreed to revise its disorderly conduct law.

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### ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER



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**LIBRARY NOTE:** The Church has purchased a copy of **Fruit of the Vine: A History of the Brethren 1708-1995** by **Donald F. Durnbaugh**

You are encouraged to learn about our Brethren Heritage.

### THE HAND WRINGER

**.Read Philippians 4:6**

A fellow was head over heels in trouble, and doing nothing to help himself.

"You've got two hands," said his wife, "do something!"

"I am," he answered, "I'm wringing them."

It's better to work them than to wring them, to pray than to worry.

**There are 773,692 words in the Bible, but the word "worry" isn't listed among them. Now here's a good thing to remember. If "worry" isn't in God's vocabulary, it shouldn't be in ours.**

The Bible says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

**Prayer:** Deliver us, Father; from giving up in despair, or going back in doubt, or going down in defeat. Strengthen us and sustain us, gird us and guide us. Lead us on from victory to victory: in Christ's name. Amen.

From the Recipe File of ...

*JANET KERR*

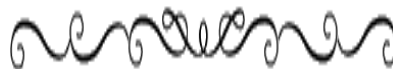
**Janet's Rich Dark Chocolate Cake**



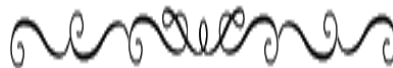
Preheat oven to 350 and grease & flour (1) 13x9 pan OR (2) 9 inch layer pans

2 CUPS GRANULATED SUGAR	
2 CUPS FLOUR	1 TSP BAKING POWDER
2 TSP BAKING SODA	3/4 CUP COCOA
1/4 TSP SALT	1/2 LB. MARGARINE or BUTTER
1 CUP MILK	1 TSP VANILLA
2 EGGS	1 CUP BOILING WATER

Cream butter, eggs & sugar; stir in vanilla. Stir in rest of dry ingredients. Add milk. Stir until combined then add boiling water to batter. Mix well. Bake at 350 for about 30-35 minutes until done (pulls gently from side of pan OR inserted toothpick comes out clean) When completely cool, frost with favorite frosting.



THE LADIES WISH TO THANK *JOHN CAIMANO* AND THOSE WHO TOILED DILIGENTLY ON THE WOMEN'S BANQUET. WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT BY ALL INVOLVED TO MAKE THIS ANNUAL EVENT A SUCCESS.



**BIBLE SCHOOL ALERT!**



JULY 8 - 19

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

THEME: *FAITH MOUNTAIN*

Faith-Building Lessons from Hebrews!

Ages 3 - High School

Bible Lessons, Music, Crafts and Snacks



**Join the 1100 Club! Memorize Hebrews 11 by Bible School End!**



## The Center of the Bible

Submitted by: *MICHAEL P. MILLER*



What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 117

What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 119

Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188

What is the center verse in the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 118:8

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!

**Psalms 118:8 (KJV) "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."**

Now isn't that odd how this worked out (or was *God* in the center of it) ??



**Bible Scramble:** Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.  
Solution on page 8.

TKEA DEEH OT YVUSSROLEE: FI YTH TRROHEB TSSSRPEA

TSNIGAA EEHT, URKEEB MIH; NDA FI EH TRPNEE, VROIGFE MIH.

NDA FI EH TSSSRPEA TSNIGAA EEHT VSNEE TSMIE NI A YDA, NDA

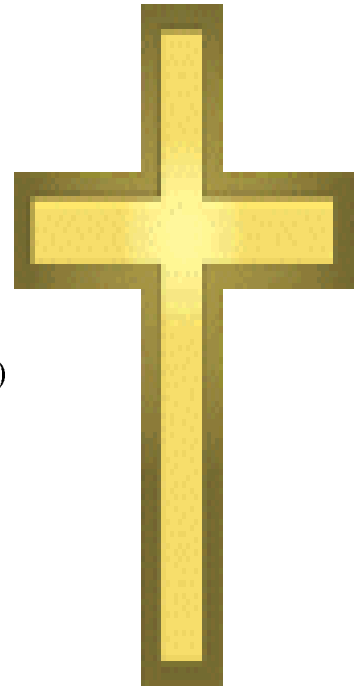
VSNEE TSMIE NI A YDA UTRN NIGAA OT EEHT, YSNIGA, I TRPNEE;

UTOH TSLHA VROIGFE MIH.

## Parishioner's Potpourri

### JUNE, 2002

- 2 Reconciliation Sunday (George Gallop speaking)
- 2 Love Feast, Communion and Baptism
  - Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
  - Dessert & Bible Study Every Wednesday @ 7 PM
  - Olympians and Teen Youth Group Meet Every Friday @ 7 PM
- 6 Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex
  - Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30 AM at Amwell Church of the Brethren **OR** First Brethren Church of Sergeantsville (See Jeff Kiskurno)
- 16 Mission Sunday
  - Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM (Place TBA)



### JULY, 2002

- Morning Star Craft Group Meets Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
- Dessert & Bible Study Suspended until Fall
- Olympians and Teen Youth Group (See Michelle DiSalvio)
- Busy Bees @ 7:30 PM In The Annex (See Barbara Waldron or any Busy Bee)
- Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7:30 AM at Amwell Church of the Brethren **OR** First Brethren Church of Sergeantsville (See Jeff Kiskurno)
- 21 Mission Sunday
  - Thursday Noon Group @ 11 AM Place TBD



## PRAYERFULLY SOUGHT: *BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS*

Pray and search your heart.

