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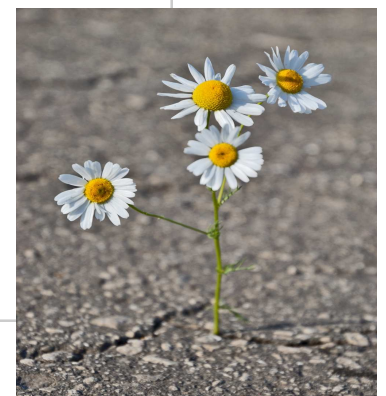
God is Everywhere

Let not your heart be troubled,
He knows and understands.
He knows of all your heartaches
And reaches out His hand.

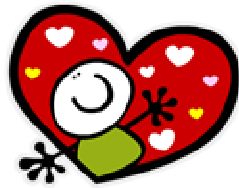
Don't crowd thoughts with worries
Or dwell on foolish things.
God's love is everywhere, This to you He brings.

The sparrows search the sky for Him
The flowers raise their heads.
The smallest creatures on this earth
Scurry from their beds.
The morning brightens up the day
And clouds float through the sky.
As we see God in majesty. His hand doth skillfully ply.

He sends the soft, caressing rain
To green up yonder fields.
He's measured every grain of sand,
His promise He's revealed.
How wonderful it is to know
He hears our every whim.
God's love is everywhere. And we can
count on Him.



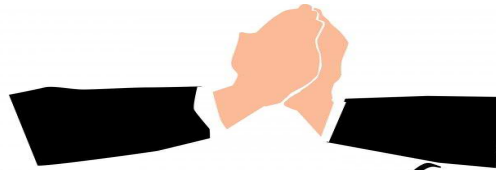
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Thank You Notes

- ♥ We want to thank everyone for our 50th anniversary cards. They made our special day more special. **Jim and Charlotte Galloway**
- ♥ Thank you for the anniversary cards. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. **Todd and Annette Kirk**
- ♥ Thank you so much for prayers and concern while I was ill. This helped me feel better. Thank you also for the different ways you remembered my birthday. You make me feel special and loved. **Jo Langler**
- ♥ **Mary Ann, Patrick and Jodriana Barclay** want to thank everyone for their birthday cards. It was a warm and thoughtful show of love.
- ♥ Thanks for all the get well wishes and cards. I am in my therapy and should finish the 18th of July. Love to all, **Mildred Gault**
- ♥ Thank you for the cards and all acts of kindness shown. **Chris Tallman**

- ♥ Thank you to Mary Lemley for baking the communion bread this month.
- ♥ Thanks to Jo Goldsmith and Annette Kirk for decorating the bulletin boards for summer. They look great!



Prayers please

Camden Clark

Ed Collins (Transitional Care 3B)

Remember our church family in your prayers.

Mary Ann Barclay, Ed Collins, Chelsea Doonan, Bob and Lillie Fox, Zandra Holleron, Calvin Martin, Jane Pralley, Neil Russell, Jim VanCamp

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Anna Barnes, Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Debbie Boso (friend of Robin Anthony), Gabbi Cook, Bob, Janet and Todd Crugger (Glenn Snider's friends), Linda Crum (Herridge's friend), David Dillion (Sharon Smith's nephew), Brittany Elliott, Arlene Galloway, Billy Ginter (Sarah Inman's brother), Nola Hardbarger (Ruth Fox's sister), Tammy Hatfield, David Heck (Candice Rich's father), Kenny Henderson (Sharon Smith's cousin), Donna Ludwig, Lisa Miller (Damon Miller's wife), Betty Morris, Linda Perry (Mike Wade's co-worker), Jackie Roberts (Shannan Hinzman's mother), David Smith (friend of Bob Miller), Patty Smith (Mike Lucas' sister), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Mary Spence (Ruth Fox's aunt), Elaine Vincent (Margaret Dawkins' sister-in-law), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt)

Please call the office and update or add names to the Prayer List.

We have been asked to pray for the following: Shannan Hinzman's mother, Jackie Roberts is scheduled for surgery July 10.

