

"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

Pregnant: *Tracy Buriss* *Matt Olley* and *Kiyoko Rogers* away in the military

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

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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Genuine Love

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:16-18).

Augustine asked of love, “What does it look like?” He answered, “It has hands to help the poor and needy, eyes to see misery and want, ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That's what love looks like.”

Oscar Hammerstein, on his deathbed, sent this note to Mary Martin as she was about to appear on stage in *South Pacific*, “Dear Mary, A bell's not a bell till you ring it. A song's not a song till you sing it. Love in your heart is not put there to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away.”

Real love is not something we can simply express in words. It must be validated by deeds. As important as it is to say “I love you,” it is more important to demonstrate it through action. According to our text, the love of Jesus was made known by the fact that He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16). We are to love our brethren in similar fashion, and husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). Genuine love will have a positive impact on every aspect of life and every relationship we sustain. The apostle Paul described this love as follows: “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...” (1 Cor. 13:4-8).

Genuine love requires more than words, it must be backed up by action (1 John 3:18). The words are meaningless if they are not validated by deeds.

By Roger Rush

Search the Scriptures

Last Week's Question and Answer: How long did Paul visit Peter in Jerusalem? 15 days. Gal. 1:18.

This Week's Question: Name 4 things that are little upon the earth but exceeding wise.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule & Statistics

<u>Bible Reading</u>		<u>Statistics From Last Week</u>
May 7	2 Kings 22-24	Sunday AM – 56
May 8	2 Kings 25-1 Ch. 1	Sunday PM – 33
May 9	1 Chronicles 2-4	Wednesday – 19
May 10	1 Chronicles 5-6	Contribution – \$1,362.00
May 11	1 Chronicles 7-9	2006 Average – \$1,173.33
May 12	1 Chronicles 10-12	2006 Budget – \$1,156.86
May 13	1 Chronicles 13-16	
May 14	1 Chronicles 17-19	

Fellowship Dinner

This Sunday, May 7, we will have our monthly Sunday fellowship dinner immediately following the morning services. All members and visitors are encouraged to stay for a period of food and fellowship. We will also be honoring those with May birthdays and anniversaries.

Sunday Singing

This Sunday, May 7, we will have our monthly period of singing at the evening service. We will be spending most of our time singing. Everyone is encouraged to come with their favorite songs and prepared to spend the evening in singing praises to our heavenly Father as we encourage each other with our singing.

Business Meeting

The next Business Meeting will be at the church building tomorrow, 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 this Saturday, May 13, at the church building at 7 AM. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. All men planning to attend are asked to let Frank know.

Men's Retreat

Two Men's Retreats in the area are scheduled. The Camp Manatawny Men's Retreat will be 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.

Share Sunday/Bring Our Friends Day

On Sunday May 28 we will have a Share Sunday. Immediately following the morning services our children's Bible classes will be presenting some of the things they have learned during the past quarter. Immediately following this program there will be a fellowship dinner. Everyone is given a special encouragement to invite and bring your friends to services on this day.

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

1 John 2:1- (AM), Zechariah 6 (PM), Psalm 68 (Wed)

Upcoming Area Activities

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

May 28 – Share Sunday and Fellowship Dinner following AM services

May 29 – Memorial Day picnic at church building beginning at 1 PM

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

June 24-Aug. 19 – Summer sessions at Camp Manatawny

Leisure is a beautiful garment, but it will not do for constant wear.