

"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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So Long, Beaver...

So long, "Leave it to Beaver," hello, "Will & Grace." The definition of the "American family" has broadened significantly during the past few decades. One of the most noticeable trends emerging from the 2000 census as the reduction in the proportion of married-couple households with children (traditional families) – declining from 40 percent to 24 percent during the past 30 years.

The married majority is becoming a minority for many reasons including longer life spans, co-habitation, and delayed marriages. Only one in 10 U.S. households is a "Cleaver household" – a family consisting of a bread-winning dad and a stay-at-home mom. Following are some examples of non-traditional families (statistics: U.S. Census):

Single Parent Households headed by a female increased from 3 million in 1970 to 10 million in 2000; Single Parent Households headed by a male grew from 393,000 to 2 million.

Approximately one in three Americans is a step-parent, a step-child, or a step-sibling.

Multi-generational households include those with at least three generations living under one roof. These households account for about four percent of all U.S. households.

Young adults living with parents are increasing; over one-half of young (18-24) men and 43% of young women lived with their parents in 2000.

Gay and lesbian families numbered 0.6 million in 2000 a 314% increase from 1990.

Co-habitators (same-sex couples, heterosexual couples, or roommates) comprised more than three million households in 2000.

Grandparents raising grandchildren are increasing; six percent (4.5 million) of all children in the U.S. under age 18 are growing up in

grandparent-headed households.

One-person households increased by nine percentage points from 17 percent in 1970 to 26 percent in 2000.

Search the Scriptures

Last Week's Question and Answer: Where is a list of seven things the Lord hates? Prov. 16:16-19.

This Week's Question: Who wrote about the valley of dry bones?

Daily Bible Reading Schedule & Statistics

<u>Bible Reading</u>	<u>Statistics From Last Week</u>
April 23 1 Kings 11-12	Sunday AM – 60
April 24 1 Kings 13-14	Sunday PM – 25
April 25 1 Kings 15-17	Wednesday – 25
April 26 1 Kings 18-19	Contribution – \$1,326
April 27 1 Kings 20-21	2006 Average – \$
April 28 1 Kings 22-2 Kings 1	2006 Budget – \$
April 29 2 Kings 2-4	
April 30 2 Kings 5-7	

Teen Retreats

Camp Manatawny will host a Senior High Retreat next weekend, April 28-30. See Steve or the bulletin board for more details.

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.

Camp Manatawny

It is getting time to start planning for a week of Christian camp for our children. The brochures for Camp Manatawny are now available on the table in the foyer. All children presently in grades 1-12 may attend a week of camp between June 24-August 19. Positions are also available for adults in various staff positions. See Steve or Karen Brown with any questions.

Bible Readings

2 Peter 3 (AM), Zechariah 4 (PM), Psalm 65-66 (Wed)

Upcoming Area Activities

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 – Prayer time at evening service

May 21-26 – Gospel Meeting at Burlington congregation

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

Ho-Hum Let's Worship

By Steve Higginbotham

One of the sad realities about Christian worship is the sheer boredom some people experience on a weekly basis. I've heard of people counting the number of bricks in the wall, the number of tiles in the ceiling, finding the longest or shortest songs in the song book...just about anything to stay awake.

Friends, remember that worship is a verb. It is not something you attend, but something in which you participate. Maybe if we would change our perspective of worship and realize that God is the audience and that we are supposed to be the participants, we wouldn't find ourselves so easily bored.