A friend of Jim & Sandy Hughes, Marty Nonamaker is scheduled for heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic July 10.

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Joshua Barclay
Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Brian Haught
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
William Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
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REQUESTED PRAYERS

Melva Farris came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers. Tabettha Wagoner requested prayers Sunday evening. Please continue to pray for Melva and Tabettha.

LLL KICK OFF TODAY

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes will kick off today in the MP Room after Bible classes. Bring finger foods, snacks and desserts.

DEACON'S MEETING TODAY

The Deacon's meeting will be today at 5:00.

SINGING SERVICE THIS EVENING

We will have a singing service this evening. Song leaders that would like to lead, see John Life.

LOVE AND CARE SING

The monthly sing at Love and Care will be tomorrow evening at 7:00. The residents enjoy this time of worship and fellowship.

BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower Thursday, July 11 at 6:30PM in the MP Room for Kevin and Becky Inman's baby girl. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Babies R Us and Target.

LADIES' LUNCH

All ladies are invited to have lunch at Logan's in Vienna Tuesday, July 16 at noon. The sign-up sheet is on the counter.

JULY 28 SERVICE AT LOVE AND CARE

Care Group 3 will be conducting the services at Love and Care Sunday, July 28 at 2:30 and Thursday, August 1 at 7:00PM.

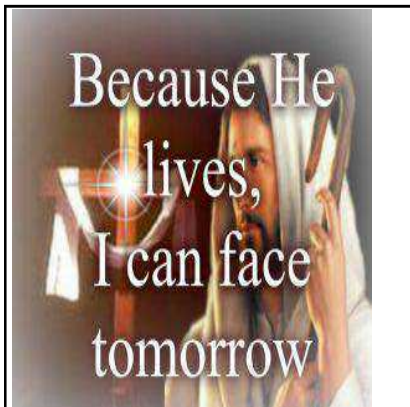
POTTER'S CHILDREN'S HOME "Silver for Children" COIN BANKS

Everyone is encouraged to take a coin bank and fill it. The banks are available in the foyers. A representative from Potter's will be here to pick them up November 24.



Daily Bible Reading

June 30—Acts 6, 2 Ch 15-17
July 1—Acts 7:1-19, 2 Ch 18-20
July 2—Acts 7:20-45, 2 Ch 21-23
July 3—Acts 7:46-60, 2 Ch 24-25
July 4—Acts 8:1-25, 2 Ch 26-28
July 5—Acts 8:26-40, 2 Ch 29-30
July 6—Acts 9:1-22, 2 Ch 31-32
July 7—Acts 9:23-43, 2 Ch 33-34



July 27

Church picnic at DuPont Park

September 8

Friends and Family Day

September 21

Bible Bowl



DANA'S DIRECTION

“In The Summertime”

I recently came across a book of sermons from a lectureship held 60 years ago. It was interesting how some things in the church have changed and some have stayed the same. One sermon got my attention; it was titled “Satan’s Favorite Season.” In it, the preacher pointed out the many ways that Satan challenges our faithfulness in the summertime. He admonished Christians to be “instant in season and out of season.” (I Timothy 4:2) I’m not sure his application of scripture was true to the context, but I appreciated his remarks. He asked the questions “what would I do, if I were the devil, to weaken Christians in the summertime?” Here are some of the things I would do.

I would get Christians to lower their personal standards. It is amazing how many seem to think that God’s standard of modesty is suspended in the summertime. After all, the weather is hot! Being seen “nearly naked” in public would be considered embarrassing and wrong by most Christians. Yet for some reason it seems perfectly natural at the beach. We must remember God is still watching, and those who view one another are still tempted. God’s directions for women to “adorn themselves in modest apparel” (I Timothy 2:9), and the warning to men that “whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28), still apply in the summertime.

I would get Christians to lower their personal commitment. Summertime is the time when we think vacation. We take time-off from our jobs; time-off from school. Why wouldn’t we take a little break from the Lord? Many Christians continue to pay lip-service to being faithful—but on a summer schedule. Summer activities may make it inconvenient to return for worship on Sunday evening or Wednesday night. In fact, we can get a “jump” on our trip to the lake if we leave right after the Lord’s Supper (communion to go?). It’s always easier, in our travels, to just have a little family devotional at the campsite, than to find a congregation of Christians to worship with. However, we need to remember that “forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is” (Hebrews 10:25), still applies in the summertime.