Can you give 3 hours a day for 2 weeks?

Do you want to help a child find Christ?

Do you want to use your gift of service or teaching?  
We are looking for dedicated and willing teachers & helpers for the Bible School Program.

See Barbara Waldron or Pastor DiSalvio if you can answer this special call.



## From The Pastor's Pen

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### Tuesday's Team

Each week we assemble in the auditorium to praise God in our certain ways.

Each one, feeling different, as we form the congregation. The Team is the leaders of all those assembled there. I look forward to this every week and when I leave, I feel bad. But each week passes faster and faster.

I feel bad when someone leaves Hagedorn but I also feel glad that they are leaving. I have mixed emotions, but someday I will be leaving here also and I look forward to this day.

In the mean time, I look forward to Tuesday's Team where we will praise God again.

-ROBERT

IF WE CONTINUE TO LIFT THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST HE WILL TOUCH THE LIVES OF MEN AND WOMEN AT THE POINT ON THEIR NEED --LET US DO GOD'S WORK WITH **JOY AND GLADNESS!**

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### Solution to Bible Scramble:

Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Luke 17:3-

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### Small Correction to last issue's article on John Naas:

John Naas died ripe in years and full of faith on the 12th of May, 1741, and was buried amidst many of his spiritual children in the **Brethren** Graveyard (Moore Family Cemetery) at Amwell.

## AMWELL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN COMMUNICATION SERVICES

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27. That they endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, families, divine order, and morality in our nation (Eph. 5:21-6:4).
28. That they would work to reverse the trends of humanism in our nation (1 Chron. 12:32, Is. 59:19).
29. That they desire humility and meekness and be willing to serve and cooperate (Jn. 13:14, Titus 3:1-2).
30. That they be prepared to give account to Almighty God (Heb. 9:27).

—Gary P. Bergel, Intercessors for America, [www.ifa-usapray.org](http://www.ifa-usapray.org)



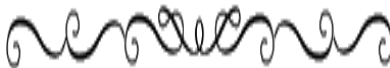
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO *KEVIN EMERY* FOR COMPLETING 4 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT LIBERTY BIBLE COLLEGE. KEVIN DESIRES TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA AND EVENTUALLY EARN A MASTER'S DEGREE IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING. GOD BLESS YOU KEVIN.



**A TIMELY REMINDER FROM YOUR DEACONS:**

***SERVICE TIME CHANGE:***

JUNE 9 THRU SEPTEMBER 1  
SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 8:45 AM  
CHURCH @ 10:00 AM



**MEMORIZE HEBREWS 11 BY THE END OF BIBLE SCHOOL!!**

**NOT UP FOR THE CHALLENGE??**

***WE THINK YOU CAN DO IT!!***

**THE NEWSLETTER STAFF HAS SPECIAL PRIZES FOR ANYONE WHO  
CONQUERS THIS QUEST!!**

JUST A LAST MINUTE THOUGHT  
by TOM EVERETT



**HOW'S YOUR ATTITUDE?**

Every day, coming in contact with many people in stores, gas stations, Dunkin' Donuts, selling Herb Pacs, etc., I get the question "How are you doing?" or "How is your wife, children or grandchild?". I always answer "**FANTASTIC!**". Why? Because attitude is everything! I have found that if you "Trust in the Lord" (Psalm 117:8) your attitude will be positive and you will be able to deal with life's problems much more effectively!

There are three kinds of people in this world: people who **make** things happen, people who **watch** what happens and people who wonder **WHAT** happened. A positive attitude, with a "Happy Camper" demeanor helps you to get along with all three types of people and may even help them to smile and wonder what makes **YOU** so happy. When that question comes up I always say "**God**" or "**My relationship with Christ**". I have learned that a happy demeanor is what Christ expects of us (John 13:17 says "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them").

As Christians, it is much easier to present the Gospel with a positive attitude, instead of being grumpy and complaining about everything. None of us are free of problems or temptations but the Bible reminds us in I Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it". The next time someone asks you "How are you doing?" smile back and come back with something positive, even though you may be having difficulties. If your arm is sore, at least you have an arm. If you have a sick friend or relative, be thankful you **HAVE** a friend or relative. If there is a storm outside, appreciate the beauty and power of the storm.

There is **always** a way to have a positive **FANTASTIC** attitude.



**GOD BLESS AND BEST WISHES TO:**

GINA CAIMANO  
TIMOTHY DISALVIO  
LAVAUGHN MILLER  
STEPHANIE SPAYD

Congratulations on your High School Graduation. The congregation extends their prayers for a blessed future no matter where your path in Christ leads.

