

"When a Good Man Prays Great Things Happen"

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those having various health problems: *John Galloway* recovering from surgery, *Marilyn Galloway*, *Joyce Vandal* (Pat Eroh's mother), *Lori Connelly* (Robbin's sister), *Eddy Stowers* (Robbin's brother), *Ted Solarski* (Don's brother) with heart & throat problems, Don's niece *Lisa*, *Don Solarski* recovering from back surgery, *Gene* Carroll recovering from surgery, *Brian Lemmons* who has hepatitis C
Mark Eroh as he drives his truck across the country

Life decisions: *Angela Bagley*, *David Bagley* and *Robbie Brady*

Matt Olley and *Kiyoko Rogers* away in the military

Those TDY – *Joe Buriss*

Helen Ulmer (Karen Brown's mother) who has Alzheimer's

Those with cancer: *Diana Canania* w/breast cancer and a mass near her kidney *Joan Watson*, Marilyn's sister, who has Alzheimer's and recovering from stomach cancer surgery, *Barbara Towels* (friend of the Galloways)

Those away at College: *Ashley Bagley*, *Seth Brown*, *Rebekah Eroh* and *Sarah Jo Galloway*

Kiyoko Kice (Kathy Galloway's mother) who has diabetes
Tim Green (Steve's brother-in-law) who recently lost his job & is looking for a new job

Joe Maggidipinto (Mark's friend) as he studies the Bible with Mark

Arthur Kice (Kathy Galloway's brother) who is experiencing personal problems

Ed Ashworth (Kathy Galloway's brother-in-law) who waiting for a liver transplant

Dave Bagley's young nephew who needs a heart transplant

Kay Vandal (Pat Eroh's sister) who was recently diagnosed with MS

Our Bible class teachers Praise to our Almighty Father in heaven

The local and national leaders of the USA and the world

Christians and missionaries around the world

The growth and unity of the church here and everywhere

Members not with us today. Give them a call and let them know you missed them

Sunday Morning Class 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday Afternoon Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Classes and Devotional 7:00 PM

Food for the needy: call 758-2521

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What are you doing tonight more important than attending services?

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The New Testament Church

Jesus Christ established His church long before anyone ever heard of Catholic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian or Jehovah's Witnesses. Today there are hundreds (thousands) of kinds of churches in existence. Men on men's teaching founded these churches. Our Lord Himself established the New Testament church almost two thousand years ago.

Jesus promised the New Testament church. "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Acts 2 gives the history of the establishment of the New Testament church. The year the church was established was Pentecost following the Lord's death and resurrection. It is our prayer that you are a member of this same blood bought church!

Jesus established the New Testament church in Jerusalem. The apostles were sent to Jerusalem to wait for power (Acts 1:4-8). The power came with the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). The gospel was first preached in Jerusalem. Three thousand people became Christians that day. The Lord added them to His church (Acts 2:38-47). It is our prayer that you are a member of this same blood bought church!

The New Testament church Jesus established is in the world today. The New Testament church exists anywhere people submit entirely and completely to the teachings of the New Testament. People in Corinth heard, believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8). When this happened there was a New Testament church in Corinth. It is our prayer that you are a member of this same blood bought church!

The New Testament church that Jesus established can be identified. Read what the New Testament says about names, worship, organization, membership and mission of the church. Christians must

worship and work exactly as the word of God teaches. Membership in the New Testament church is enjoyed at the moment of becoming a Christian (1 Cor. 12:13). Is the church where you have your membership the New Testament church? Check by the New Testament and see. It is our prayer you are a member of this blood bought church!

The New Testament church is not a denomination. You can be a member of the New Testament church – you can be just a Christian. The wonderful blessings of heaven should move us to obey the gospel and serve God faithfully. To obey the gospel one must hear God's truth (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess Jesus as Lord (Acts 8:37) and be baptized to be saved (1 Pet. 3:21). After baptism one must serve God faithfully to prepare for the heavenly home.
By Charles Box

Search the Scriptures

Last Week's Question and Answer: What has no commander, overseer or ruler? The Ant. Proverbs 6:6-7.

This Week's Question: Where is a list of seven things the Lord hates?

Daily Bible Reading Schedule & Statistics

<u>Bible Reading</u>		<u>Statistics From Last Week</u>
April 16	2 Samuel 23-24	Sunday AM – 35
April 17	1 Kings 1	Sunday PM – 24
April 18	1 Kings 2-3	Wednesday – 29
April 19	1 Kings 4-6	Contribution – \$1,138
April 20	1 Kings 7	2006 Average – \$
April 21	1 Kings 8	2006 Budget – \$
April 22	1 Kings 9-10	
April 23	1 Kings 11-12	

Prayer Sunday

This Sunday, April 16, we will have our monthly prayer Sunday at the PM services. We will spend most of our time praying about various needs and requests. Everyone is reminded to pray daily for those on the back of the bulletin.

Area Event

The Pitman church will host the Ohio Valley University Huffard Bible Forum April 21-22 with John Mark Hicks speaking. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the hall by the fellowship room.

Teen Retreats

Camp Manatawny will host a Junior High Retreat April 21-23 and a Senior High Retreat April 28-30.

Attention Ladies

The women of the Clinton Ave. church in Trenton will host their annual Ladies' Day on April 29. All ladies are encouraged to mark these dates on their calendar. See the bulletin board in the foyer for more details.

Business Meeting

The next Business Meeting will be at the church building Monday, May 8, at 7 PM. Please give any items to be discussed to Frank or Steve.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 13, at the church building at 7 AM. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Men's Retreat

Two Men's Retreats in the area are scheduled. The Camp Manatawny Men's Retreat May 19-20 and the Northeastern States Men's Retreat at Kent, CO will be June 9-10. See the flyers on the bulletin board for more details.

Ladies' Day

The annual New Egypt Ladies' Day will be Saturday, May 20. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to mark this date on their calendar and invite a friend to come with you.

Area Sing

We will host our annual Area Sing Sunday, June 4 beginning at 5:30 PM. Christians from area congregations will join us for a period of singing and fellowship. All members are encouraged to plan to attend. Invite a friend to join us for this special evening of praise and fellowship.

Bible Readings

2 Peter 2 (AM), Zechariah 3 (PM), Psalm 63-64 (Wed)

Upcoming Area Activities

April 16 – Prayer time at evening service

April 21-22 – Ohio Valley University Huffard Bible Forum at Pitman church

April 21-23 – Junior High Retreat at Camp Manatawny

April 28-30 – Senior High Retreat at Camp Manatawny

April 29 – Ladies' Day at Clinton Ave. church in Trenton

May 7 – Fellowship Dinner following AM services

May 7 – Sunday Singing at PM services

May 8 – Business meeting at church building at 7 PM

May 13 – Men's Breakfast at church building at 7 AM

May 21-26 – Gospel Meeting at Burlington congregation

June 4 – New Egypt Area Sing at 5:30 PM