I would get Christians to lessen their personal sacrifice. There are additional expenses in the summertime—especially if travel is involved. The high price of gas, food, and lodging can put us in a pinch. The money that we would have contributed if we were at home will help defray some of that cost. We will start giving regularly again in the fall. We need to remember that the command “on the first day of the week, let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him” (I Corinthians 16:2), still applies in the summertime. When you return, bring your contribution with you—or better yet—leave it with the church before you go.

I would get Christians to suspend any effort for Christian service or spiritual growth. Spending regular time in Bible study and prayer is difficult in the summertime. We get up earlier than normal to get the yard work done; it stays light well into the evening so we can get in some tennis or a round of golf. Are any of these things wrong? No—but they can, and often do crowd-out more important matters. Establishing a faithful routine of visiting, teaching, helping and encouraging others is an important part of our Christian service. We need to remember that “Study to show yourselves approved unto God” (II Timothy 2:15), “pray without ceasing” (I Thessalonians 5:17), and “visit the fatherless and orphans in their time of need” (James 1:27), all apply equally in the summertime.

I love summertime! It is actually an opportune time for us to serve the Lord. The weather is nice, the daylight hours are long. In the summer we are relieved from some of our other commitments which gives us more time to do the Lord’s work. Let’s remember the words of Jesus “seek first the kingdom of God” (Matthew 6:33) is always true—even in the summertime.



Paul Nygard will speak this morning in Dana's absence.
We will have a singing service this evening.



Is Your Integrity For Sale?

by Steve Higginbotham

Several years ago, I read a news story that caught my attention. It was a story of personal integrity, such as has become rather uncommon in our day. A man pulled up to a drive-thru window at a Burger King restaurant, placed his order, paid for his meal, and drove off to eat his lunch. Reaching into his food bag, this man received the shock of his life!

No, it wasn't a bug in his fries, or a rat on his hamburger bun. Imagine his surprise when he reached into his bag and pulled out \$4,170.00! Talk about a "Happy Meal!"

Apparently, this particular Burger King had the habit of placing its daily receipts into an ordinary burger bag rather than a bank deposit bag, so as not to draw attention from a would be robber. The waiter at the window simply picked up the wrong bag by mistake, and handed it to this man.

Can you imagine being in his situation? The rationalizations that could flood your mind. "Well, they did hand it to me. It's not like I stole it." "Nobody would be able to trace me down. Nobody would ever know that the money was given to me..."

What would you do in this case? Suppose you were the recipient of such a "lunch?" Well, let me tell you what this man did. Though admitting to being tempted, he returned all the money to Burger King and said afterwards, "I'm glad I was able to do the right thing...I feel better than I've ever felt."

Friends, what would you have done? Would your integrity have won out over your rationalizations? Doing the right thing is not always the easy thing, but you really do feel better after doing what is right. The joy that comes from overcoming temptation and the ability to pillow your head at night with a clear conscience is much greater than any short-lived pleasure that was achieved dishonestly.

To my knowledge, Burger King didn't even give this man a reward for "doing the right thing." Would that make a difference in the action you took? If you knew up front that you wouldn't be rewarded for returning the money, would you have changed your mind about returning the money? Is your integrity for sale? ***Since when does doing what we are supposed to do demand praise?*** Why would someone who simply does what he should do expect to be rewarded? Whether Burger King rewarded this man or not really doesn't matter. But I do know that the God we serve has promised to reward us for doing the right thing.

Question: Do you do the right thing so that you can receive something in return, or do you do the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do? Give it some thought.

Submitted for the bulletin by P. Nygard

We will be collecting donations for tornado relief for the Oklahoma area. If you are wanting to contribute, please see one of the elders.

We will be working directly with some congregation in the area who will be administering the funds.



THE LIBERTY BELL

Children learn about it in school, and a trip to Philadelphia is incomplete without seeing it. The Liberty Bell is one of the great symbols of our country. It was cast in London, England, in 1752, and rang when the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence. From that time till this, it has become a symbol of freedom in the United States.

As famous as the Liberty Bell is, I wonder how many remember the biblical verse inscribed upon it? Just in case you have forgotten, it's Leviticus 25:10.

*Proclaim liberty throughout all the land
unto all the inhabitants thereof.*

Liberty! What a blessing for the downtrodden! When the words of Leviticus 25 were first uttered, they signaled the beginning Jubilee for the Israelites. Every fifty years each family received its property back, debts were forgiven, and slaves were set free. It was a time of great rejoicing.

But Jubilee was more than this. It was a foreshadowing of the blessings which Christ would bring. Isaiah predicted it (Isaiah 61), and centuries later Jesus quoted the ancient prophecy in his hometown of Nazareth: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord"* (Luke 4:18-19). Then Jesus announced, *"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

Rejoice! Can't you hear the liberty bell ring? Christ has come to set us free! We can now be released from the bondage of our sins, and enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God. Let the news ring out!

John Gipson

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Every year in the corn fields of Illinois, there are thousands of little tragedies. The victims are those charming little creatures called "field mice".

Early in the year, the growing corn seems to them the ideal place in which to settle and bring up a family. The forest of innumerable corn-stocks is their whole world. Their happiness seems complete—until the harvest! When the owner of the field begins to reap his harvest, tragedy inevitably strikes the mouse house. The fields which he thought were his world, never really belonged to him at all. The field mouse was deceived because for months he was left to his own devices. He never saw the owner of the field, and knew nothing about the coming harvest.

This is a lot like our own world. Many people allow themselves to be deceived because God, the owner of the world, is not always seen. Thus man imagines the world belongs to him and that there is no such thing as an eventual harvest.

But we do know the harvest is coming don't we! That is why we all need to be prepared!

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.





Who's First in Line?

A little boy was given two nickels—one for the Lord on Sunday and one for some candy. He put the two nickels in his pocket and went out to play. When he came back inside, he reached deep into his pockets and found that one of the nickels was gone. “Oh, my!” he said, “I’ve lost the Lord’s nickel.”

Isn't that the way it is with many of us? When we have all our needs and all our wants taken care of the Lord gets what's left over. But think about it. Would God want leftovers? Will He be happy with scraps?

As children of God, we must learn to give the **best** and the **first** of all that we are and all we possess. When we determine how our hard earned money will be spent, let's figure the Lord's portion first. When we set about to use our talents, let's use them first for Him and to His glory. These things are gifts from Him to begin with! God desires and deserves the CREAM of our lives after the carton has been drained. Remember the words of Solomon, “Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the firstfruits of all thine increase” Proverbs 3:9.

Selected

Opportunities To Serve

Sunday, July 7

ELDER IN CHARGE - Paul Inman
DEACON IN CHARGE - Josh Barclay

SONG LEADERS

AM—Jon Hescht

PM—Evan Fleak

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Stan Inman

Close—Bill Camp

6:00 PM—Dave Wadlington

Close—Daniel Nygard

SCRIPTURE

AM—Glenn Snider

PM—Chris Tallman

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—John Hall

PM—Bill Hoover

Kody Inman

PA SYSTEM—Jim Galloway

The Lawn Crew for this week is the Kirk crew.



They include **Josh Barclay, Delmas Carr and Todd Kirk.**

Facts and Figures

June 23, 2013

AM Service.....268

Bible Study.....215

PM Service.....200

Wednesday.....196

Contribution\$6183.88

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Baptisms.....2

Restored or Requested

Prayers.....2

Placed Membership....8

Watch “IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY”

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP-TV, Dish Ch. 259, DIRECT ch. 364, and at 6:30AM on local cable ch. 4.



UPCOMING TOPIC

July 7
LIFE

Friday Night Sing



Transportation will leave Friday at 6:30 for the sing at the Mineral Wells congregation.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Study.....11:00

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00PM